



Women's Forest Congress UPDATE

September 2025

Apply to Serve on the WFC Steering Committee!

Women's Forest Congress is inviting [applications](#) for open seats on the Steering Committee! The [Steering Committee](#) is made up of a diverse group of women who provide insight, leadership, and lend their collective experience and expertise to ensure the Women's Forest Congress continues to be a space where all women can be heard, to listen, and to act for the benefit of forests. Members lend specialized expertise and advise, serve as an independent sounding board, and support and contribute to identified needs and roles, such as fundraising, communications, events, strategic planning, and operational governance, based on a member's interest and expertise. Additional information about Steering Committee member responsibilities is available [here](#). The time commitment is estimated at 3-5 hours a month.

Anyone is welcome to apply. Applications are due October 31st, , and individuals will be notified of selection in late November. The online application form is available [here](#).

With any questions, please email Eliza Meyer at eliza@dovetailinc.org.

Call for December Lunch and Learn Speakers

The Women's Forest Congress is seeking applications for speakers to join us for our Q4 2025 virtual Lunch & Learn. On December 9, 2025, we'll highlight women-led research projects and activities impacting the forest and conservation sectors. Selected speakers will present, in a "lightning talk" format, their research to the Women's Forest Congress community. Following presentations, we will move into breakout room discussions to dive deeper into the presented topics. Individuals can nominate themselves or a colleague to present their research, during this 90-minute WFC Virtual Lunch & Learn.

Submissions are due by 5:00 pm Pacific Time, Friday, October 3, 2025.

[Click here](#) to learn more and nominate yourself or someone else.

What's Happening in the WFC Community?

SAF National Convention Women in Natural Resources Meetup

October 24, 4:00-5:30pm

Join a community of women in forestry and natural resources at the Women in

Natural Resources Meetup! Hosted by the Women's Forest Congress, this networking and educational event will provide you with the tools needed for better engagement in the profession.

Growing Together: Women, Forests, and a Sustainable Future

October 10-11, 2025

The Women's Forest Congress will be featured at upcoming international conference "Growing Together: Women, Forests, and a Sustainable Future" for a discussion on "The Power of Working Together". Katie Fernholz will provide remarks on behalf of the WFC, our work to date, and our [coalition building invitation](#).



New Blog: From One Congress to Another, Congratulations!

The Steering Committee of the Women's Forest Congress (aka the 8th American Forest Congress) [applauds](#) the outcomes and 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. Read more about our reflections and takeaways [here](#).

WFC Change Management Project

[Elaina Zachos](#) is a nonprofit consultant and an MBA candidate at Bard College's Graduate Programs in Sustainability. This fall, she is working with the Women's Forest Congress to support its coalition-building efforts through her change management course. Over the next few months, she will collaborate with the Steering Committee to apply the organization's Theory of Change and identify how to effectively engage stakeholders. She is excited to be a part of WFC's important work to create community and cultivate change. Before her current role as a grant writer and communications strategist, Elaina was a wildland firefighter, a disaster response specialist, and a science journalist. She will graduate in spring 2026 and currently lives in Connecticut with her dog Eleanor, who loves to make guest appearances on Zoom calls.



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