



# GWS ParkForum 2025

## A conservation solutions workshop

University of Montana, Missoula

October 20–23, 2025

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## University of Montana Conference Center Workshop Program as of May 28, 2025

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Monday, October 20 12:00–3:00p REGISTRATION, POSTER SET-UP

3:00–5:00p

### Opening Plenary Session I

UC Theater

Format: Invited speakers

The Future of Climate Action in the Y2Y Region: Connecting Indigenous Leadership, Western Scholarship, and Community Engagement

Germaine White, Elder and Educator, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

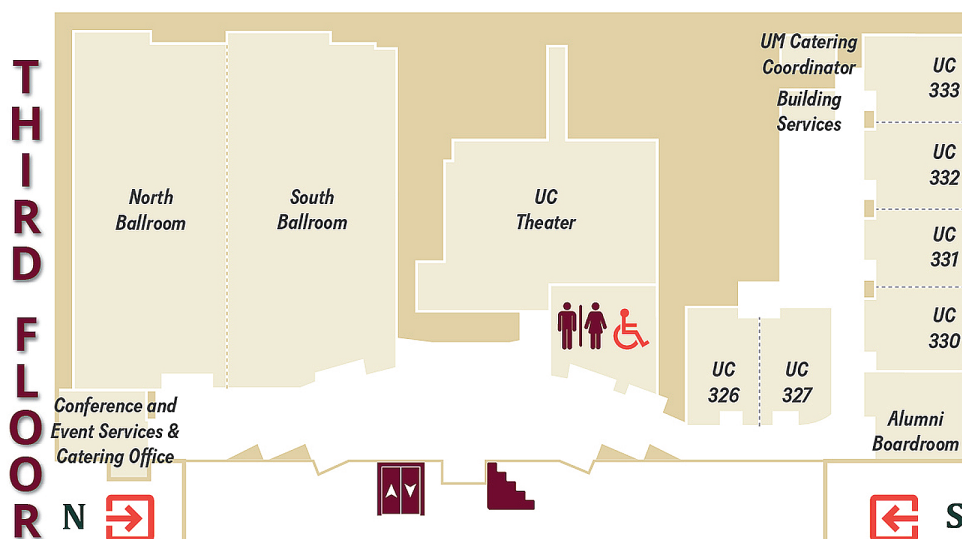
Whisper Camel-Means, Manager, Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (invited)

Graham McDowell, Director of Science and Knowledge, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y)

Moderator: TBA

We begin GWS ParkForum 2025 with a session that situates us within the place/region we are meeting: the Traditional Territory of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (and the Kalispel Nation) and the greater Yellowstone to Yukon Region. We have invited leader from CSKT and Y2Y to share how they are making connections between Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, western science, and community aspirations to rise to the challenges of climate change.

WELCOMING RECEPTION 5:00–6:00p Light hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages



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**Tuesday, October 21 8:30–9:45a Coffee & tea**

**Plenary Session II**

UC Theater

Format: Invited speakers

**The linnii Initiative: Collaboration to Restore a Home for linnii (Buffalo)**

**Ervin Carlson, Director, Blackfeet Nation Buffalo Program**

**Mark Biel, Natural Resources Manager, Glacier National Park**

**Moderator: TBA**

In 2009, the linnii Initiative was launched by leaders of the four tribes that make up the Blackfoot Confederacy to conserve traditional lands, protect Blackfeet culture, and create a home for the buffalo to return to. In 2016, 88 linnii were reintroduced to Blackfeet lands. Today, the Blackfoot Confederacy and the National Park Service are partnering to take the project to the next level.

**REFRESHMENT BREAK & NETWORKING TIME 9:45–10:30a (45 minutes) Coffee & tea**

**10:30a–12:00p**

**Session #1**

UC Ballroom South

Core Workshop Session

Format: Panel Discussion

**Youth Aspirations for Climate Change Action: Building on the Held Decision**

**Moderator: TBA**

**Panelists:** Nate Bellinger, Attorney, Our Children's Trust; Lander Busse, Student, University of Montana; others TBA

**Respondents: TBA**

Participants in a landmark court case affirming climate change rights and obligations discuss how to build on the precedent to support young people in their search for solutions to the climate crisis.

**Session #2**

UC 326–327

Core Workshop Session

Format: Hands-on Activity

**Evaluating Ecological Intervention Proposals in Wilderness**

**Workshop leader:** Rob Burrow, NPS Wilderness Training Manager • **Co-organizers/co-presenters:** Jimmy Gaudry, Director, Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center; Jaclyn Rushing, Social Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute Kira Hefty, Biological Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute

An ecological intervention in Wilderness is an action that alters, restricts, controls, or manipulates the earth and its community of life. This session will include an overview of ecological threats, requirements from the Wilderness Act, processes and tools to work through those requirements, and then a hands on activity with a theoretical case study. In small groups, attendees will explore factors to evaluate ecological interventions in wilderness through hands-on activity that helps point to conservation solutions and tradeoffs. Attendees will be able to identify key factors in considering ecological intervention proposals in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

**Session #3**

UC 330–331–332

Core Workshop Session

Format: Presentations + Audience Participation

**Humanities as a Bridge: Lessons from the NPS Mellon Program** • **Workshop leader:** Perri Meldon, National Coordinator, NPS Mellon Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

**Presenters:** Helen LaCroix, Communications Consultant, NPS Mellon Program; Stephen Hausmann, Mellon Fellow, Mount Rushmore National Memorial; Rylan Sprague, Integrated Resources Program Manager, Mount Rushmore National Memorial; Rosie Sprague, Professor, Black Hills State University; Meagan Harden, Mellon Fellow, Maritime Washington National Heritage Area; Frank Schmitz, Mellon Fellow, NPS Midwest Regions Rivers Program; Ione Quigley, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

The National Park Service Mellon Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship Program places recent PhDs with NPS sites and programs across the agency. Mellon Fellows work with partners to conduct original research and develop new interpretive and educational products and programming. In this session, NPS Mellon participants share their experiences bridging enduring yet illusionary divisions between natural and cultural heritage. Attendees will leave this session with creative, cost-effective methods for telling fuller, place-based stories rooted in public lands history.

**Session #4**

UC 333

Information Sharing Session

Format: Sharing Circle

(No AV in this room)

**Connecting People and Place**

**Leader:** Shawn Johnson, Director, UM Center for Natural Resources & Environmental Policy

**Co-organizers:** Travis Anklam, Richard Forbes, Alexis Gibson, Nick Maya, Heather Stokes, UM Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy

How do you build trust, foster long-term relationships, and overcome participation barriers? How do you welcome conflict and ensure community input shapes complex decisions? This sharing circle is for those actively engaging the public or seeking to connect with others who are. Through participatory discussion, we'll explore experiences, challenges, and best practices for impactful, inclusive engagement. Attendees will share insights, build connections, and explore strategies for inclusive, meaningful community engagement.

