



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

Theme: Pathways to Resilient Biodiversity and Equitable Landscapes.

Objectives:

- Celebrate the Washington Habitat Connectivity Action Plan.
- Renew collective commitment to ecological connectivity work via the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group.
- Establish collaborative action around "Paths to Success" strategies and feasibility needs.
- Build political and funding support.
- Mainstream connectivity conservation practice.

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

DAY 01

7:30AM **Registration & Welcome Breakfast**
8:30AM **Welcome to WildLinks**
8:40AM **Keynote Speaker: Nova Simpson**
9:20AM **Connectivity History in WA**
9:30AM **Intro: Washington Habitat Connectivity Action Plan**
9:50AM **Intro: Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group**
10:00AM **BREAK**
10:30AM **Tribal Lands, Indigenous-led Stewardship, FPIC, Tribal Engagement**

- **Brinn Marri, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation**
- **Kim Sager-Fradkin, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe**
- **Patrick Freeland, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians**

12:00PM **Group Picture & Lunch**
1:00PM **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**

3:00PM **BREAK**
3:30PM **Day One: Audience Q&A**
4:30PM **Wrap Up Day One**
5:00PM **Happy Hour**

DAY 02

7:30AM **Registration & Welcome Breakfast**
8:30AM **Championing Connectivity**

- **Margen Carlsen, WDFW**
- **Ahmer Nizam, WSDOT**

8:40AM **Paths to Success: About Today's Agenda & Work**
9:00AM **Breakout Group Work Sessions: Feasibility Needs**

- **Technical, Science, Research**
- **Communications, Education, Outreach**
- **Policy, Advocacy**
- **FPIC & Tribal Engagement**

10:15AM **BREAK (Switch Groups)**
10:45AM **Breakout Group Work Sessions: Feasibility Needs**

12:00PM **LUNCH**
1:00PM **Breakout Group Work Sessions: Implementation Avenues**

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

2:15PM **BREAK (Switch Groups)**
2:45PM **Breakout Group Work Sessions: Implementation Avenues**
4:15PM **Key Takeaways**
4:30PM **Next Steps & Commitments**
5:00PM **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.