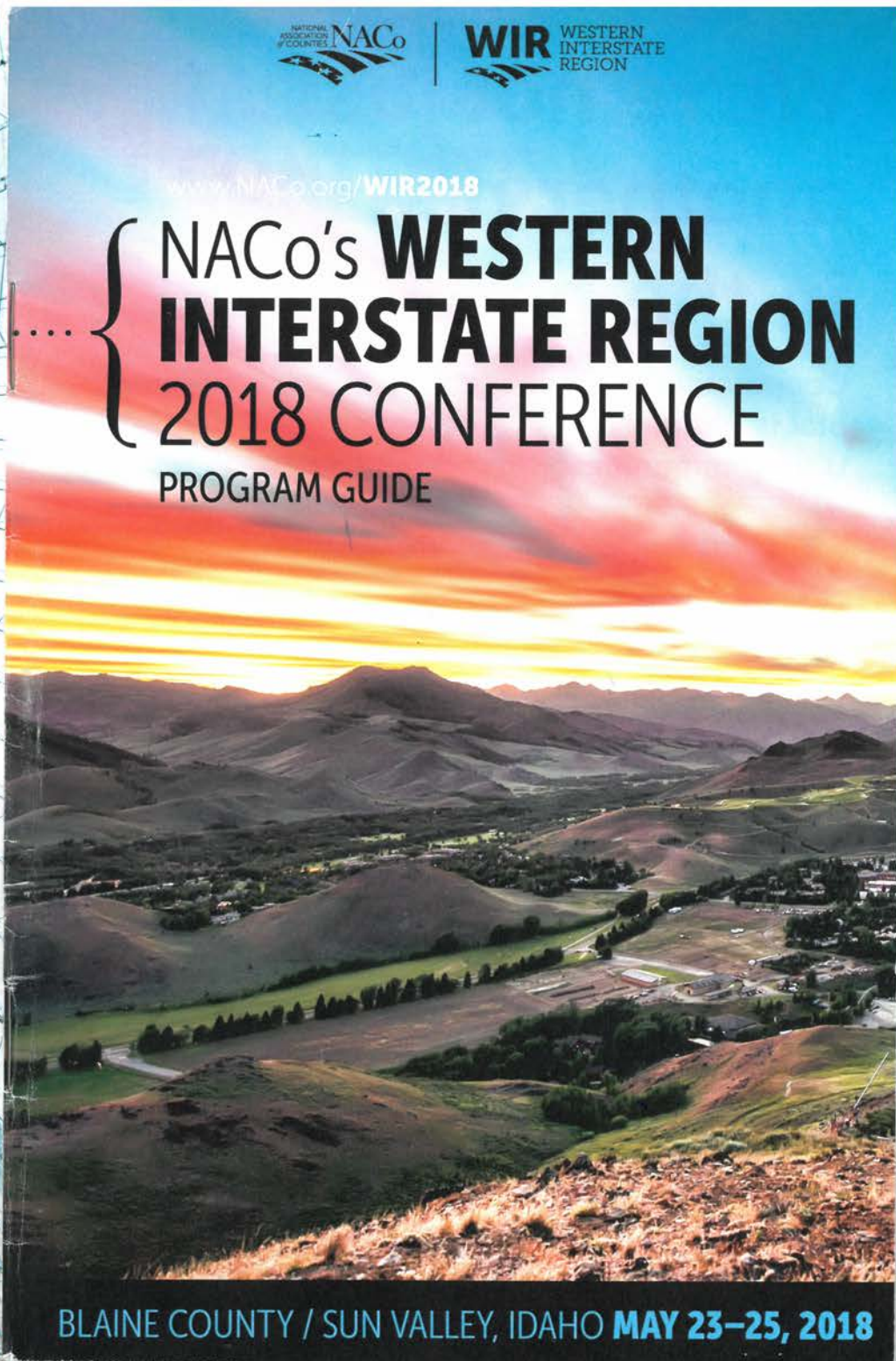


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ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

WELCOME TO NACo's 2018 WIR CONFERENCE!

We hope you enjoy all the events that have been planned.

Since 1978, the Western Interstate Region has worked within NACo to promote the interests of western counties, sustain the western quality of life and advocate on critical community stability, public lands and economic development issues facing WIR's fifteen member states.

