

# National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA)

## 2026 Annual Meeting

**Dates:** March 10–12, 2026

**Location:** Peppermill Resort, Reno, Nevada

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## 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*
  - **1:30 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 Director
      - Meet & Greet
    - James Gallagher, California State Assemblyman, District 3
  
    - Rep. Celeste Maloy, Chair, Congressional Western Caucus

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

<b>Resource Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
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Base Camp	
Contractor (Tents, Office Trailers, Lighting, and Power Distribution)	Sorrento 2
Water Handling	Naples 6 & 7
EMS Resources	Sorrento 4
Misc. Resources	Capri 1

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### Evening

- **4:00 – 5:00 PM**  
**Optional Early Vendor Setup**  
*Naples 1–5*
  - **NWSA Hosted Fundraiser**  
James Gallagher, Candidate for Congress CA District 1 (Must have registered for this and donated)
    - o Sierra Suite 1748
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# Wednesday, March 11, 2026

## *General Session, Vendor Show & Resource Meetings*

### Membership Meeting – Naples 6 & 7

- **8:00 – 8:20 AM**  
**Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
Jess Wills, NWSA President
  - **8:20 - 8:30 am Recognition Awards & Announcements**
  - **8:30 - 8:45 am Keynote Speaker**
    - **Anthony Bethas, - Deputy Director**
  - **8:45 – 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

- **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** *Naples 6 & 7*

### **Firefighter Safety, Health & Risk Management**

Tim Sampson – Deputy Chief, WDNR

- **2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Break**

- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

### **State Fire Agency Panel**

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

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## Evening

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

See Agenda for the Wildland Area Specific Pre-Season Meetings

## NWSA Member Orientation

- 1:00 - 2:30 pm - Sorrento 1 & 2

## Evening Events - Naples 1-5

- 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*