



***Western States Land Commissioners Association  
2019 Summer Conference July 28 – August 1, 2019  
Whitefish, Montana***

## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

### ***Sunday, July 28th***

- 2:00 – 6:00           Registration – Conference Foyer
- 4:00 – 4:30           Executive Committee Meeting – Ramsey Room
- 
- 4:45 – 5:30           Opening Conference Session – all members welcome – Ramsey Room
- Resolutions Development
  - Association Organization Decisions
- 
- 6:00 – 8:00           Welcome Reception – Lakeside Pavilion
- Student Scholarship Participant Introductions
  - Association Reorganization – Logo Reveal
- 
- 8:00 – 11:00         Hospitality Room – Viking Lounge

### ***Monday, July 29th***

- 6:45 – 8:00           Breakfast Buffet – Stumptown Room
- 
- 8:00 – 11:00         General Session – Ramsey Room
- 
- 8:00 – 8:15           Host State Welcome – Shawn Thomas, MT Trust Lands Administrator
- 8:15 – 8:30           Welcome – Harry Birdwell, WSLCA President
- 8:30 – 9:30           Roll Call of the States – Aaron Vande Linde

#### **Break**

- 9:45 – 10:45         Roll Call of the States continues

#### **Break**

- 11:00 – 12:00        Washington D.C. Report  
Allen Freemyer, WSLCA Education and Outreach Coordinator
- 
- 12:00 – 1:30         Lunch with Keynote Speaker – Stumptown Room  
Innovating the Forest Products Industry in the Inland Northwest  
Marc Brinkmeyer, Chairman, Idaho Forest Group LLC

## Monday, July 29th (continued)

### Concurrent Sessions:

- 1:45 – 3:15 CLE MINERAL Focus: Brett L. Kvasnicka, Crowley Fleck Law  
Industry Trends in Oil & Gas Lease Terms – Ramsey Room
- 1:45 – 3:15 The Discipline of Strategic Doing – Table Guide/Knowledge Keeper Training  
Kathy Opp – K2OH Solutions – Stumptown Room  
[Preparation for launching 2019/20 Association strategic initiative teams]

### Break

- 3:30 – 5:00 Cultural and Paleontologic Resources on Montana School Trust Land  
Patrick Rennie – MT DNRC Archeologist – Ramsey Room
- 3:30 – 5:00 SURFACE Focus: Dr. Shannon Ferrell  
Industry Trends Impacting Alternative Energy Leases – Stumptown Room

### Dinner on your own

- 7:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room – Viking Lounge

## Tuesday, July 30th

- 6:45 – 8:00 Breakfast Buffet – Stumptown Room
- 8:00 – 10:30 WSLCA 2018/20 Strategy Sprint (4 teams) – Kathy Opp - Stumptown Room  
Launch Strategic Initiative Teams – All Members Encouraged to Attend

Help the association advance meaningful strategic initiatives by volunteering time and service to one of the WSLCA 2019/20 teams. Attendees at this session will quickly design a project to address the desired future condition area shown below. Attendees commit to a 1-hour monthly 30/30 meeting and donate 1-hour each month by taking on a task to advance the initiative.

1. How might we prepare our staffs to understand and incorporate into daily work best practices in leasing, contract development and real estate appraisal (**Surface Uses Education Program**)?
2. Imagine if we had advocates in every state in the nation sharing the trust lands story and supporting its enduring mission. What would that look like? (**Membership**)
3. How might we introduce the new association name and logo to ensure no one ever asks again what a blue square on a land ownership map means? (**Association Communication & Branding**)
4. What might it look like if the Winter 2020 WSLCA conference delivered a program that fulfills our most pressing technical professional education needs? (**Next Conference Content**)

## Tuesday, July 30th (continued)

### Break

- 10:45 – 11:45 Jim Hubbard, USDA Under Secretary - Ramsey Room
- 11:45 – 12:00 Land Use Planning, Reclamation and Productive Post-Mining Land Use  
Eric J. Mears, R.G., Vice President, Haley & Aldrich
- 12:15 - 1:15 Lunch Buffet – Networking Opportunity – Lakeside Pavilion

### Concurrent Sessions:

- 1:30 – 3:00 USDA's vision of Shared Stewardship and Good Neighbor Authority  
Panel Discussion - Ramsey Room  
[Session focus is oriented toward enhanced relationships and communications with Federal partners.]  
Panel Moderator – Shawn Thomas, Montana Trust Lands Administrator  
Panel Members:
- Sonya Germann, Montana State Forester - DNRC
  - Chip Weber, USFS Flathead National Forest Supervisor
  - Tom Schultz, Idaho Forest Group VP Government Affairs
  - Mark Peck, Lincoln County Commissioner
- 1:30 – 3:00 Outdoor Recreation Use Panel Discussion – Stumptown Room  
Panel Moderator – Ryan Weiss, Public Access Montana DNRC  
Panel Members:
- Michelle Anderson, Trust Lands Program Manager Montana DNRC
  - Rachel VandeVoort – MT Office of Outdoor Recreation
  - Lisa Nichols – onX Company
  - Paul McKenzie – F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company
  - Jay Sandelin – Great Northern Powder Guides
- 3:00 – 5:00 Free time
- 5:15 Buses leave for **Bar W** evening event
- 5:30 – 8:30 BBQ at the Bar W Ranch
- Guest Speaker - Lt. Governor, Mike Cooney
  - Roping and horse shoes
  - BBQ Dinner and Entertainment by Rob and Halladay Quist
- 9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room - Viking Lounge

## **Wednesday, July 31st**

6:45 – 8:00 Breakfast Buffet – Stumptown Room  
8:00 – 9:15 Sam Kavanagh - Leadership and Motivational Speaker  
Living without Limitations - Looking Beyond the Challenges to Realize  
Success – Ramsey Room

### **Break**

9:30 – 11:00 Raiders of the Lost Trust Panel Discussion – Ramsey Room  
Reflections on a Changing Demographic and Societal Values  
Panel Moderator: Keith Kuhlman, Assistant Secretary,  
Commissioners of the Land Office - Oklahoma  
Panel Members:

- Clive Strong – Conference of Western Attorneys General
- Kim Christy – Deputy Director, Utah School & Institutional Trust Lands
- Harry Birdwell – WSLCA President

### **Break**

### **Concurrent Sessions**

11:15 – 12:00 Montana’s Trust Lands Management System: Replacing a Data Management  
Highway, While Keeping the Users Moving – Ramsey Room  
Panel Moderator: Dan Rogers – MT Trust Lands Bureau Chief  
Panel Members:

- John Burns - Sitka Technology Group
- Emma Dixon – Sitka Technology Group

11:15 – 12:00 Final Meeting of Resolutions Committee – Viking Room

12:30 – 4:00 Box Lunch and Field Tour

- Challenges of Land Use Planning at the Old American Mill Site
- Olney, Montana- A Trust Land Owned Town
- Stillwater State Forest- The Intersection of Forest Management, Recreation and  
Wildlife Habitat
- Historical Stillwater State Forest Ranger Station and celebrating the recent  
13,000 acre Land Acquisition

4:30 - 6:00 Business Meeting – Viking Room

6:15 – 9:00 Social Hour and Banquet – Stumptown/Viking Rooms  
Dinner starting at 6:45, Entertainment: John Dunnigan

9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room – Viking Lounge

## **Thursday, August 1st**

6:30 – 8:30 Breakfast Buffet – Viking Room

**Conference Adjourned**