The issues facing western counties today are as diverse as the West itself. We have planned a series of great workshops on a broad array of topics including addressing behavioral health issues in county justice systems, sharing essential county services, financing for affordable housing: solutions for rural and urban counties, best practices in communicating with residents during a disaster, and federal lands planning.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the many resources offered at the 2018 WIR Conference. I look forward to working together with you to address the many challenges and opportunities facing America's western counties

Sincerely,

Commissioner Joel Bousman
President, Western Interstate Region of NACo



WIR2018

WELCOME TO IDAHO

We could not be more excited to spend the next three days creating new connections and engaging in thoughtful discussions with you. We hope this year's programming and networking will provide a measure of inspiration and will speak to your hearts as well as your intellect.

The educational component of this year's conference is second to none. This year's agenda was designed to reinforce WIR's mission to be the counties' advocate for diverse public policy issues affecting the West. These sessions provide opportunities for deep dives into topics to help you become a more informed public official.

During your visit, we encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities our vibrant and authentic county has to offer. From mountain biking to hiking to fly fishing to golfing, there isn't a time you won't want to be enjoying our many outdoor recreation activities. For a less strenuous adventure, explore the rich cultural landscape of fine art, music, food and shopping you will find here.

We look forward to sharing our hospitality and hope that you enjoy the conference events and the highlights of Blaine County. We couldn't have put together such an amazing conference without the support of our fellow Idaho counties, NACo and sponsors. Enjoy visiting our neck of the woods!

Sincerely,

Blaine County & The Idaho Association of Counties



GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

The conference registration desk is located in the Limelight Promenade area of the Sun Valley Inn and will be open during the following hours:

Tuesday / 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday / 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday / 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Friday / 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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All conference attendees must register and wear their badges at all times to gain admission to official conference sessions and social events. Lanyards are color coded according to attendee type as follows:

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ABOUT WIR

The Western Interstate Region (WIR) serves as the county advocate for public policy issues affecting the West.

WIR is affiliated with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and is dedicated to the promotion of western interests within NACo. These interests include public lands issues (including use and conservation), community stability and economic development and the promotion of the traditional western way of life.

Its membership consists of the state associations of counties in fifteen western states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

WIR is dedicated to promoting a clearer understanding of challenges facing county officials of the fifteen western states and serves as a valuable resource for exchanging information about western county governments for NACo, Congress, the administration and to all county officials.

The WIR Board has established the following goals:

- Promote responsible land management in the West
- Pursue equitable payment for county expenses associated with public lands not subject to tax
- Sustain the western quality of life
- Promote county officials as conveners



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GOVERNING

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Mobile Workshops will depart from the Baldy Bus Loop – just to the right as you exit Sun Valley Lodge from the main lobby. Arrive 10 minutes prior to tour departure to allow time to board the buses.

Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and dress appropriately for outdoor conditions. Lunch will be provided on both tours. Please note that there is a 1.5 hour drive each way – all participants must ride the bus.

Pre-Registration was required for all workshops and space is sold out.

8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

MOBILE WORKSHOP: EXPLORE THE NEXT FRONTIERS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AT THE IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

Idaho National Laboratory (INL) serves as the nation's command center for advanced nuclear energy research, development, demonstration and deployment. It is home to the unparalleled Advanced Test Reactor and related post-irradiation examination, fuel fabrication and materials testing and development facilities. INL and its more than 4,200 scientists, engineers and support personnel leverage these and numerous other remarkable assets to build on the potential and promise of the theoretical for real world benefit. The tour will visit two primary facilities—the Advanced Test Reactor Complex and the Materials and Fuels Complex—and includes a scenic stopover at the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

All participants must bring a photo ID. No open-toed or open-heeled shoes are allowed. No skirts or shorts; long pants that cover the entire leg and ankle must be worn.

9:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

MOBILE WORKSHOP: CONVERTING LOCAL ASSETS TO ECONOMIC ENGINES—WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN AN ADAPTIVE ECONOMY

Workforce development is among the most important components to a successful economic development strategy. Another is collaboration and long-term cooperative efforts among key stakeholders. Few places can demonstrate this better than the Magic Valley Region of South Central Idaho, which, with its 400,000-plus acres of irrigated

agriculture as a base, has become a food manufacturing hub and received a coveted federal designation of Food Manufacturing Community. The mobile workshop will tour the College of Southern Idaho's Applied Technology Innovation Center and Clif Bar Baking Company and include a scenic stopover at Shoshone Falls.

3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION OPEN

Limelight Promenade, Sun Valley Inn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Steering Committee and Board meetings are open meetings (unless otherwise indicated) and all are welcome to attend.

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.

