



Women's Forest Congress UPDATE

August 2025

Register Today for WFC's September Virtual Gathering

[Register to join us](#) on September 9, 1:00-2:00pm ET (12:00-1:00pm CT; 11:00am-12:00pm MT; 10:00-11:00am PT) for the next Women's Forest Congress virtual gathering, entitled "Self Advocacy: Articulating Values and Value Proposition." We'll explore with Jena Thompson, Chief Executive Officer with Ocelot Company, how we articulate what we want and need, and what we do best.

Our speaker, [Jena Thompson](#), is a leadership and career coach, storyteller, and environmental leader committed to making the world a better place for wildlife and people. After nearly 20 years on the road pioneering impact campaigns for global companies, she's now working to create a more sustainable version of herself. Jena is Chief Executive Officer of [Ocelot Company](#), helping environmental and social impact leaders rethink what it means to lead.

Be sure to [check out our latest blog post](#), authored by Jena Thompson, where she dives a bit more into this topic. You'll want to read this before joining us on September 9.

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WFC At 9th American Forest Congress



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The Steering Committee of the Women's Forest Congress (aka the 8th American Forest Congress) applauds the outcomes and celebrates the leadership of the 9th American Forest Congress. Held from July 15-18, 2025 in Washington, D.C., the final [Principles and Resolutions of the 9th American Forest Congress](#) reflect the shared values we hold for our forests and amplify our [WFC Declaration](#) made in 2022.

The WFC was represented on the stage by Tia Beavert, current Steering Committee member and Tribal Forest Manager, Yakama Nation Tribal Forestry, and Kathryn Fernholz, past Steering Committee member and President of Dovetail Partners. Additional WFC Steering Committee members in attendance were Amy Doty, Daphne Yin, and Caitlyn Pollihan. Rebecca Turner, current Steering Committee member and Chief Policy and Partnerships Officer at American Forests, had a key role as host and convenor for the event. WFC hosted a social gathering, bringing new and existing partners together for a time of networking and connection.

Be on the lookout for a future WFC blog, sharing more insights and key takeaways from the 9th American Forest Congress.

WFC Blog - "Now is the Time for a Coalition"

The WFC Steering Committee recently [launched an invitation](#) to form a coalition of groups supporting women in environmental, natural resources, forestry, and related fields. This action is incorporated into the [WFC's strategic plan and governance](#) as part of the strategic goal to *Implement the WFC Declaration and Call to Action*.

We invite organizational leaders to connect with us in the spirit of shared purpose. Our goal is to collaborate and build a community around identified mutual needs and interests. We invite your feedback, ideas, recommendations, etc. to info@womensforestcongress.org.

Outcomes from June 2025 WFC Virtual Workshop

Earlier this year, the *Canopy & Ember: Indigenous Women in Forestry and Wildland Fire* planning team, in coordination with the Women's Forest Congress, held the "Advancing Women's Leadership in Forestry and Fire Management - A Tribal Perspective" workshop. This workshop built on the strong interest and need for supporting women in the field of tribal forestry, following the 47th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium in 2024. It was there that the inaugural Native Women & Allies in Forestry Luncheon created space for Native women within the sector to engage in discussions and connect with each other.

[Learn more](#) about the workshop by reading the article "Canopy & Ember: Indigenous Women in Forestry and Wildland Fire Advancing Women Leaders." Finally, take a few minutes to [watch Carly Quisenberry's presentation](#) from the event.

What's Happening in the WFC Community?

Minoritized Genders in Natural Resources (MGNR), a student organization at Colorado State University, hosted their annual Minoritized Genders' Natural Resources Congress on April 16th, 2025, boasting over 70 attendees. MGNR's mission is to create a safe space within Warner College of Natural Resources at CSU where everyone is welcome. MGNR and this event were originally inspired by the national movement of the [Women's Forest Congress](#). This event brought together CSU students and local professionals to network, connect over shared identities, and learn more about what it means to be a minoritized gender in a natural resource field. A minoritized gender is any gender that's been historically marginalized or underrepresented in society, like women, nonbinary, or trans people. Students had the opportunity to connect with over 20 organizations that partnered with MGNR for this event. Then students and professionals gathered to hear from Parker McMullen Bushman, a trailblazer in the conservation and environmental movements.



Photo of MGNR volunteers, officers, and advisers.



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