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### Videos Available from WFC's December 6 Virtual Gathering

[Check out videos](#) from our December 6 virtual gathering, where we **focused on Resolution #1: FOSTER workforce opportunities for all women through mentorship programs, professional development, scholarships, with a particular focus on reaching out to those who need help or are asking for assistance in any part of their journey.** Participants heard from Stephanie Fuller with Forest Workforce Training Institute and ForestryWorks, about how they are addressing workforce issues within the nation's forest industry.

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### What's Happening Across the WFC Community?

- Grew our community and network
    - **1434** email subscribers
    - **3088** [LinkedIn](#) followers
      - **323** [LI Networking Group](#) members
    - **631** [Facebook](#) followers
    - **1041** [Twitter](#) (aka X) followers
  - Collaborated on and lived out **10** different [resolutions](#)
  - Hosted **4** quarterly [virtual gatherings](#)
  - Hosted a virtual forest and nature immersion experience
  - Promoted the Women's Forest Congress at **5** forest sector events
    - 2023 SAF National Convention "Women In Natural Resources Meetup"
    - Port Blakely webinar "Investing in the Future of Forestry: Building a Thriving Workforce"
    - Colorado State University gathering of 40 women and allies
    - Michigan Society of American Foresters Spring Meeting gathering to consider future women-centered networking opportunities
    - UGA's Forest Landowner Conference women's luncheon
  - Elected **3** new [steering committee](#) members and **6** new [advisory council](#) members
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Your immediate support will ensure the continued success of the Women's Forest Congress movement. Throughout 2023, the Women's Forest Congress engaged and acted upon the [Declaration and 10 resolutions](#) from the October 2022 event. Specific activities included WFC strategic engagement and operations, ongoing communications and marketing, quarterly virtual gatherings, and supporting the volunteer-led Steering Committee, Advisory Council, and Working Groups, as well as the overall movement to position and learn from women as leaders in the forest community.

**Help us make 2024 a success. If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Congress, especially in this time of transition, check out our [sponsorship prospectus](#), [donate today](#), or [reach out to us](#).**

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## WFC Blog

[Read](#) about experiences at the Women in Natural Resources Meet-up, held at the 2023 SAF National Convention, where participants discussed "navigating career transitions." Also, learn about ways you can support planning for a similar event in 2024.

Be sure to check out our full suite of [WFC blogs](#). And if you're interested in being a guest blogger, please [let us know](#). We are particularly interested in individuals and organizations who can share how they live out the WFC Declaration's 10 resolutions, in part or in whole.

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## Fun Fact of the Month

This year's "People's Tree" at the U.S. Capitol was harvested from the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia. [Watch](#) the tree lighting ceremony and hear from essay contest winner, 4<sup>th</sup> grader Ethan Reese, as he shares his "favorite things to do in West Virginia's forests and public lands."

And #DYK, Society of American Foresters (SAF) will serve as the non-profit organization overseeing the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree initiative, starting in 2024. [Read](#) their press release announcing the new partnership with the USDA Forest Service and other forest sector partners.

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**THERE IS A NEED – ARGUABLY TODAY MORE THAN EVER – FOR DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES TO HELP ENSURE THE HEALTH AND FUTURE OF FORESTS.**

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