PUBLIC LANDS TRUST FUND TRUSTEES MEETING (INVITATION ONLY)

Camas Room, Sun Valley Inn

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION & TABLE DISPLAYS OPEN

Limelight Promenade, Sun Valley Inn

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

WIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Continental Room, Sun Valley Inn

The WIR Board of Directors meets on a quarterly basis including at the WIR Conference. We encourage all attendees to come and participate in the Board meeting. In addition to conducting WIR business, the WIR Board agenda includes remarks from the following special guests:



Ms. Nora Rasure, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Region



The Hon. Kim Dolbow Vann, California State Director for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Mr. Ron Hamilton, Payette National Forest Coalition and Adams County, Idaho Natural Resources Committee Chairman



Mr. James Ogsbury, Executive Director, Western Governors Association



Ms. Katie Lighthall, Western Region Coordinator, National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

NACo FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (INVITATION ONLY)

Camas Room, Sun Valley Inn

10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

NACo AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING (INVITATION ONLY)

Camas Room, Sun Valley Inn

10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

SOLUTIONS SESSION: PUBLIC SURPLUS - ONLINE AUCTIONS FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY MADE EASY

Sage Room, Sun Valley Inn

Public Surplus provides online auctions to help agencies sell their surplus property. Public Surplus has built the most state of the art system that is seamless, productive and efficient. This workshop will include showing the auction system, discussing options to make sure your agency is getting the most value from your surplus property and also showing the newest tool to the online auction format in the auction creation process.

1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING & MOBILE WORKSHOP

Sage Room, Sun Valley Inn

The group will gather in the Sage Room for a brief presentation before proceeding to the Baldy Bus Loop (located just to the right as you exit Sun Valley Lodge from the main lobby) and boarding buses to participate in the mobile workshop.

Building A Local Food Network for Resiliency, Economy, Society, Environment and Health

Even remote regions with short growing seasons seek locally- and regionally-based solutions to create year-round food security and healthy, tasty food alternatives. To generate real sustainability in this area takes many people, much effort and a long time. This mobile workshop will visit a small market garden and farm, a developing food hub and a food bank run farm that provides food to those in need through multiple mobile markets and stigma free programs. Discussions will cover the evolution of different models for establishing local food networks and addressing food insecurity, with tales of both success and failure.

1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC LANDS POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE AND ENVIRONMENT ENERGY AND LAND USE POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING & MOBILE WORKSHOP

Continental Room, Sun Valley Inn

The group will gather in the Continental Room for a brief presentation before proceeding to the Baldy Bus Loop (located just to the right as you exit Sun Valley Lodge from the main lobby) and boarding buses to participate in the mobile workshop.

Planning and Preparing for Social and Environmental Resiliency, Sustainability and Post-Disaster Recovery

Blaine County settlement began in earnest in the 1880s. Today, it is a growing county in a fast-growing state. Its zoning reflects three key principles: conservation of natural resources and working landscapes, public safety and 'smart growth.' Regulations affect development in avalanche zones, floodplains, scenic and wildlife migration corridors and on hillsides. Among other natural disasters, Blaine County recently experienced two large wildfires—the 44,000-acre Castle Rock Fire in 2007 and the 111,000-acre Beaver Creek Fire in 2013. Blaine County also suffered major flooding with seven flood peaks following the winter of 2016-17's record snow packs. This mobile workshop will tour areas damaged by fires and floods, areas in post-disaster recovery and sites illustrating Blaine County's restoration and resiliency programs-- including its stream protection program and mountain overlay district. Discussion and site visits will showcase how zoning and regulations can help accommodate future growth, resource protection and disaster resiliency.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION & TABLE DISPLAYS OPEN

Limelight Promenade, Sun Valley Inn

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Limelight Ballroom, Sun Valley Inn

PRESIDING:



The Hon. Joel Bousman
Commissioner, Sublette County, Wyo.
and President, NACo Western Interstate Region

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Wood River High School Colla Voce Singers

FEATURED SPEAKERS:



Ms. Muffy Davis
Three-time Paralympic Gold Medalist

As an upcoming junior ski racer, it was probable that Muffy Davis would eventually reach her dream and compete in The Olympics until a devastating ski racing accident in 1989 left her paralyzed and dependent on a wheelchair for her mobility. But Muffy didn't let her physical condition stop her. In 1998 and 2002, Muffy accomplished her lifelong dream, and ski raced in the Paralympics, the Olympics for people with physical disabilities, winning a total of 4 medals. She is currently one of 11 athletes worldwide invited to serve as Ambassadors for the International Paralympic Committee. Most recently, Muffy climbed to the top of the podium in summer Paralympic competition winning 3 Gold Medals in the 2012 London Paralympics in handcycling.