**Session Title & Chair**

**10:30–10:45a**

**10:45–11:00a**

**11:00–11:15a**

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**11:30–11:45a**

**Session #5**

UC Theater

Information Sharing Session

Format: Contributed Papers

**Fees & Economic Value in Parks / Chair: TBA**

Recreation Fees in Parks and Protected Areas / Sharon Suiwen Zou

Recreational Value and Park Attributes: A Non-Market Valuation Approach / Clemens Wilson

Assessing the Impact of Idaho House Bill 93 on Idaho State Parks / Chris Zajchowski

Values and ecosystem services shape environmental concern in Alaska, USA / Shi Xue

Exploring Economic Impacts of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail / Ryan Sharp

*Brief summary of the session (20 words max).*

**LUNCH BREAK 12:00–1:30p (90 minutes)**

## Tuesday, October 21 1:30–3:00p

<p>Session #6 UC Ballroom South</p> <p>Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation</p>	<p><b>National Conservation Lands: Past, present, and future of lands beyond and between National Parks</b> • <i>Leader:</i> Chris Hill, CEO, Conservation Lands Foundation • <i>Panelists:</i> Bob Ratcliffe, BLM and NPS (retired); Carrie Hamblen, CEO/President, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce; John Leshy, DOI Solicitor (retired); Hillary Hoffman and/or Charissa Mijjessepe-Wilson, Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition; John Todd, Wild Montana; Bob Wlck, BLM (retired)</p> <p>Beyond and between National Parks lies another conservation jewel: Bureau of Land Management's National Conservation Lands. For 25 years, National Conservation Lands have conserved, protected, and restored nationally significant lands and waters that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values. This panel brings together retired agency staff, Tribal and conservation leaders, and economic development experts to explore the past, present, and future of this unique and ever-evolving conservation lands system. Attendees will explore how NCLs management may evolve and innovate in concert with increasing development, climate and recreation pressures.</p>					
<p>Session #7 UC 330–331–332</p> <p>Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation</p>	<p><b>Applying Cyclist Behavior and Backgrounds to Inform e-Bike Policy on Public Lands</b> • <i>Leader:</i> Abigail Fuesler, PhD Student, University of Montana.</p> <p><i>Paper Presenters:</i> Colby Parkinson: Recreation Specialization's Influence on Cyclists' Spatial Behaviors in the Age of e-Bikes in Grand Teton National Park; Abigail Fuesler: Identity and Attitudes in Public Comments Regarding e-Bikes on Federal Land</p> <p>Cycling is one of the most popular outdoor activities in the U.S. Yet, the emergence of e-bike technology has instigated conflict among e-bikers and other park visitors, in part since e-bikers behave differently and have more diverse backgrounds than analog cyclists. This session will present data focused on perceptions, behaviors, and backgrounds of e-bikers to inform recreation planning. Paper presentations followed by audience interactions in the form of breakout groups and a panel composed of all paper presenters and at least one practitioner. Audience members will understand perceptions, behaviors, and backgrounds of e-bikers and gain insight into cyclist science, policy, and planning.</p>					
<p>Session #8 UC Theater</p> <p>Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation</p>	<p><b>Protected Areas: Everything Including the Carbon Sink</b> <i>Leader:</i> Karen Richardson, National Science Advisor, Parks Canada</p> <p>This session will share ecosystem carbon accounting approaches; policies and directions for conservation and enhancement of carbon sinks and sequestration; and examples of the integration of approaches in park through management planning and restoration activities. Outcomes from the session will help to inform the development of coherent and effective approaches for protected area practitioners. Attendees/audience members will better understand effective ecosystem carbon accounting approaches in protected areas.</p>					
<p>Session #9 UC 333</p> <p>Information Sharing Session Format: Sharing Circle (No AV in this room)</p>	<p><b>Focus Group for Updates to Digital Wilderness Management Educational Resources</b> <i>Leader:</i> Miranda Foster, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Montana • <i>Session Co-Organizers:</i> Jaclyn Rushing, Heidi Blair, Andrew Larson</p> <p>This sharing session will present Wilderness Connect, an interagency website and an authority for wilderness-related information. The site hosts a variety of toolboxes aimed at supporting practitioners and serves as a virtual repository for information sharing, skills, and practices related to various dimensions of wilderness management such as fire management, cultural resources, soundscapes, and partnerships. Through active audience feedback and guided discussion, this session seeks to identify any needs, limitations, and opportunities to improve the format, content, and breadth of the Wilderness Connect toolboxes. Attendees will learn about Wilderness Connect and its Toolboxes for wilderness management and assist on-going efforts to improve the resource.</p>					
	<b>Session Title &amp; Chair</b>	<b>1:30–1:45p</b>	<b>1:45–2:00p</b>	<b>2:00–2:15p</b>	<b>2:15–2:30p</b>	<b>2:30–2:45p</b>
<p>Session #10 UC 326–327</p> <p>Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers</p>	<p><b>Reimagining Park Values by Listening to All Voices</b> / <i>Chair:</i> TBA</p>	<p>Visit with Respect: An Indigenous, and distinctively American, Outdoor Recreation Ethic / Levi Tenen</p>	<p>Repetitive Compulsions of Trauma: Perpetuating White Masculinity at U.S. Civil War Battlefields / Cait Henry</p>	<p>Haints: Ruptures of normativity in conservation stories of a forest in the United States' South / Taylor Parker</p>	<p>"Cleaning up the Vale": An emergent socio-spatial park reform strategy / Jesse McLaughlin</p>	<p>Adirondacks: We Were Here, We Are Here, We Have Every Right to Be Here / Benita Law-Diao</p>
	Brief summary of the session (20 words max).					

