

# AZ WUI Summit Agenda

Partnering to Build Wildfire Resilient Communities



Wednesday | December 4 | 2024

9:00 – 10:00 Registration and Check-in (*Main Foyer*)

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** (*Pima/Madera*)

KEYNOTE

10:15 – 11:45 **Morning Keynote Presentations** (*Pima/Madera*)  
Nicole Gillet, Urban Forestry Program Manager, City Manager's Office, City of Tucson  
Neil Chapman, Wildland Fire Captain, Flagstaff Fire Department  
Tom Torres, State Forester, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management

11:45 – 1:00 **Lunch** (*provided - Sabino room*)

BUILDING BLOCK SESSIONS

1:00 – 1:35 **Fostering Fire Adapted Communities in Arizona** (*Pima/Madera*)  
Catrin Edgeley, Assistant Professor of Natural Resource Sociology, School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University

1:35 – 2:30 **Strengthening Arizona Through Grants and Partnerships: A Guide to Agency Programs** (*Pima/Madera*)  
DFFM, BIA, DEMA and USFS

2:30 – 3:00 **Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions (DIFI) Resources and Initiatives** (*Pima/Madera*)  
Lori Munn, DIFI Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Insurance & Financial Institutions

3:00 – 3:30 **Networking break with sponsors and exhibitors** (*Main Foyer*)

INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3:30 – 4:15 **Unpacking Community Wildfire Protection Plans: From planning to process to putting them to use!**  
Emily Troisi, Director, Fire Adapted Communities Network / Community Navigators Initiative, The Watershed Research & Training Center

*Ventana*  
**Arizona Wildfire and Insurance Working Group**  
Frank Frievalt, Director, Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Institute, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Science Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA  
Neil Chapman, Wildland Fire Captain, Flagstaff Fire Department

*Canyon ABC*  
**Rethinking Firewise Materials for Non-Forested Ecosystems**  
Cole Brant, Southwest Fire Science Consortium and Arizona Wildfire Initiative on the Fire Ecology Learning Lab  
Catrin Edgeley, Assistant Professor of Natural Resource Sociology, School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University

4:20 – 5:00 **Protection Plans: From planning to process to putting them to use!**  
Emily Troisi

**Arizona Wildfire and Insurance Working Group**  
Frank Frievalt and Neil Chapman

**Rethinking Firewise Materials for Non-Forested Ecosystems**  
Cole Brant and Catrin Edgeley

5:00 – 6:30 **Evening Social and Exhibitor Networking** (*Main Foyer*)  
*Appetizers provided*

## Thursday | December 5 | 2024

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast (provided – Sabino room)

8:30 – 8:40 **Opening Remarks** (Pima/Madera)

8:40 – 9:00 **Introduction to the 2024 AZ WUI Summit Field Trip** (Pima/Madera)  
KP Maxwell, Wildland Coordinator, Tucson Fire Department

9:00 – 10:00

*Pima/Madera*

*Ventana*

*Canyon ABC*

### Track One: Data, Modeling and Tracking Systems to Support Implementation

Innovations around new models and tools that increase community engagement while measurably reducing wildfire risk – Jason Brooks

Coup D’oeil: Data Informed Decision Making  
Gabe Lavine and Tynan Heller

### Track Two: Showcasing Competitive Grants and Funded Projects

State Grants in Action: Inspiring Case Studies of Funded Projects  
Eva Depa and Don Pike

Navigating CWDG Success: Tucson Audubon Society’s Approach and State Guidance for the Next Round of Funding  
Jay Snowdon and Karl Gehrke

### Track Three: Case Studies of Work in the WUI Across Arizona

Prescribed Fire Case Study USFS

Santa Catalina Invasives Species Partnership: Panel Discussion  
Kim Franklin, Tony Figueroa, Hannah Lee, Christina Pearson, and John Goraj

10:00 – 11:00

11:00 – 11:15

**Networking break with sponsors and exhibitors** (Main Foyer)

11:15 – 12:15

Optimizing Landscape Strategy through Remote Sensing and Forestry Projects Tracking  
John Richardson, Wolfgang Grundberg, and Alex Spannuth

Tribal Lands – Collaborative WUI Treatments  
Melvin Hunter Jr., Raven Honga, and Ashton Lynch

Building a Firewise Community  
Sally Crum

12:30 – 4:30

**2024 Field Tour** (lunch provided – meet in the hotel lobby at 12:25)

## Friday | December 6 | 2024

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast (provided – Sabino room)

8:30 – 8:40 **Opening Remarks** (Pima/Madera)

8:40 – 9:00 **Final Day Messages** (Pima/Madera) – Holger Durre, Fire Chief, Prescott Fire Department

9:00 – 10:15 **Panel: Equity Driven Approaches to Wildfire Resilience** (Pima/Madera)  
Christina Greene, Research Scientist, Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS), Stephanie Miller, Emergency Preparedness Equity Educator, Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (AZSILC) and Vicki Cuscino, Center for Independent Living (CIL)

10:15 – 10:30 **Networking break with sponsors and exhibitors** (Main Foyer)

10:30 – 11:45 **Pre-fire Planning for Post-fire Recovery: Challenges and Opportunities** (Pima/Madera)  
Mick Lane, Program Manager, Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP), Carl Melford, Emergency Manager Member at Large, Gila County Division of Emergency Management Arizona Association of Emergency Managers, Rose Beaton, Post-Fire Recovery Program, Forest Resilience Division at Washington Department of Natural Resources and Nicholas Smith, Disaster Program Manager, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)

11:45 – 12:00 **Closing Remarks** (Pima/Madera)