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Build strong support system
Grieving Days
Don't let it go

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Attitude"



Dr. Stephanie Witt, Professor
Boise State University

Western states are among the fastest growing in the nation. Much of this growth is occurring in urban and suburban areas, which is shifting the centers of power and the delivery of services away from rural areas. What are the dimensions of this trend? What are the economic, social and political effects and how are local and state governments, other agencies and businesses adapting to and coping with it? What are the long-term implications?



Mr. Michael McKeown, Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This presentation will focus on the indicators of human trafficking, appropriate reporting mechanisms and the benefit of partnerships to combat trafficking. It will also include a discussion of the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign, a national public awareness effort created to fight modern day slavery.

10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

CONCURRENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS:

Stepping Up: Collecting Accurate and Timely Data on People with Mental Illnesses in Your Jail

Continental Room, Sun Valley Inn

STEPPING UP

More than 400 counties have joined Stepping Up, A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails. Building on the success counties have seen as part of their local efforts, Stepping Up is expanding its work to provide counties with the tools they need to systematically identify people with mental illnesses who enter local jails. Consistently and accurately identifying people with mental illnesses will result in better connections to treatment in jail and in the community. Collecting and tracking data on these individuals is essential to understanding the extent of the challenges locally, setting goals for improvement and measuring progress. Having this data at the beginning of a planning process helps counties target scarce resources and develop an action plan that will create a system-wide impact. In this workshop, hear about the tools and resources Stepping Up is developing to tackle this important part of counties' efforts and hear from counties that have already made progress in this area.

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MODERATOR:



The Hon. Roy C. Brooks
Commissioner, Tarrant County, Texas
and President, National Association of Counties

SPEAKERS:



Mr. Mike Brouwer, Reentry Director
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County, Kan.



Mr. Robert Sullivan, Corrections Director
Johnson County, Kan.



Mr. Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator
Franklin County, Ohio



Mr. Jay Davis, Captain
Sheriff's Office, Blaine County, Idaho

Financing Affordable Housing: Solutions for Urban and Rural Counties

Boiler Room, Sun Valley Village

As communities across the West capitalize on their natural and cultural assets to become popular destination brands and economies, the very quality of life that drives growth and tourism all too often creates significant issues of equity and affordability. Many of these communities, along with most of the country, are experiencing an affordable housing crisis. As rents and home prices increase, so does the percentage of a family's income needed to put shelter over their heads. This workshop will feature speakers discussing financing tools for affordable housing, with an emphasis on workforce housing, and will highlight solutions from the companion report, to be released in May, "Building Homes: County Funding for Affordable Housing".

MODERATOR:



The Hon. Tammy Baney
Commissioner, Deschutes County, Ore.

SPEAKERS:



Mr. David Patrie, former Executive Director
Blaine County Housing Authority



Mr. Gerald Hunter
Idaho Housing Finance Association



Mr. Tim Boncoskey, Chief Deputy Assessor
Maricopa County

Rural County Efforts in Health Care Delivery

Sage Room, Sun Valley Inn

Counties are the safety net for many residents and often a major provider of clinic care and social services. This session will explore how Blaine County, Idaho is creating a comprehensive system of care to provide services to their residents. Attendees will hear about how St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center is coordinating physician training for rural health care, funding and managing the Center for Community Health, utilizing telemedicine, and addressing behavioral health issues with limited resources.

MODERATOR:



Mr. Cody Langbehn, Administrator
St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

SPEAKERS:



Dr. Frank Batcha, MD
Family Medicine, St. Luke's Clinics WWAMI (Wash., Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, & Idaho) Clinical, Assistant Dean (Idaho)



Ms. Erin Pfaeffle, LMSW, Director, Community Engagement,
St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.

ATTENDEE LUNCH

Limelight Ballroom, Sun Valley Inn

1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Continental Room, Sun Valley Inn

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

CONCURRENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Land Use Planning Around Airports

Boiler Room, Sun Valley Village

Land use planning and development around airports is especially difficult due to the offsite impacts associated with airport operations. This is true in rapidly growing urban areas, where development land is increasingly at a premium, as well as in space-constrained communities like mountain valleys. This workshop will explore this topic with an expert who co-authored Idaho Transportation Department, Aeronautics Division's Idaho Airport Land Use Guidelines.