**REFRESHMENT BREAK 3:00–3:30p (30 minutes) Cold beverages, dry snacks**

Tuesday, October 21 3:30–5:00p						
Session #11 UC Ballroom South  Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation	<b>Transboundary Connectivity Conservation: Experiences in North America and Around the World</b> <i>Leader:</i> Gabriel Oppler, International Policy & Partnerships Specialist, Center for Large Landscape Conservation • Katie Deuel, Senior Conservation Director, CLLC Aaron Laur, International Connectivity Program Manager, CLLC Ecological connectivity conservation often requires working at large scales, transcending political borders. Transboundary initiatives require collaboration between institutions and individuals who sit on opposite sides of the border or speak different languages, but have common values and concern for the ecosystems they share. Hear about experiences and lessons learned from advancing connectivity conservation in North America and around the world. Presentations will be followed by discussion on long-standing and newly emerging challenges and opportunities in transboundary cooperation. Attendees/audience members will learn how ecological connectivity can be safeguarded between neighboring countries despite barriers.					
Session #12 UC 326–327  Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation	<b>Financing the Nexus: Reimagining Conservation through Transformative Economic and Financial Systems</b> <i>Leader:</i> Gunārs Platais, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Colorado Boulder  This session draws on Chapter 6 of the IPBES Nexus Assessment to explore how financial systems can be transformed to support biodiversity and conservation in protected areas. We examine options for shifting harmful flows toward nature-positive finance, with an emphasis on Indigenous and community-led models. Grounded in real-world case studies, the session connects with themes of sustainability, governance, and climate adaptation. Participants will engage in a policy lab to map local funding gaps and explore solutions. Attendees will gain tools to realign protected area financing with biodiversity goals, equity, and sustainable development.					
Session #13 UC 330–331–332  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>National Park and Wildlife Refuge Visitor Perceptions of Climate Change</b> • <i>Leader:</i> Shawn Davis, Associate Professor, Slippery Rock University Based on the theme of responding to climate change, each of the five papers will cover a different aspect of a comprehensive survey effort of 20 different national parks and 12 different national wildlife refuges during the spring and summer of 2025. • Paper 1: The Six Americas of National Parks and Wildlife Refuges / Shawn Davis, Associate Professor, Slippery Rock University Paper 2: Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation, and Visitor Behavior / Rosie Mousseau, Graduate Student, Northern Michigan University Paper 3: Climate Change Messaging Strategies for Parks and Refuges / Alex Witmer, Graduate Student, Slippery Rock University Paper 4: Visitors’ Perceptions of Climate Change in National Parks / Peirce Landis, Maya Yost, Elena Lucas, Kelly Carbone, Undergraduate Students, Slippery Rock University Paper 5: Visitors’ Perceptions of Climate Change in National Wildlife Refuges / Sam Kearney, Mackenzie Geary, Carson Piette, Undergraduate Students, Northern Michigan University					
Session #14 UC 333  Information Sharing Session Format: Sharing Circle (No AV in this room)	<b>Striving for meaningful engagement in climate adaptation planning of ancestral heritage sites</b> <i>Co-organizers:</i> Erin Seekamp, Professor, North Carolina State University; Michael Durglo, Jr., Climate Change Coordinator, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes  Hear about our journey toward meaningful engagement and share your stories of setbacks and success. Our journey emerged from a pilot project with members of the Kootenai and Séliš-Qlispé Culture Committees about climate adaptation planning of traditional use areas stewarded located within Glacier National Park.. We will also share lessons we learned along the way, such as co-creating shared terminology. Attendees/audience members will learn and share guidance for meaningful engagement in climate adaptation planning efforts.					
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Session #15 UC Theater  <b>Three-Minute Research (3MR)</b> <b>Competition for Emerging Researchers</b> <i>Chair:</i> Will Rice	A Shared Responsibility: The Environmental Political Economy of a Zero-Waste Banff National Park / Audrey Roy	Electrifying Perspectives: Cyclist Perspectives Concerning E-Bikes on Multi-Use Singletrack / Abigail Fuesler	Beyond the Average Visitor: Refining Photo Norms for Crowding Perception on the Water / Adalyn Vergara	Land and the American Dream / Ande Peersen	Insights on Managing Residents and Tourists during a Disaster in a Nature-Based Tourism Destination / Colby Parkinson	Measuring angler intra-site place attachment based on survey responses and GPS tracking / Trevor Ross
	<b>4:00–4:05p</b>	<b>4:05–4:10p</b>	<b>4:10–4:15p</b>	<b>4:15–4:20p</b>	<b>4:20–4:25p</b>	<b>4:25–4:30p</b>
	Elevated FIA Nonresponse Rates in Wilderness: Investigating Barriers and Potential Solutions / Cici Conroy	Caring for Those Who Care for Parks: Exploring Mental Health Resource availability across the NPS / Elizabeth Himschoot	Beyond science and regulations: Hidden factors shaping recreation management decisions / Kika Bradford	Proceeding with Sound Judgment: Applied Sensory Biology and Wilderness Character / Julia Daniell	Social-Ecological Systems for Integrated Recreation Management and Wildlife Conservation / Meg Stone	California’s Delta in Motion: the state of the recreation economy and community wellbeing / Isaac Sanchez
	<b>4:30–4:35p</b>	<b>4:35–4:40p</b>	<b>4:40–4:45p</b>	<b>4:45–4:50p</b>	<b>4:50–4:55p</b>	<b>4:55–5:00p</b>
	Motivations behind social trail usage at Delta Lake in Grand Teton National Park / Emma Keinath-Lopez	Shifting Landscapes: How Recreation-Based Economies Redefine Sense of Place in Trail Communities / Ava Worbets	Visual Semiotics in Parks: Assessing Pictorial Symbol Effectiveness in Outdoor Recreation Settings / Miranda Foster	Pathways to Camping Access in the Rural American West: An Application of Access Theory / Hayley Johnson	Impacts of Aquaculture Policy and Adaptive Capacity in Social-Ecological System of Chilika Lagoon / Adyasha Nayak	What’s In a Name? Reimagining the Geography of Naming Designations in the U.S. N.P.S. System / Seth Kannarr
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
Affinity Meetings 5:00–6:00p						
UC 326–327 Economy, Community, Policy, and Promise: The Past, Present and Future of National Conservation Lands / Bob Wick	UC 330 LGBTQIA+: Fostering Community by Sharing Faced Challenges and Successes—Working Group soft launch / Cait Henry & Brian Forist	UC 331 • The future of wilderness / Marissa Ortega-Welch	UC 332 Helping Parks Respond to Climate Change: CC Quick Guide training / Koren Nydick	UC 333 • DEI in the National Park Service: Historical and Contemporary Challenges; Strategies for Backlash / Yonit Yogev	Alumni Boardroom (No AV) GWS Transition Discussion	
Evening Events						
UC 326–327	UC 330	UC 331	UC 332	UC 333 (No AV)	Alumni Boardroom (No AV)	

