



**National Forest Recreation Association**  
**71st Annual Recreation Seminar & Conference**  
**February 23 – 26, 2021**  
**Online**

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**Tuesday : February 23**

**9:00 – 9:15**

**President's Message**

[Warren Meyer](#)

**President ~ National Forest Recreation Association**

Overview of 2020; highs & lows; changes in recreation trends; outlook for 2021

**9:15 – 9:45**

**Washington DC - Update & Forecast**

[Derrick Crandall](#)

**Counselor ~ National Park Hospitality Association**

Changes on the horizon with the new administration. Future of concessions.

**9:45 – 10:30**

**Insurance Crisis - Wildfire**

[Steven Williams](#)

**Executive Vice President ~ InterWest Insurance Services**

Current insurance crisis; potential solution; outlook for 2021.

**10:30 – 11:00**

**COVID Requirements in Insurance Policies**

[Dante' Bellino](#)

**Vice President/Executive Claims Consultant ~ InterWest Insurance**

Cal OSHA Requirements – What business owners need to know

**11:00 – 11:10**

**Break**

**11:10 – 12:00**

**Great American Outdoors Act - Funding for Projects**

[Jeffrey Vail](#)

**Director ~ Great American Outdoors Team**

Description of GAOA, and how the funds can be spent.

How and what is the LWCF aspect of the program

How can businesses, partners, and agency units get involved to submit proposals.



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**Wednesday : February 24**

- 8:50 – 9:00**      **Session Welcome**  
**Jennifer Roeser**  
**Vice President ~ National Forest Recreation Association**
- 9:00 – 9:30**      **News from the Washington Office**  
**Tracy Tophooven**  
**Assistant Director Recreation, Heritage & Volunteers**  
**~ Forest Service Washington Office**
- Overview from the Chief's Office; perspectives on Recreation and partnerships.
- 9:30 – 10: 20**      **Recreation Special Uses Updates**  
**Georgia Basso and Ben Johnson**  
**Recreation Special Uses Program Managers**  
**~ Forest Service Washington Office**
- New Directives; NEPA directives; Wildfire Insurance reprieve; Coming changes.
- 10:20 – 10:30**      **Vendor Presentation: L.W. Bristol Classics**  
**Barry Dutton**  
**Bristol, Tennessee**
- 10:30 – 11:15**      **Ranger of the Year Award**  
***Honoree:***  
**Michael Morse**  
**Wilderness & Trails Supervisor ~ Mammoth Ranger District, Inyo National Forest**  
**Co-Lead, Packstock Center of Excellence ~ Region 5**
- Presenters:***  
**Jennifer Roeser**  
**Vice President ~ National Forest Recreation Association**
- Randy Moore**  
**Regional Forester ~ Pacific Southwest Region**
- Lesley Yen**  
**Forest Supervisor ~ Inyo National Forest**
- 11:15 – 12:00**      **New NEPA Regulations – How they can help Permittees and the Forest Service**  
**Kevin Garden**  
**NFRA Washington Representative ~ Washington DC**
- Review of the new Forest Service NEPA regulations; what the changes mean for permittees, including how they may reduce costs and delays related to projects requiring NEPA analysis.



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**Thursday : February 25**

- 8:50 – 9:00**            **Session Welcome**  
[Steve Werner](#)  
**Director ~ National Forest Recreation Association**
- 9:00 – 10:00**            **Labor Law**  
[Brett Sutton and Jared Hague](#)  
**Attorneys ~ Sutton Hague Law Corporation**
- Employment law update – what you need to know
- 10:00 – 10:50**            **Valuing Your Business**  
[Pat Tabor](#)  
**Swan Group of Companies ~ Northwest Montana (retired)**
- What is your business worth? How do you determine its value?
- 10:50 – 11:00**            **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00**            **National Recreation Reservation Service – Updates and New Features**  
[Rick DeLappe](#)  
**National Recreation One Stop Program Manager**  
**~National Park Service; Denver, Colorado**
- [Will Healy](#)  
**Vice President ~ Booz / Allen / Hamilton**
- [Griffin Schireman](#)  
**National Recreation One Stop USFS Program Manager**  
**~ Forest Service; Lakewood, Colorado**
- [Susan Valente](#)  
**National Recreation One Stop USFS Program Manager**  
**~ Forest Service; Granby, Colorado**
- What's new with the NRRS for 2021? Lessons learned from 2020. Upcoming changes.



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**Friday : February 26**

**8:50 – 9:00**

**Session Welcome**

**Larry Knapp**

**Vice President ~ National Forest Recreation Association**

**Marily Reese**

**Executive Director ~ National Forest Recreation Association**

**9:00 – 9:45**

**Special Uses Training on the Granger-Thye Fee System (GT)**

**Michelle Salaz**

**Team Lead, Resource Audit Branch ~ Albuquerque Service Center**

**Alma Finnell and Gabriel Urioste**

**Auditors, Resource Audit & Assurance**

How does the GT Fee Offset work; Multi-year agreements; Proper Accounting; Carry-over

**9:45 – 10:30**

**Special Uses Training on the Graduated Rate Fee System (GRFS)**

**Michelle Salaz**

**Team Lead, Resource Audit Branch ~ Albuquerque Service Center**

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What is GRFS? What is GFA? What qualifies? Categories of sales; break even points; common errors; how to survive an audit.

**10:30 – 11:15**

**Outdoor Recreation Roundtable**

**Lindsey Davis**

**Vice President, Outdoor Recreation Roundtable ~ Washington DC**

Who is ORR?

Victories from last year

GAOA & LWCF Opportunities

How can we influence the decisions on projects?

How long is the authorization – then what?

**11:15 – 12:15**

**‘Contracting 101’ – How Businesses can become contractors with the Forest Service**

**Jason Brandt**

**Branch Chief**

**Procurement & Property Services (PPS)**

**Incident Procurement Operations (IPO)**

**Equipment & Services Branch (ESB)**

What is the VIPR IBPA program? How can a business qualify for contracts (GAOA contracts, fires, trail maintenance, campground services, and others).

What are ‘set-asides’ and other opportunities for minorities?