SPEAKERS:



Mr. Chris Pomeroy, Airport Manager
Friedman Memorial Airport



Mr. Nathan Cuvala
Aviation Project Manager, T-O Engineers

Putting Drones to Work for Public Safety and Resilience

Opera House, Sun Valley Village

Police, fire and emergency agencies are increasingly using drones to capture criminal suspects and fight fires. In fact, according to a 2017 report, at least 350 local police, sheriff, fire and emergency units in the United States have acquired drones. This session will explore how local governments are utilizing this emerging technology – including funding and training – and tailoring drone usage to best meet their public safety needs and saving money in the process.

MODERATOR:



Mr. John Horsley, Consultant and Former Executive Director, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

SPEAKERS:



Mr. Chris Corwin, GIS Analyst/Disaster Services Coordinator, Blaine County, Idaho



The Hon. John Justman
Commissioner, Mesa County, Colo.



Mr. Richard Leadbeater, Global Manager Industry Solutions: Government Trade Association, Esri



Mr. Kevan Stone, Executive Director
National Association of County Engineers

Counties Build: Planning and Funding Strategies for Facilities and Infrastructure

Sage Room, Sun Valley Inn

County governments are critical players in building, maintaining and funding infrastructure facilities used by residents every day. This workshop will examine how counties use innovative funding strategies and strategic partnerships for facilities and infrastructure, and how to create consensus for lasting results. Learn how you can add your voice to the national and local dialogue on infrastructure by leveraging tools from NACo's "Counties Build" campaign.

MODERATOR:



The Hon. Ron Peters
Commissioner, Tulsa County, Okla.

SPEAKERS:



Ms. Kylie Cannon, Project Development Lead, Build America Bureau, U.S. Department of Transportation



Mr. Jeff Miles
Administrator, Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.



Mr. Mark Sanborn, Chief of Staff, Rural Development U.S. Department of Agriculture

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3:15 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP:

Federal Agency Partner Session with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service

Opera House, Sun Valley Village

Federal lands make up around 35 percent of the more than 2 billion acres in the United States and comprise as much as 90 percent of some counties, particularly in the west. Resource and forest management plans, along with land use plans, provide direction to federal land managers for development and use of natural resources and can greatly affect the economic, physical and social landscape of local communities. This workshop will explore the opportunities for robust local government involvement to ensure the perspective of the community is reflected in resource and forest management plans and implementation.

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SPEAKERS:



Ms. Cynthia Moses-Nedd
U.S. Department of the Interior Liaison to NACo



Mr. Randy Phillips
U.S. Forest Service Liaison to NACo

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE-WIDE EVENT: A DINNER CELEBRATION

Limelight Ballroom and Terrace, Sun Valley Inn

Hosted by Blaine County and the Idaho Association of Counties

All conference attendees are invited to join us for a memorable evening of fun, food and fellowship. The event begins with cocktails on the Terrace at 6:00 p.m. before moving to the Ballroom for dinner at 7:00 p.m. Watch out for more exciting details about the event!

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FRIDAY, MAY 25

8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION OPEN

Limelight Promenade, Sun Valley Inn

8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

WIR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Limelight Ballroom, Sun Valley Inn

The Annual Business Meeting is open to all attendees

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9:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION

Limelight Ballroom, Sun Valley Inn

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PRESIDING:



The Hon. Joel Bousman
Commissioner, Sublette County, Wyo.
and President, NACo Western Interstate Region

The session will begin with the installation of the WIR Officers and the presentation of the Dale Sowards Award.

SPEAKERS:



Mr. Brian Steed, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is at the forefront of the U.S. Department of the Interior's efforts to better engage with state and local governments. This presentation will include a discussion of new efforts to improve the relationship between the federal government and counties, highlight the Administration's achievements after its first year in office and the BLM's plans and priorities moving forward.



Ms. Dotti Owens
Coroner, Ada County, Idaho

Coroners and medical examiners play a key role in strengthening the communities we serve, especially in the face of public health and social issues like the opioid epidemic and suicide. This presentation will focus on the role of the coroner and the importance of thorough death investigations.

