

OCTOBER 01 - 02 | GRAND MOUND, WA WITH HYBRID OPTION

Protect. Connect. Restore. Pathways to Resilient Biodiversity and Equitable Landscapes.

*Hybrid option available for Day 1
*Agenda is subject to change

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8:00AM Coffee, Meet & Greet

8:30AM Welcome to WildLinks

8:40AM Keynote Speaker: Nova Simpson

9:20AM Connectivity History WA

9:30AM Intro: Washington Habitat Connectivity Action Plan

9:45AM Intro: Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group

10:00AM BREAK

10:25AM Panel: Shared Learnings on Connectivity & Audience Q&A

Nova Simpson, NDOT

Kylie Paul, CLLC

Julia Kintsch, ECO Resolutions

Jeremy Romero, NWF

Nic Callero, PEW

Logan Christian, NCEL

12:00PM **Group Picture & Lunch**

1:00PM Tribal Lands, Indigenous-led Stewardship, FPIC, Tribal Engagement (Speakers TBD)

3:00PM BREAK

3:30PM Tribal Lands, Indigenous-led Stewardship, FPIC, Tribal Engagement (TBD)

4:30PM Wrap Up Day One

8:00AM Coffee, Meet & Greet

8:30AM Paths to Success: About Today's Agenda & Work

9:00AM Potential Group Work Sessions: Feasibility Needs

Technical, Science, Research

 Communications, Education, Outreach

Policy, Advocacy

Funding

FPIC & Tribal Engagement

10:00AM BREAK (Switch Groups)

10:30AM Potential Group Work Sessions: Feasibility Needs

11:00AM Summary

12:00PM LUNCH

1:00PM Potential Group Work Sessions: Implementation Avenues

- Transportation Infrastructure
- Public Lands & Habitat
- Private Lands/Voluntary Incentives
- Land Use Planning
- Tribal Lands
- Indigenous-led Stewardship

2:00PM BREAK (Switch Groups)

2:30PM Potential Group Work Sessions: Implementation Avenues

3:30PM **Summary**

4:00PM Wrap-up & Adjourn

Keynote Speaker: Nova Simpson, NDOT

Nova Simpson supports the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) as the Wildlife Crossing Program Manager. Specializing in animal behavior and transportation ecology for more than 20 years, she has helped NDOT integrate wildlife-friendly infrastructure into its research, planning, and design processes with the goal of improving connectivity and safety for all users. Nova also works part-time for ARC Solutions as a Connectivity Project Advisor on her weekends. Her roles at both NDOT and ARC Solutions place significant emphasis on public outreach and education, and her outgoing personality has helped establish meaningful and long-term partnerships.