



WELCOME TO THE 2023 COLORADO FOREST COLLABORATIVES SUMMIT

Field Trip | Friday, September 8, 2023 | Agenda

8:00 – 8:20am | Meet up & introduction

Meeting location: Hampton Inn & Suites, 783 E. Rainbow Blvd, Salida, CO

- Matt Nykiel, National Forest Foundation

8:20 – 8:45am | Drive to Poncha Pass

8:45 – 10:00am | Poncha Pass Project

The Poncha Pass project collaboratively works to reduce wildfire risk around important powerlines, and to address forest health concerns. In addition to seeing how the project looks on the ground, we'll learn about the contextual factors leading to the Poncha Pass project, where it fits into the broader Methodist Front landscape, and how partners came together to get the work done.

- **Speakers:** JT Shaver & Damon Lange, Colorado State Forest Service

10:00 – 11:00 | Drive to Riverside project

11:30 – 12:00 | Picnic lunch (provided)

12:00 – 1:30 | Riverside Project

The Riverside Forest Restoration Project spans five private properties and an adjacent parcel of Bureau of Land Management land. Riverside aims to restore forest and wildlife habitat conditions to those that historically occurred within the project area, which is classified as severe winter range and a critically important migration corridor for elk, mule deer, moose, and pronghorn. The project takes a multi-objective, natural disturbance-based silvicultural approach to forest management that ensures the re-introduction of forest complexity and spatial heterogeneity, an improvement of wildlife habitat, a reduction in the risk of catastrophic wildfire, improved forest resilience, and enhanced hydrologic function in upland forest habitat.

- **Speakers:** Kyle Deschenes & Rob Fenwick, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

1:30 – 2:30 | Return to Hampton Inn & Suites

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