

National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA)

2026 Annual Meeting

Dates: March 10–12, 2026

Location: Peppermill Resort, Reno, Nevada

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Morning

- **8:30 – 9:00 AM**
NWSA Training Committee Meeting
Sorrento 1
 - **9:00 – 10:00 AM**
NWSA Board Meeting
Sorrento 2
 - **9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**
NWSA Trainers Session
Naples 6 & 7
 - **9:00 – 9:30 AM**
Trainer Session Registration
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Afternoon

- **1:00 PM**
Registration Desk Opens

- **1:30– 5:00 PM**
NWSA Membership Meeting (Closed for NWSA Members Only)
Naples 6 & 7
 - **2:00 PM – 3:00 PM** – Business Meeting
 - Board Voting
 - Financial Report
 - Annual Activity Updates

 - **3:00 PM – 3:45 PM**
 - Chief Brian Fennessy, US Wildland Fire Service DOI
 - Meet & Greet (Confirmed)
 - James Gallagher, California State Assemblyman, District 3(Confirmed)

 - Rep. Celeste Maloy, Chairwoman, Congressional Western Caucus

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- **3:45 – 5:00 PM** – Resource Group Pre-Meetings

Resource Group	Location
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Base Camp	
Contractor (Tents, Office Trailers, Lighting, and Power Distribution)	Sorrento 2
Water Handling	Naples 6 & 7
EMS Resources	Sorrento 1
Misc. Resources	Capri 1

Evening

- **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
Optional Early Vendor Setup
Naples 1–5
 - Fundraising Reception – Minimum Donation per person to attend (Sierra Suite)
 - Details to be announced via email
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Wednesday, March 11, 2026

General Session, Vendor Show & Resource Meetings

Membership Meeting – Naples 6 & 7

- **8:00 – 8:10 AM**
Welcome & Opening Remarks
Jess Wills, NWSA President

 - **8:10 – 8:45 AM**
Keynote Address

Sarah Fisher, USFS Fire & Aviation Director (Tentative) **VIA ZOOM**
A.J. Bethas, USFS Deputy Director of Budget, Planning & Workforce Development (Confirmed)

 - **8:55 – 9:30 AM**
U.S. Forest Service – Fire & Aviation Management Program
 - *Invited Speakers Include:*
 - Bradley Siemens – Assistant Director, Partnerships & Business Management
 - Jessica Johnson – Branch Chief, National Contract Program Management
 - Jill Leguineche – Contract Operations Specialist
 - **9:30 – 10:00 AM Break**

 - **10:00 AM Ballots Due**

 - **10:00 – 11:00 AM**

National USFS Property & Procurement Session Naples 6 & 7
 - Jeff Gardner – Branch Chief, Equipment & Services Branch, IPO
 - Kim Luft – Branch Chief, At-Incident Management Support Branch (AIMS), IPO

 - **11:00– 11:30 AM** – James Huston, Deputy Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor (Confirmed)
 - **11:30 – 1:00 PM**
Lunch (On Your Own)
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Vendor Show – Naples 1–5

- **8:30 AM – 7:30 PM**

Afternoon Agenda

- **1:00 PM – 1:30 PM** *Naples 6 & 7*
Safe Separation Distance Presentation Via Zoom Presentation **VIA ZOOM**
Dan Jimenez – Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory (Confirmed)
- **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** *Naples 6 & 7*
Firefighter Safety, Health & Risk Management
Tim Sampson – Deputy Chief, WDNR (Confirmed)
- **2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Break**
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

State Fire Agency Panel

- Kyle Williams – Chief, Oregon Department of Forestry (Invited)
- Tim Sampson – Deputy Chief, Fire Division, Washington DNR (Confirmed)
- Mike Burri – WDNR Wildland Fire Management Department, Operations Specialist
- Travis Medema – Chief Deputy, Oregon State Fire Marshal (Invited)
- Mariah Rawlings – Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office (Invited)
- **4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**
 - Fire Weather Presentation – Gary Bennett - Meteorologist

Evening

- **5:00 – 7:00 PM**
Vendor Welcome Reception
Naples 1-5
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Thursday, March 12, 2026

See additional Agenda for this day

Wildfire Resource Specific Area Pre Season Meetings

Evening Events

- **5:30 – 6:30 PM**
Happy Hour (No-Host)
 - **6:30 – 7:30 PM**
Dinner
 - **7:30 – 9:00 PM**
Benefit Auction
50% of proceeds benefit the Wildland Firefighter Foundation
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