## Wednesday, October 22 8:30–10:00a Coffee & tea

<b>GWS Awards Ceremony</b> (8:30–8:45a)	<b>Presentation of the George Wright Society Achievement Awards in Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Social Science</b> <b>Moderator: TBA</b>
<b>Plenary Session III</b> UC Theater Format: Panel Discussion (8:45–10:00a)	<b>The State of Play in the US National Park System: Perspectives from the National Parks Conservation Association (working title)</b> <b>Alan Spears, Senior Director for Cultural Resources, NPCA, plus other NPCA representatives</b>
	<p>The US National Park System and the National Park Service are experiencing the biggest challenge in their history: unprecedented cuts to staffing, the capacity to understand and manage cultural and natural resources, and the agency's budget (which was already inadequate). Since the beginning of the new administration, NPCA has been fighting back. This session will provide an update on where things stand.</p>

## REFRESHMENT BREAK & NETWORKING TIME 10:00–10:30a (30 minutes) Coffee & tea

### 10:30a–12:00p

Session #16 UC Ballroom South  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>Taking Stock During a Watershed Moment in Recreation Allocation</b> <i>Workshop leader:</i> Hayley Johnson, Research Assistant University of Montana • <i>Co-organizers:</i> William L. Rice, Abigail Fuesler, University of Montana This session will include four complementary paper presentations focused on recreation allocation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessing the efficacy of reservation systems and effects of climate extremes on recreational access presented by Jeffrey Jenkins, University of California, Merced; et al</li> <li>2. Diversity in the rationing outcomes of U.S. recreation resources: A decision tree analysis presented by Yaqi Gong, Pennsylvania State University; et al.</li> <li>3. Investigating recreation rationing and camping access through the lens of access theory: A case study in the rural American West presented by Hayley A. Johnson, UM, et al.</li> <li>4. Visitor preferences regarding allocation of day-use wilderness permits in two national forests presented by Abigail Fuesler, UM</li> </ol>					
Session #17 UC 333  Information Sharing Session Format: Sharing Circle (No AV in this room)	<b>GenAI for conservation: Exploring opportunities and challenges in parks and recreation</b> <b>Leader:</b> Kika Bradford, Social Scientist and Research Associate, UM Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research This interactive workshop explores how generative AI (GenAI) can support research and practice in conservation and outdoor recreation. We'll break down what GenAI is, where it can help—from literature reviews and study design to data analysis and outreach—and where it falls short. Using examples from the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research, this workshop will feature live demos, real-world case studies, and hands-on activities to explore GenAI's potential, limitations, and ethical dimensions. Attendees will explore GenAI's opportunities and challenges, gain hands-on experience, and reflect on its ethical use in recreation and conservation.					
	<b>Session Title &amp; Chair</b>	<b>10:30–10:45a</b>	<b>10:45–11:00a</b>	<b>11:00–11:15a</b>	<b>11:15–11:30a</b>	<b>11:30–11:45a</b>
Session #18 UC Theater  Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers	<b>Wildlife &amp; Biodiversity / Chair: TBA</b>	Reducing Bear Conflicts Through Attractant Prioritization / Anna Baize	Scaling up and scaling out: engaging wildlife managers in system-wide visitor use thinking / Lydia Kiewra	Transdisciplinary Research for Biodiversity Conservation in Protected Areas of the Chihuahuan Desert / Xochizeltzin Castaneda-Camacho	Climate-driven factors and mountain goat declines in Glacier National Park / William Janousek	Human visitation limits the utility of protected areas as ecological baselines / Wesley Sarmiento
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
Session #19 UC 326–327  Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers	<b>Monitoring Park Resources: Persistence and Partnerships / Chair: TBA</b>	Making Lemonade: Assessing the impact of survey disruptions on long-term trend monitoring / Leigh Ann Starcevich	A Tale of Two Rivers: A decadal comparison of visitor use at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore / Shelby Marocco	Protecting the waters of Montana through a Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Program / Chloe Czachor	Using Long-Term Trail Use Data to Inform Decision-Making: Lessons Learned from Glacier National Park / Katherine Barrs	Learning From Burning: Connecting Fire Managers and Fire Scientists / Elizabeth Baldwin
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
Session #20 UC 330–331–332  Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers	<b>Lessons from Conservation History / Chair: TBA</b>	Making a Difference: Nathaniel Langford and George Wright: National Park Creation and Transformation / Bill Youngs	Conserving Nature in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem / Robert Keiter	Planting the Seeds: The Roots of Modern Forest Conservation in Colonial America / Greta Helfenstein	What's In a Name? Reimagining the Geography of Naming Designations in the U.S. N.P.S. System / Seth Kannarr	The Monsters We Create: A Discussion about Misinterpretations of Wilderness / Michelle Reilly
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					

## LUNCH BREAK 12:00–1:30p (90 minutes)

Wednesday, October 22 1:30–3:00p						
Session #21 UC Ballroom South  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>The Art and Science of Signage: A Design Charrette</b> <i>Leader:</i> Jason Shellhorn, Professor of Visual Communication Design, University <b>Designing for Recreation Management: Art and Science of Signage</b> <i>Leader:</i> Miranda Foster, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Montana  Description forthcoming.					
Session #22 UC 326–327  Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation	<b>Accessibility for All on Forest Preserve Lands?</b> <i>Leader:</i> Benita Law-Diao, Commissioner, Adirondack Park Agency The NYS Adirondack Park Agency (APA) develops long-range land use plans for both public and private lands, within the boundary of the Adirondack Park. We are currently working on updating the NY State Land Master Plan (SLMP). The APA and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have a policy limiting the number of roads in the park's wild forest lands. The policy states that there should be no "material increase" in the number of miles of roads in the wild forest land. People with disabilities are pushing for accessibility to our forest preserve lands, while environmental groups are voicing concerns about wilderness preservation. Stakeholders concerned about "unprecedented changes" proposed to policies governing forest preserve lands will cause great harm. Attendees will learn about the issues associated with granting people with disabilities access to Adirondack Park's forever preserve.					
Session #23 UC 330–331–332  Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation	<b>Adapting to rapid change – on the ground and in the water</b> • <i>Co-organizers:</i> Nicholas Fisichelli, President & CEO, Schoodic Institute; Co-organizer: Gregor Schuurman, Ecologist, National Park Service • <i>Presenters/Panelists:</i> Chris Nadeau, Senior Scientist, Schoodic Institute; Abe Miller-Rushing, Science Coordinator, Acadia National Park; Lukas Bell-Dereske, Science Coordinator/Ecologist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks; Mark J. Biel, Natural Resources Program Manager, Glacier National Park Stewarding park resources in the midst of rapid change is a critical conservation challenge today. There has been a proliferation of decision support tools, frameworks, and associated best practices for responding to rapid change. Yet, empirical evidence for on-the-ground and in-the-water adaptation solutions is sorely lacking, and the pace of change in parks is outpacing the ability of managers and scientists to respond. Come hear from leading scientists and practitioners who are testing the solutions and advancing the leading edge of adaptation. Share your experiences, perspectives, and questions in this interactive session and build your network.					
Session #24 UC 333  Information Sharing Session Format: Sharing Circle (No AV in this room)	<b>Best practices for working with the media</b> <i>Leader:</i> Marissa Ortega-Welch, Journalist, KALW Public Media / Independent A conversation about how the media and people working in the public lands sphere can better work together to tell stories about public lands and conservation. This is a chance for both journalists and conservationists to share best practices for working with people in their respective industry. Journalists and conservationists could also share success stories and challenges about working with each other. Especially in this current climate with many people working in and for public lands feel restricted in talking to media, having open conversations to gain sympathy and understanding for each others' roles is very important. Attendees/audience members will learn best practices for working with media and be able to voice their needs and ask questions from journalists.					
	<b>Session Title &amp; Chair</b>	<b>1:30–1:45p</b>	<b>1:45–2:00p</b>	<b>2:00–2:15p</b>	<b>2:15–2:30p</b>	<b>2:30–2:45p</b>
Session #25 UC Theater  Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers	<b>Spatial Analysis: People and Parks / Chair: TBA</b>   <i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>	Disparities in park access and associated health outcomes / Mark Kreider	Getting fishy: Using animal-movement theory to predict angler movement on a reservoir / Adalyn Vergara	Friend or Foe? Understanding the Spatial Distribution of Benefits and Burdens Provided by Urban Birds / Devin Goodson	Drivers of Residential Development around U.S. Protected Areas/ Rachel Layko	Geospatial tools for collaborative climate adaptation planning at NPS mid-Atlantic battlefield parks / Kate Jones

