



**National Forest Recreation Association**  
**72nd Annual Recreation Seminar & Conference**  
**March 8-10, 2022**  
**Online via Zoom – Pacific Standard Time**

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**Tuesday : March 8**

**8:45 – 9:00**

**President's Message and Welcome**

**Warren Meyer**

**President ~ National Forest Recreation Association  
President, Vista Recreation**

**9:00 – 9:45**

**View from the Top – Forest Service Programs and New Directions**

**Chris French**

**Deputy Chief ~ National Forest System**

Priorities for the Forest Service Overall  
New Wildfire Strategy  
Implementation of Infrastructure Funding  
Vegetation Management Strategies

**9:45 – 10:30**

**Bipartisan Support for Outdoor Recreation Bodes Well for the Recreation Industry**

**Derrick Crandall**

**President, Outdoor Solutions USA**

Update on Recreation advances from coast to coast, including new trends, new users, new funding, and much more.

**10:30 – 11:15**

**Great American Outdoors Act : Implementation Update and What Lies Ahead**

**Jeff Vail**

**Director, Great American Outdoors Team**

Update on how projects are proceeding; opportunities for new proposals; and funding status  
LWCF Update: Infrastructure & Recreation projects

**11:15 – 12:15**

**Insurance Update : Changes in the Industry**

**Steven Williams**

**Executive Vice President ~ InterWest Insurance Services**

**Brian Seamans**

**Vice President ~ InterWest Insurance Services**

**Scott Pitman**

**Executive Risk Management ~ InterWest Insurance Services**

Overview of the status of Property and Liability Insurance, changes due to wildfires, and availability of coverage.



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**Wednesday : March 9**

- 8:15 – 8:30**                    **Session Welcome**  
**Jennifer Roeser**  
**Vice President ~ National Forest Recreation Association**  
**Permittee, and Inyo County Supervisor**
- 8:30 – 9:00**                    **Ranger of the Year Presentation**  
***Honoree:***  
**Bob Becker**  
**Recreation Specialist (Retired)**  
**Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit**
- Presenters:***  
**Warren Meyer**  
**President ~ National Forest Recreation Association**
- Daniel Cressy**  
**Public Services Staff Officer ~ Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit**
- 9:00 – 10:00**                    **News from the Washington Office Special Uses Program**  
**Ben Johnson**  
**National Recreation Special Uses Program Manager**
- What's Happening in Recreation Special Uses  
Overview of the Process of Selling a Business; steps involved; forms; FAD and timelines.  
Policy for issuance of a 30 year Term Special Use Permit. What's required and what does it take.  
How does the Consolidated Fee Payment work?
- 10:00 – 11:00**                    **Update on Labor Laws – Top 3 Key Issues**  
**Brett Sutton and Jared Hague**  
**Attorneys ~ Sutton Hague Law Corporation**
- Important changes in Labor Laws  
Biggest mistakes to avoid  
How to handle employees who receive tips
- 11:00 – 12:00**                    **Risk Management – An Operations Perspective**  
**Pat Tabor**  
**Managing Partner, Swan Mountain Consulting Group**
- Beyond Liability Waivers and Insurance – Best Practices Risk Management Procedures
- 12:00 – 12:30**                    **Buying an Existing Business – Lessons Learned on Getting a New Permit**  
**Warren Meyer**  
**President, Vista Recreation**
- Real life experience with getting the transaction, and the new permit, across the finish line.



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**Thursday : March 10**

**8:45 – 9:00**

**Session Welcome**

**Steve Werner**

**Board Member ~ National Forest Recreation Association  
President, American Land & Leisure**

**9:00 – 10:00**

**Legislation Updates; Covid Vaccine Requirements; Federal Minimum Wage Issues**

**Kevin Garden**

**NFRA Washington Representative ~ Washington DC**

Update on legislation in the pipeline

NFRA's testimony on the Recreation Package.

Update on Requirement for mandatory Covid vaccines.

Real-life issues with the Federal Minimum Wage requirement – e.g. outfitters with customers 24/7; impacts to camping fees and other rates.

**10:00 – 11:00**

**Graduated Rate Fee System – GRFS**

**Granger-Thye – Multi Year Agreements**

**John Hernandez**

**Branch Chief, Auditors ~ Albuquerque Service Center**

**Alma Finnell**

**Auditor ~ Resource Audit & Assurance**

**Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Bryant Noedel**

**Lead Auditor ~ Resource Audit & Assurance**

**Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center**

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**Gabriel Urioste**

**Auditor ~ Resource Audit & Assurance**

**Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

GRFS: What can be included? How are the break point calculations made? Categories

GT: How to set up a multi-year agreement



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**Recreation One-Stop - Recreation.gov – Updates and New Features**

**[Rick DeLappe](#)**

**Recreation One-Stop Program Manager**

**~ National Park Service; Denver, Colorado**

**[Griffin Schireman](#)**

**Recreation One-Stop USFS Program Manager**

**~ Forest Service; Lakewood, Colorado**

**[Susan Valente](#)**

**Recreation One-Stop USFS Program Manager**

**~ Forest Service; Granby, Colorado**

**[Kristi Bray](#)**

**Recreation One-Stop – Public Affairs Specialist**

**~ Forest Service; South Lake Tahoe, California**

New Products; Updates on Improvements; Covid and Wildfire Impacts to cancellations.

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