



## Women's Forest Congress UPDATE

July 2024

### Video Recordings Available from June Lunch & Learn

[Watch](#) the recording from WFC's June 25 Lunch & Learn, where we explored the intersection of forest conservation and technology. Our expert panelists shared their insights on career paths, best practices, opportunities, and challenges in leveraging technology for forest conservation, sustainable forest management, and restoration.

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

As with any grassroots movement, relationship building and community are critical to success. WFC is no different. We are grateful for our entire community and network. Here's where you'll find WFC "on the road".

- WFC Networking Opportunity at 2024 SAF National Convention

Join us for the Women in Natural Resources Meet-up at the [2024 SAF National Convention](#), in Loveland, CO, to network with other professionals and inspire ideas for local action. During this meetup, we'll feature the WFC Resolution #2 - BROADEN recruiting practices to include wider networks, and build a pipeline of talent by connecting with and showcasing forests and the forest and forest products sector to youth and students, creating job shadowing and internship opportunities, etc. If you're attending, be sure to join us on Thursday, September 19 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. We're also looking for volunteers interested in ensuring the meetup is a success. If you'd like to be involved in the meetup planning, please [reach out to us](#).

- 2nd Annual Women's Forest Congress Session at CSU, April 2024



CSU student organizations gathered in April to celebrate women and minoritized genders in natural resource professions such as forestry, wildlife, conservation, and outdoor recreation. Minoritized Genders in Natural Resources, the Women's Outdoor Leadership Initiative, The Alpha Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, and the Student Association for Fire Ecology all participated in the event. About 50 students and professionals attended different portions of the evening.

Students enjoyed networking BINGO with professionals, food together, and a panel discussion. Our fabulous panel speakers: Erika Lee (she/her), MS Candidate, Watershed Science, ESS, and an active American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) instructor; Katelynn Martinez (she/her), Director of Operations & Business Dev., OneCanopy (seedling tree nursery); Naomi J. Marcus, M.Ed. (she/her), Director of Professional Development, Society of American Foresters. We are also grateful to local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff for attending the event and including a write-up in their organizational news. Additionally, the [Collegian did a nice article about the event](#). Watch for our WFC gathering at the SAF National Convention!

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## WFC Blog

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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## WFC Needs Your Support

Your financial support is needed and critical to continue the momentum throughout 2024. 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.

If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Congress, check out our [sponsorship prospectus](#), or [reach out](#) to us.

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