REFRESHMENT BREAK 3:00–3:30p (30 minutes) Cold beverages, dry snacks	
FIELD TRIPS 1:30–5:00p	
<b>GATHER AT (LOCATION TBA) 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marshall Mountain Park • Meet with reps from Missoula County Parks and Rec, City of Missoula Conservation Lands, and Five Valleys Land Trust to learn about how this former ski area has been turned into a public community asset and world class mountain bike destination (fee for transport via mini-van)</li> <li>Blackfoot Watershed • Learn about how broad-scale collaboration is leading a comprehensive effort to protect and restore this iconic watershed east of Missoula (fee for transport via mini-van)</li> <li>Rattlesnake Dam Removal Restoration Project and Universal Trail • Come see the impressive ecological results from the nationally recognized removal of a dam on Rattlesnake Creek and the development of a new universal trail on the site (fee for transport via mini-van)</li> <li>Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium • With a tropical greenhouse filled with butterflies from around the world and an exhibit area featuring a wide array of insects, arachnids, millipedes, centipedes, and crustaceans, this is a place that celebrates "the little things that run the world" (transport via Mountain Ride, Missoula's free public bus system; \$10 admission fee)</li> <li>Bike Tour (itinerary TBA; bike rental fee)</li> <li>Walking Tour (itinerary TBA; no fee)</li> </ul>	

Wednesday, October 22 3:30–5:00p						
Session #26 UC Ballroom South  Core Workshop Session Format: Hands-on Activity	<b>Accessing and using climate information for climate change adaptation</b> <i>Leader:</i> Koren Nydick, Climate Science & Adaptation Coordinator National Park Service; Amber Runyon, Climate Change Analyst, National Park Service  How can parks obtain climate change information to help them adapt to current and potential future impacts? This workshop will explain different tools and resources available to park staff and partners. We will run through some examples, showing how to obtain climate change information and next steps to help parks apply it. Attendees/audience members will learn about tools and resources available to access and use climate information for climate change adaptation.					
Session #27 UC 326–327  Information Sharing Session Format:	<b>Navigating ecological transformations: Social Aspects of Resist-Accept-Direct (RAD) decisions</b> <i>Co-organizers:</i> Amanda Cravens, Research Social Scientist, US Geological Survey; Wylie Carr, Planning Specialist, National Park Service; Gregor Schuurman, Ecologist, National Park Service; Jaclyn Rushing, Social Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute; Kira Hefty, Biological Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute The RAD framework helps managers respond to climate change and navigate transforming ecosystems by defining a broad decision space that includes resisting ecological trajectories, consciously accepting such change, and directing trajectories towards preferred new conditions. RAD is intended to help managers expand their thinking beyond traditional approaches. Recent interdisciplinary and cross-agency research has integrated social sciences to explore how and why managers are making RAD decisions. This session will highlight findings and implications from five papers at the forefront of RAD research. Attendees will better understand the RAD Framework and how it is being used by managers to navigate climatic and ecological change.					
Session #28 UC 330–331–332  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>Protected Areas and Environmental Justice</b> • <i>Co-organizers:</i> Isaiah Tuolienuo, Research Assistant, University of Montana; Keith Bosak, Professor, University of Montana This session's presentations explore the intersection of protected areas and environmental justice and ways to promote social and environmental justice. 1. The Complementary Role of Justice and Social Capital in Influencing Just Outcomes in Resource Conflicts: The Case of the Atewa Range Forest Reserve, Ghana. Isaiah Tuolienuo 2. Social-Ecological Justice Approach to Ecotourism: Examples from Cockpit Country, Jamaica. Boo Curry, MS Graduate, University of Montana 3. Drivers and Dynamics of Collaborative Environmental Governance in Chilean Patagonia. Zac Hummel, MS Graduate, University of Montana 4. Exploring Ways to Foster Belonging and Connection for Collaborative Landscape Stewardship and Environmental Justice. Shawn Johnson, University of Montana 5. Exploring the Protected Areas, Ecotourism and Environmental Justice Nexus: An Overview and Synthesis of Case Studies. Keith Bosak, University of Montana					
Session #29 UC 333  Information Sharing Session Format: Sharing Circle (No AV in this room)	<b>Exploring the Benefits of the National Wilderness Preservation System</b> <i>Co-organizers/co-presenters:</i> Rob Burrows, NPS Wilderness Training Manager, Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center; Jimmy Gaudry, Director, Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center; Jaclyn Rushing, Social Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute; Kira Hefty, Biological Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute The National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) was created in 1964 with the passage of the Wilderness Act, codifying the legal concept of designated wilderness. Today, the NWPS includes over 111.8 million acres in 806 wilderness areas across the US and Puerto Rico. Section 2(a) of the Act states, “it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.” This session will facilitate exploration of wilderness values and benefits in the context of the wilderness character concept. Attendees will identify personal values and biocentric and anthropocentric benefits offered by wildlands and designated Wilderness in the US.					
	<b>Session Title &amp; Chair</b>	<b>3:30–3:45p</b>	<b>3:45–4:00p</b>	<b>4:00–4:15p</b>	<b>4:15–4:30p</b>	<b>4:30–4:45p</b>
Session #30 UC Theater  Information Sharing Session Format: Panel Discussion	<b>Examining drivers and impacts of subalpine meadow change on wildlife species in three national parks</b> <i>Leader:</i> Rebecca McCaffery, Research Biologist, US Geological Survey; <i>Panelists:</i> Meghan Halabisky, Remote Sensing Ecologist, University of Washington; David Selkowitz, Research Geographer, USGS; Tabitha Graves, Research Ecologist, USGS; T. Roy Sando, Research Physical Scientist, USGS Our understanding of how mountain meadows are changing, how temperature and precipitation relate to those changes, and how this will impact sensitive wildlife species in park landscapes is limited. We examined these questions at Olympic, Mount Rainier, and Glacier National Parks. We will present and discuss the results, uses, and implications of our interdisciplinary research, and how to apply this approach in other systems.					
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
<b>Poster Reception &amp; Stand-by Time 5:00–6:00p Dry snacks, non-alcoholic beverages</b>						
<b>Affinity Meetings 5:30–6:30p</b>						
UC 326–327  Crime and Public Safety on Public Lands / Sarah Marks	UC 330 Publishing for Beginners / Craig Shafer & Christine Schonewald	UC 331 • Strengthening the partnership between GWS and students/young professionals in 2025 and beyond / Fred Herling	UC 332 Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Evacuation for National and State Parks / Bing Pan	UC 333 (No AV) • Strange bedfellows: seeking bike access while supporting wilderness preservation / John Stegmaier	Alumni Boardroom (No AV)	
<b>Evening Events</b>						
UC 326–327	UC 330	UC 331	UC 332	UC 333 (No AV)	Alumni Boardroom (No AV)	



