



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.

Tribal Guest Speakers

Tribal Guest Speaker: Brinn Marri

Brinn Marri (she/her) is the new Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. She grew up in Grand Mound and has lived within the Grand Mound to Tumwater area for most of her life. She holds a Bachelor's degree in History and Archaeology from Western Washington University and a Master's degree in Archaeological Heritage from the University of Washington. She has spent the last 4 years working in archaeological fieldwork and artifact archives and has now stepped into the THPO role with the Chehalis Tribe. Brinn's academic research has mainly focused on public education and outreach in archaeology and effective strategies for sharing archaeological information and access to artifacts, as well as archaeological resource protection law and strategies for minimizing looting/damage. In her free time, she spends time on her family's farm, knits and crochets, and plays with her Australian Cattle Dog.

Tribal Guest Speaker: Kim Sager-Fradkin

Kim Sager-Fradkin is the Wildlife Program Manager for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Port Angeles, WA. Kim's research involves two primary tracks: 1) monitoring wildlife response to removal of the Elwha dams; and 2) monitoring wildlife species that are important for tribal subsistence harvest (deer and elk), as well as their predators. In that capacity, she co-leads the Olympic Cougar Project, a large collaborative cougar research endeavor focused on understanding this elusive species and improving habitat connectivity in an increasingly human-dominated landscape. Kim has also participated in research on the Elwha River for over 20 years.

Panelists

Panelist: Kylie Paul

Kylie tackles issues surrounding wildlife habitat connectivity and transportation ecology at the Center for Large Landscape Conservation. Through strategic collaboration, coordination, and expertise, she advances wildlife friendly transportation and connectivity projects, programs, and policies at federal, state, and local scales. She has worked in transportation ecology and wildlife conservation for 20 years and uses her extensive experience in nonprofit conservation, local government, wildlife research, and private business sectors to enrich her work. She has authored recent national reports including: "Land Trusts and Wildlife Crossing Structures: A Toolkit Detailing How Land Trusts Can Contribute to Highway Infrastructure Projects for Wildlife" and "Integrating Wildlife Habitat Connectivity into Local Government Planning: Examples, Recommendations, and Resources for U.S. Towns and Counties." Kylie lives in Montana.

Panelist: Julia Kintsch

Julia is the founder of ECO-resolutions, one of North America's leading consultancies specializing in transportation ecology. She works at the intersection of the human and natural environments to address the effects of infrastructure on wildlife connectivity. Her work is motivated by the goal of promoting sustainable human-wildlife coexistence in shared landscapes through the co-production of practical conservation strategies with agencies, Tribes, NGOs, and other partners.

Panelist: Nicholas Callero

Nic Callero is based in Portland, Oregon, and works with The Pew Charitable Trusts' U.S. Conservation Program. He brings 20 years of experience as an organizer and policy expert, specializing in wildlife connectivity and public lands management issues. As a policy expert for The Pew Charitable Trusts, Nic Callero works with elected officials, state wildlife agencies, Tribes, and other stakeholders throughout the Western United States to enact state and federal policies that connect wildlife habitat and protect biodiversity for animals such as elk, mule deer, and pronghorn. He has designed and shepherded nearly a dozen pieces of state legislation regarding wildlife corridors and crossings, while also leading Pew's engagement in numerous federal management plans in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Utah. Before joining Pew, Callero spent a decade as a sportsman organizer with the National Wildlife Federation leading delegations of hunters and anglers to Washington DC to advocate for conservation issues important to sportsmen and women. Nic currently sits on the board of Oregon Backcountry Hunters & Anglers as well as the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's Access & Habitat Program.

Panelist: Logan Christian

Logan Christian is based in Salt Lake City, Utah. He serves as the Wildlife and Habitat Specialist for the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, a non-partisan network of over 1200 state legislators working on environmental policy issues in all fifty states. Logan tracks environmental legislation trends and supports legislators working on a variety of issues including wildlife corridors and crossings, state wildlife agency governance and funding, endangered species, wildlife disease, wildlife trafficking, human-wildlife coexistence, water conservation, and wildfire management. Logan holds a M.S. in Environmental Policy and Planning from the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability.