



Assisting collaboration in forest and grassland restoration, conservation, and resource utilization — for the benefit of all

AGENDA
Montana Forest Collaboration Network
11th Annual Workshop
“Collaborative Pathways to Results”
November 5-6, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula Montana

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First Day, Thursday, November 5

Pre-Session, 10:00-12:00 – Group Leaders Meeting, Steve Daniels Facilitator

12:30 Welcome- **Jim Burchfield**, Moderator – workshop purpose, schedule, housekeeping

12:40 Introductions of participants- **Gordy Sanders**, MFCN Chair

1:00 Keynote Address: **Rachel Frost, MSU** “Absorbing Change and Poise for Action”

1:45 Audience Q&A to Keynote Speaker

2:00 **Steve Daniels**, Collaboration Consultant- “How We Process Change and Poise Local Collaboration for Results”

2:15 Breakout Session: “What has worked to get things done?” “What needs to be done differently?”

3:00 Break

3:25 Panel: “Field Unit Strategies and Working with Collaborative Groups”
Chloe Munden, Good Neighbor Authority Bureau Chief, MT DNRC
Ben Johnson, Forest Supervisor, Lolo NF
Anthony Botello, Forest Supervisor, Flathead NF
Erin Carey, BLM Missoula Field Office Manager.

4:30 Open discussion on participants’ experiences on navigating barriers to get things done

5:00 Social (No-host cash bar/appetizers)

Second Day, Friday, November 6

- 8:00 Re-cap of First Day
- 8:10 MFCN Update and Awards- **Steve Kimball**, MFCN Coordinator
- 8:20 Panel: "Local Government Engagement"
Debi Randolph, Broadwater County Commissioner
Dave Strohmeier, Missoula County Commissioner
Cory Chegus, Fire Chief/Fire Warden/ D.E.S Coordinator, Custer County
- 9:10 Open discussion on participants' experiences working with local government
- 9:30 Break
- 9:55 **Amity Bass**, Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 10:20 **Ali Ulwelling, Cassie Wandersee (DNRC)**-- MT Forest Action Plan;
State & Private Forestry
- 10:45 **Tony Incashola, Katie McDonald (CSKT)**—Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal
Forestry Partnerships
- 11:10 **Matt Arno**, Local Government Forest Advisor, DNRC, "Importance of Montana Forest
Products Industry and Collaborative Engagement"
- 11:35 **Steve Daniels** – Observations and opportunities
- 11:50 Re-cap and Closing Comments
- 12:00** Adjourn