## Thursday, October 23 8:30–10:00α Coffee & tea

Session #31 UC Ballroom South  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>The valiant effort to collaboratively plan for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness</b> <i>Leader:</i> Chris Armatas, Research Social Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute This session introduces the ALW with select portions of a professionally-developed movie, which will be followed by three paper presentations outlining nearly four years of effort focused on collaboratively planning for the integration of natural and cultural heritage of the ALW. 1. The arc of the Alpine Lakes Collaborative / Chris Armatas 2. The Alpine Lakes Collaborative experience: A qualitative study of participating members / Lauren Redmore, Research Social Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute 3. Collaboration, consultation, and tribal involvement in wilderness planning / Stephanie Barron, ORISE research fellow, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute					
Session #32 UC 326–327  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>Teaching About National Parks: National and International Experiences</b> • <i>Co-leaders:</i> Randall Wilson, Gettysburg College; Michael Pretes, University of North Alabama This session centers on strategies for teaching about national parks and protected areas in both the undergraduate classroom and to the public writ large. 1. National Parks and “Mission Essential”: Teaching About Protected Areas at the U.S. Air Force Academy / Michael Pretes, University of North Alabama; Jason Lackey, US Air Force Academy 2. What is the Purpose of the National Parks?: Teaching History of America’s National Parks / Michael Childers, Colorado State University 3. Teaching Protected-Area Conservation to “Africa’s Potential Leaders” / Terence Young, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 4. Teaching Experiential Learning and Field Data Collection in U.S. National Parks and UNESCO Sites/ Yolonda Youngs, California State University, San Bernardino 5. Frameworks and Ladders – National Parks and Protected Areas in the College Classroom / Randall Wilson					
	<b>Session Title &amp; Chair</b>	<b>8:30–8:45α</b>	<b>8:45–9:00α</b>	<b>9:00–9:15α</b>	<b>9:15–9:30α</b>	<b>9:30–9:45α</b>
Session #33 UC Theater  Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers	<b>Climate Impacts and Responses / Chair: TBA</b>	Co-Creating an Integrated Climate Impact Assessment in the Little Rocky Mountains / Jennifer Thomsen	Co-creating Climate Adaptation Strategies for Indigenous Communities in Western Canada / David Sauchyn	Profit and Pollution: Evaluating Cap-and-Trade’s Impact on Global Warming and the Environment / Brian O’Riley	Climate change and fire alter biotic interactions and tree growth in wilderness treeline forests / Josh Beisel	Prescribed Fire Decision-Making: Implications for Parks and Protected Areas / Jazzelle Elias
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
Session #34 UC 330–331  Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers	<b>Managing the Visitor Experience—Virtually and On the Ground / Chair: TBA</b>	Managing the Great Divide Trail / Regan Coyne	Hyper Reality in Wall-E and Modern Life: Outdoor Recreation Management Implications / Mark Douglas	Fear of a Digital Planet: Wireless Politics in U.S. National Parks / Sam Kellogg	An Updated Model of Park Experience and Spiritual Outcomes / Paul Heintzman	Demonstrated success stories in protected area and conservation management from Tasmania (Australia) / Glenys Jones
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
Session #35 UC 332–333  Information Sharing Session Format: Contributed Papers	<b>Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management / Chair: TBA</b>	A systematic scoping literature review of social identity in wildlife research / Brianna Lipp	Social identity activation contributes to unnecessary polarization of attitudes toward wolves / Alexander Metcalf	Land Use Change and Community Perceptions in Corbett Tiger Reserve Periphery, India / Kushagra Meshram	Resolving Human-Elephant Conflict in Botswana’s Chobe Enclave? / Jake Rayapati	Visitor Impacts and Experiences Related to Roadside Wildlife Viewing in Yellowstone National Park / Megan Crump
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					

