

**Fire Is At Your Backdoor  
Are You Ready?**



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**New Mexico Wildland-Urban Interface Summit  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Ruidoso Convention Center  
Ruidoso, NM**

**Draft Agenda – Speakers and Presenters to be Confirmed**

**Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM** Registration, Set-up for vendor row, and Networking Time
- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM** Welcome and Introductions, Don Ellsworth-BLM, Facilitator
- New Mexico State Forester
  - Local Government Representatives
  - Congressional Representatives
  - Linda Rundell or Jesse Juen, BLM New Mexico
  - Faye Krueger, Deputy Regional Forester - Forest Service Southwestern Region
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM** **Keynote Speaker**
- John Skinner – BLM, Rural Fire Assistance, NIFC
- 10:00 AM– 10:15 AM** Break
- 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM** Secure Rural Schools – Utilizing Title II and III funds
- Art Morrison, FS Southwestern Region SRS Coordinator; Regional Legislative Affairs Specialist
  - Al Koss, Southern NM RAC Designated Federal Official; Wilderness District Ranger, Gila National Forest
  - Catron County Representative
- 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM** Smoke Management
- Claudia Standish, BLM Smoke Management Specialist
  - Josh Hall, FS New Mexico Air and Water Quality Specialist
- 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM** Field Trip – WUI Projects in the Ruidoso Area (Details TBD) (Bag lunch provided)
- Watershed Protection Project
  - Community wildfire risk reduction
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM** Evening Networking – (Hors d’oeuvres provided)
- Meet with BLM, FS, NM Assoc. of Counties, and other agency representatives to talk about funding opportunities

**Dinner on your own**

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM – 8:15 AM** Welcome back and logistics for concurrent sessions

- Don Ellsworth- BLM, Facilitator

**8:15 AM – 9:30 AM** Concurrent Session #1

Tract	Session	Presenter(s)	Room
Community Involvement	Making a Plan – Are you ready for an evacuation?	Karen Takai (FS)	
Incident Response	Incident Simulation and Simtable Demonstration	Chas Curtis (SimTable), Fred Hernandez (FS)	
Local Leadership	Disaster Response for Community Leaders	Doug Boykin, Eddie Tudor (NM Forestry)	

**9:30 AM – 10:45 AM** Concurrent Session #2

Tract	Session	Presenter(s)	Room
Community Involvement	Firewise Communities	Karen Lightfoot (NM Forestry)	
Incident Response	Preparing for Fire Restrictions, Closures, and Orders	Loretta Benevidez (BLM), Dan Ware (NM Forestry)	
Local Leadership	CWPPs – New Recommendations on Updating	Joy Esparsen (NMAC), Terrell Treat (NM Forestry)	

**10:45 AM – 11:00 AM** Break

**11:00 AM – 12:15 PM** Concurrent Session #3

Tract	Session	Presenter(s)	Room
Community Involvement	Utilizing the NM State Assessment and Strategy	Mary Steuver (NM Forestry)	
Incident Response	Incident Simulation and Simtable Demonstration	Chas Curtis (SimTable), Fred Hernandez (FS)	
Local Leadership	Reducing Fire Risk & Creating Jobs - Woody Biomass Utilization	Jerry Payne (FS), Michael Bain (NM Forest Indus Assoc)	

**12:15 PM – 1:30 PM** Lunch (Provided) and Presentation – 2011 Fire and Weather Outlook

- Chuck Maxwell, SWCC Predictive Services, US Fish & Wildlife Service – via teleconference
- Alan Quan – Forest Service, Fire & Aviation Management, Washington Office

**1:30 PM – 3:00 PM** Agency Panel – BLM, USFS, NM State Forestry, NMAC

- Eddie Tudor, District Forester, Capitan District- NM State Forestry
- Don Kearney – State Fire Management Officer, BLM- New Mexico
- Chad Stewart- Fire Staff, Lincoln National Forest, USFS
- Joy Esparsen-Intergovernmental Relations Director, NM Association of Counties

**3:00 PM – 3:30 PM** Community Award Presentation, Wrap-Up, and Evaluation

**Safe Travels Home!**