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# News + Notes



**A Workshop on the Mitigation of Wildfire Risk  
in Mixed-Conifer Forests of California**  
**February 11–12, 2021**  
[georgewright society.org/fire](http://georgewright society.org/fire)

*Registration deadline is February 8*

## **Helping change wildfire management in California**

Catastrophic wildfires are more and more common in the western United States. California in particular is increasingly thought of as having a year-round (24/7/365) fire season. The devastating 2020 fire season in California has fundamentally changed the conversation on how to manage fire across the

state. More prescribed fire and fuels treatments are needed, but there are many obstacles in the way.

Working with several partners, GWS has organized **[Fire Management 24/7/365](#)**, a collaborative workshop designed to produce real, on-the-ground projects and other advances that increase the cooperative use of prescribed fire and other fuels treatments in California's mixed-conifer forest ecosystems. After more than a year of planning and re-configuring due to the pandemic, **Fire Management 24/7/365 will take place on February 11–12 in an all-virtual format.**



You can be a part of it by **viewing the livestreamed opening and closing Plenary Sessions** that explore the impacts of the 2020 fire season on the future management strategies of three key agencies: CAL FIRE, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Both Plenary Sessions will provide additional context and perspectives on what changes are needed and what challenges lie ahead for wildland fire management in California.

**For more information and to register to view the livestreams, go to**

<https://www.georgewright society.org/fire>. There is no charge to register, though we ask that you consider a donation to the GWS to help with the workshop organizing costs. The deadline to register is February 8.

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*Nominations accepted through January 31*

## **Last call! Nominations open for 2021 GWS Awards**

Every two years, GWS recognizes outstanding accomplishments in fields associated with parks, other kinds of protected areas, cultural sites, and related supporting activities. **Nominations are now being accepted** for the 2021 round of “Imagine Excellence,” the GWS Awards program. The deadline for nominations is January 31. The winners will be recognized at a virtual awards ceremony (date to be announced) as part of the 2021 [George Wright Society Student Summit](#) in May.

New this year is the **GWS Socioenvironmental Justice Achievement Award**. This award complements the five other GWS awards by acknowledging the important synthesis of three dimensions (social, environmental, and justice) that are at the foundation of all conservation decision-making.

The other awards are:

- The **George Melendez Wright Award for Excellence**
- The **GWS Cultural Resource Achievement Award**
- The **GWS Natural Resource Achievement Award**
- The **GWS Social Science Achievement Award**
- The **GWS Communications Award**

For more information and to make a nomination, go to <https://www.georgewright society.org/awards>.

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**Announcements & opportunities**

## Announcements & Opportunities

**Latest WCPA North America newsletter.** IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas is the leading volunteer network of professionals working in protected area conservation. The latest newsletter of the North American section of WCPA is now [available for download](#). It has links to reports, news of recent developments, and opportunities for networking.

**Former USNPS director featured on MSNBC podcast.** Jon Jarvis, who led the US National Park Service throughout the Obama administration, was the featured guest on a recent edition of the podcast “The Oath with Chuck Rosenberg” on MSNBC. Jarvis shared his thoughts on a range of topics, including what's in store for the agency under the new Biden administration. [Link to the podcast and a transcript are here.](#)

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