## REFRESHMENT BREAK 10:00–10:30α (30 minutes) Coffee & tea



## Thursday, October 23 10:30a–12:00p

Session #36 UC Ballroom South  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>Wild, Bright, and Noisy: Exploring subtle “footprints” of recreation</b> • <i>Leader:</i> Julia Daniell, Master's Student, University of Montana Through a mixture of methodologies and disciplines this session examines the effects of sensory pollutants and spatiotemporal recreation fluctuations on humans and wildlife. 1. Proceeding with Sound Judgment: Applied Sensory Biology and Wilderness Character / Julia Daniell 2. Sensory Pollutants in U.S. Parks and Protected Areas: A synthesis of visitor use management in relation to natural sounds and night skies / Peter Newman, University of Vermont 3. Exploring visitor support for management of artificial light and behavioral spillover in Acadia National Park and related ecological impacts / Morgan Crump, University of Vermont 4. Exploring NPS staff perceptions of artificial light in Great Smoky Mountains National Park- Functionality, Safety, and Conservation/ Derrick Taff, Pennsylvania State University 5. Managing Human Disturbance: Mandatory Closures and Loon Nest Success in the GYE / Kelsey Cronin, University of Montana 6. Katherine Zeller, USFS					
Session #37 UC 326–327  Information Sharing Session Format: Panel Discussion	<b>Indigenous Stewardship: Conservation Through Relationships</b> • <i>Leader:</i> Talia MacDonald, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Stewardship Parks Canada <i>Presenters:</i> Ernie Gladstone, Executive Director, Indigenous Stewardship, Parks Canada; Cindy Boyko, Co-Chair, Indigenous Stewardship Circle, Parks Canada Parks Canada has embarked on a process of organization-wide renewal, centered around a vision of protected heritage area management and governance that is respectfully aligned with Indigenous ways of stewarding lands, water, and ice. At its core is the Indigenous Stewardship Framework and Policy, which respectfully advances reconciliation and support implementation of the UNDRIP. Done in collaboration with Indigenous Leaders, the Indigenous Stewardship Policy (ISP) seeks to support the continuity of Indigenous cultures and advance how the priorities of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples alongside Parks Canada's mandate can be accomplished together to advance environmental, economic and community well-being. This session will share both Parks Canada and Indigenous perspectives of the ISP, key lessons learned and next steps.					
	<b>Session Title &amp; Chair</b>	<b>10:30–10:45a</b>	<b>10:45–11:00a</b>	<b>11:00–11:15a</b>	<b>11:15–11:30a</b>	<b>11:30–11:45a</b>
Session #38 UC Theater  Information Sharing Session Format:	<b>Planning Strategies for Natural and Cultural Heritage Sites and Protected Areas / Chair: TBA</b>	Assessment of Conservation Planning in South Dakota: Challenges and Opportunities / Vivian Hulugh	Environmental Assessments and Strategic Sustainability Planning for Historic Sites / Jeremy Linden	Global Biodiversity Data for Place-Based Conservation / Hilary Faxon	Balancing Prairie Stewardship and Recreation Access / Chris Zajchowski	Population, Livelihoods, Forest Transitions, and Protected Area Conservation / David Lopez-Carr
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
Session #39 UC 330–331  Information Sharing Session Format:	<b>Are You “In” or “Out”? Inclusivity &amp; Exclusivity / Chair: TBA</b>	Building a Community of Conservation: Inviting the Public to Participate in Wildlife Research / Seth Gibbons	Gendered Barriers to Working in Conservation: A Comparative Case Study in South Korea and Mongolia / Nari Lee	Trophy Hunting and Ecological Colonialism in Botswana / Joseph Mbaiwa	Parks and citizenship, access, and identity / Clara-Jane Blye	“It's a different culture here”: Fostering inclusive recreation through affinity safe spaces / Jaclyn Fox Rushing
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					
Session #40 UC 332–333  Information Sharing Session Format:	<b>Recreation: Assessing Impacts, Managing for Sustainability / Chair: TBA</b>	The cleanup crew: valuing camp host litter interventions in Northern Idaho recreation areas / Mary Engels	Outfitter perceptions of workforce development on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River / Nate Moody	Informing human waste management strategies in parks & protected areas: Lessons learned / B. Derrick Taff	Companion displacement as a novel social dimension of recreation adaptation coping mechanisms / Elizabeth Perry	Urban Trails, Wild Spaces: A Model for Sustainable Recreation in Redmond, Oregon / Curt Davidson
	<i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>					

## LUNCH BREAK, POSTER TEAR-DOWN 12:00–1:30p (90 minutes)

Thursday, October 23 1:30–3:00p					
Session #41 UC Ballroom South  Core Workshop Session Format: Presentations + Audience Participation	<b>Engagement Best Practices for Place-Based Conservation, Adaptation, and Inclusion</b> • <i>Co-organizers/presenters:</i> Shawn Johnson, Director, UM Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy; Travis Anklam, Collaborative Learning Program Director, UM Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy; Heather Stokes, Director of Practice, UM Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy; Jennifer Thomsen, Program Director, UM Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management; Alexis Gibson, Sr., Project Manager, UM Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy This interactive workshop will equip participants with best practices for weaving cultural, economic, and ecological viewpoints into engagement strategies that enhance resilience, equity, and connection to place. Case studies at local, regional, and national scales will showcase approaches for fostering inclusive, informed dialogue. Participants will then explore strategies for engaging diverse stakeholders in co-developing conservation solutions and leave with practical tools to overcome barriers and build more inclusive initiatives.				
Session #42 UC 326–327  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>Conservation Solutions for Amphibians Threatened by Drought and Invasive Species</b> • <i>Co-organizers:</i> Blake Hossack, Research Ecologist, and Andrew Ray, both US Geological Survey In this session, we will discuss how growing threats will affect wetland habitats and highlight potential conservation solutions that are being implemented in parks. 1. Amphibian richness, rarity, threats, and conservation prospects across the National Park System / Blake Hossack 2. Effects of drought and meteorological conditions on wetland dynamics and amphibian populations in the Greater Yellowstone Area/ Benjamin LaFrance, National Park Service 3. Chiricahua Leopard Frog reintroductions spreading to safe havens in Southwest national parks / Andrew Hubbard, National Park Service 4. Removal of invasive bullfrogs facilitates the reintroduction and assisted migration of California Red-legged frogs in Yosemite National Park / Robert Grasso, National Park Service 5. Developing a strategy for reintroducing California Red-legged frogs in Santa Monica Mountains NRA and more broadly in southern California / Robert Fisher, US Geological Survey				
Session #43 UC 330–331  Information Sharing Session Format: Panel Discussion	<b>The Wild Next Door: Between City Limits and Sacred Lands</b> <i>Leader:</i> Lauren Redmore, Research Social Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute • <i>Panelists:</i> Mitchell Clark, Society for Wilderness Stewardship Fellow, filmmaker and CEO of Destroy Collective; Chris Armatas, ALWRI Research Social Scientist; Olga Helmy, ALWRI science communications specialist This session will show a 45-min film (currently in edit) followed by a Q&A with movie directors, producers, and experts. The film is about the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) located outside of Seattle, WA. As recreational use increases, the Forest Service grapples with declining budgets to ensure wilderness character is preserved, though much on-the-ground work gets picked up by NGO partners. Tribal rights holders grapple with the impacts of recreational use and the growing need to work with diverse NGO partners to influence visitor behavior. This film addresses questions of: what is wilderness, what is the ALW, what are the challenges facing urban proximate wilderness, and what are potential solutions.				
Session #44 UC Theater  Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>The nexus of climate change and water in protected areas</b> • <i>Co-organizers:</i> David Lawrence, Ecologist, National Park Service; Tyler Gilkerson, Water Resources Division, NPS This session will highlight water-related vulnerability assessments, resource management challenges, new tools and information resources, and adaptation approaches occurring across the NPS. 1. Climate change vulnerability assessments of National Park Service water supplies / Kristen Cognac, Katie Willi, Caitlin Mothes 2. Evaluating climate vulnerability of groundwater dependent ecosystems in Southwestern National Park Service lands / Alex Brooks, Eric Jensen, Justin Huntington 3. Incorporating climate change in flood inundation mapping and flood risk management / Susannah Erwin 4. Water balance: a simple and holistic approach for evaluating climate impacts to terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems / David Thoma, Mike Tercek, John Gross				
		<b>Session Title &amp; Chair</b>	<b>1:30–1:45p</b>	<b>1:45–2:00p</b>	<b>2:00–2:15p</b>
Session #45 UC 332–333 Information Sharing Session Format: Invited Papers	<b>A generalized approach to climate-informed resource stewardship planning</b> / <i>Leader:</i> Brian Miller, Research Ecologist, US Geological Survey This session will highlight commonalities across existing adaptation planning processes, articulate how mainstream adaptation tools (e.g., scenario planning, the Resist-Accept-Direct framework, structured decision making) relate to the steps in these processes, and offer a generalized approach for climate-informed resource stewardship planning. 1. Climate change adaptation planning processes and tools / Brian W. Miller 2. Assessing climate change implications for natural and cultural resources / Lindsey Thurman 3. Updating resource management goals and strategies to address key climate change vulnerabilities / Gregor W. Schuurman 4. From analyzing to evaluating climate adaptation strategies / Molly Cross 5. Adaptation planning in action across the National Park Service / Wylie Carr  <i>Brief summary of the session (20 words max).</i>				

REFRESHMENT BREAK 3:00–3:30p (30 minutes) Cold beverages, dry snacks	
Thursday, October 23 3:30–4:45p	
<b>Closing Plenary Session IV</b> UC Theater  Format: Invited speaker	<b>The Fight to Keep America’s Public Lands in Public Hands</b> <b>Land Tawney, Co-Chair, American Hunters and Anglers Action Network</b> <i>Moderator: TBA</i>  Public lands advocate Land Tawney will share his thoughts on his new organization, the American Hunters and Anglers Action Network, which is positioned on “The Front Line in the War on Public Lands.” Mobilizing the hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation communities, the Network fights against any effort to sell off public lands. “We have a simple mission: to deliver accountability to all elected and unelected policymakers and special interests who threaten our hunting, fishing and outdoor heritage.”
Friday, October 24 8:00a–5:00p Field Trip, National Bison Range (Gather at location TBA)	

## POSTER SESSION Monday, October 20, 3:00p through Thursday, October 23, 12:00p

### Poster Session

UC Ballroom North

Set-up: Monday, October 20,  
12:00–3:00p

Tear-down: Wednesday, October 22,  
12:00–1:30p

Posters available for continuous  
viewing between Set-up and  
Tear-Down

Poster reception and time for pre-  
senter to stand by their posters:  
Wednesday, October 22, 5:00–6:00p

- Having Reservations? The Impact of Recreation.Gov on Visitor Experiences at Acadia National Park / Isabelle Kostelnick, Oregon State University
- Connections to Nature and Knowledge: An Ecofeminist Analysis of Fly-Fishing Guiding / Paige Fery, University of Utah
- Prospects of Regenerative Tourism in Trekking / Sitaram Dahal, Nepal Tourism Board
- Impacts of Aquaculture Policy and Adaptive Capacity in Social-Ecological System of Chilika Lagoon / Adyasha Nayak, University of Montana
- Alternative Parking Management Strategies: Implications for Visitor Use Management in Gatineau Park / Paul Heintzman, University of Ottawa
- The influence of novel communication interventions on overnight park visitors / Clara-Jane Blye, University of Utah
- A Rapid Review of Participatory GIS Scholarship Centering Tribal Sovereignty / Brey Weygandt, University of Idaho
- Do Themes Improve Visitor Outcomes In Interpretive Programs? Amber Hawes, Clemson University
- The Social and Political Impacts of Zoning in Protected Areas - Case Study, Corbett Tiger Reserve / Rajiv Bhartari, Consultant
- Lessons from the Summits: Evaluating Vegetation Management Effectiveness Using Remote Sensing / Min Kook Kim, Stockton University
- Conservation Behind the Scenes: Stress, Interpersonal Relationships, and Job Satisfaction in the NPS / Elizabeth Himschoot, Penn State University
- The Role of Educational Programming in Indigenous Peoples' Experiences in Protected Areas / Kole Lundstrom, University of Alberta
- The Dialogue of Place: a study of signs in the Clemson Experimental Forest / Elizabeth Baldwin, Clemson University
- Harnessing Remote Sensing Technologies to Monitor Tourism Impacts in the Antarctic Peninsula / Natalia Jaramillo, University of Idaho
- Addressing the Funding Gap in Private Lands Conservation in Global Biodiversity Hotspots / Susan Pierce, Hotspot Patrons
- Multiple Use and Sustained Yield and the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System / Tom Heinlein, Bureau of Land Management
- The National Landscape Conservation System: An Overview / Sean MacDougall, Bureau of Land Management
- Optimizing Vegetation Indices for Enhanced Management of Parks and Protected Areas / Min Kook Kim, Stockton University
- Co-Producing the Department of Interior's Bison Shared Stewardship Strategy / Travis Anklam, University of Montana
- Forest.edu: Understanding breadth of university and school forests in the US / Elizabeth Baldwin, Clemson University
- NPS Climate Change Response Program: Information, Tools, and Services / Koren Nydick, National Park Service
- A Land-First Approach: Centering Governance for Equitable Working Lands Conservation / Margiana Petersen-Rockney, University of Montana
- Amplifying Quieter Narratives: Strategies for Cultural Landscape Conservation at Santa Cruz Island / Daniela Velazco, National Park Service
- Rethinking Park Capacity: Cultural Differences in Visitor Perceptions and Management Actions / Louis Santiago
- Predicting Park Conservation Support via Livelihood Security and Human-Wildlife Conflict Assessment / Mercy Chepkwony, The Pennsylvania State University
- Homelessness and nature across landscapes and disciplines / Seamus Land, University of Montana
- National Park Studies at Eastern Washington University / Bill Youngs, Eastern Washington University