10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.
EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS:

Tracking Opioid Overdoses in Real Time

Opera House, Sun Valley Village

Overdose deaths due to opioid use and heroin have increased in many communities over the past two years. The opioid epidemic touches nearly every aspect of county government. In many areas, local government is stretched thin and seeking innovative approaches to addressing this epidemic. Most jurisdictions lack tools to track both fatal and non-fatal overdoses. This session will explore tools developed to coordinate efforts and share data, including how county coroners and medical examiners are a key stakeholder in addressing the opioid epidemic.

MODERATOR:



Ms. Tara Kunkel, Senior Drug Policy Officer (IPA)
Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice

SPEAKERS:



Ms. Dotti Owens
Coroner, Ada County, Idaho



Mr. Jeff Beeson, Deputy Director, Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)

Rural Poverty and the Impact on the Safety Net System

Boiler Room, Sun Valley Village

Challenges of providing services is well documented in rural communities, yet many counties are developing opportunities to create or enhance rural human services delivery. Often, a patchwork of services and funding are needed to serve disparate populations such as the elderly, children and at-risk families. This session will examine the intersection of rural poverty and human services systems and explore approaches toward addressing local need.

SPEAKERS:



Ms. Jocelyn Richgels, Director
National Policy Programs, Rural Policy Research Institute



Ms. Teresa Lipman
Executive Director, Senior Connection, Blaine County, Idaho



Ms. Darrel Harris, Social Change Coordinator, The Advocates, Blaine County, Idaho

Best Practices in Communicating with Residents During a Disaster

Sawtooth Room, Sun Valley Village

One of the toughest issues facing county officials – especially in the geographically diverse West – is when and how to alert the public of unforeseen disaster events. Communication during and immediately after a disaster situation is a crucial component of response and recovery, in that it connects affected people, families and communities with first responders, local decisionmakers and support systems. Learn from county leaders whose communities have been recently ravaged by natural disasters and crisis events as they discuss when and how they alerted residents of developing threats, including the need to evacuate, and communicated critical service delivery information immediately following the emergency event.

MODERATOR:



The Hon. James Gore
Supervisor, Sonoma County, Calif.

SPEAKERS:



The Hon. Tim Freeman, Commissioner, Douglas County, Ore. and President of the Association of O&C Counties



Mrs. Donnell Preskey Hushka, Government/Public Relations Specialist, North Dakota Association of Counties

NACo Board of Directors Orientation

Continental Room, Sun Valley Inn

Open to all conference attendees, this session will provide an overview of NACo: our structure, governance and some of the NACo Financial Services Center programs.

SPEAKERS:



Mr. Matthew Chase
Executive Director, NACo



Mr. Carlos Greene, Senior Program Director
NACo Financial Services Center (FSC)

12:00P.M

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SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS

SUPPORTING CRITICAL SERVICES IN FOREST COUNTIES

U.S. COUNTIES AND SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS)

SRS PAYMENT FY 2017 RECEIPTS YEAR:	PROJECTED 25% FUND PAYMENT FY 2017 RECEIPTS YEAR:	FY 2017 SRS vs. PROJECTED FY 2017 25% FUND PAYMENT:	PERCENT OF COUNTIES WITH U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND:
\$256.1 M	\$57.5 M	-77.5%	26%

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination (SRS) Act was enacted in 2002 to compensate for steep reductions in revenues from timber harvests, which resulted from national policies that substantially diminished revenue-generating activities within federal forests. For FY 2017, the SRS program provided \$256.1 million for roads and schools and other critical services in 732 mostly rural counties, parishes and boroughs across the United States. The latest authorization for SRS expires on September 30, 2018.

OUR ASK

Without SRS, forest counties nationwide face dramatic budgetary shortfalls. Counties urge Congress to renew its long-standing commitment to forest counties by increasing revenue sharing through active forest management and extending SRS as critical transitional funding.

Notes: The average year 1970-2010 when U.S. Forest Service (USFS) collected revenues from timber harvest sales. Although the SRS Act requires USFS to attempt to receive a 25 percent payment from national forest receipts, USFS estimates FY 2017 county 25 percent payments reach 10 percent when the application of a 10 percent cap is applied to the total amount.
Source: NACo analysis of data from the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management and the National Economic Analysis System.

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2017 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT)

U.S. COUNTIES AND PILT

PILT RECEIVED FY 2017:	PERCENT OF COUNTIES WITH PILT ENTITLEMENT LAND:	TOTAL NUMBER OF PILT ENTITLEMENT ACRES:	2017 MEDIAN PILT AMOUNT PER ENTITLEMENT ACRE:
\$465 M	61.6%	607 M	\$2.65

FEDERAL LANDS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES

62% OF COUNTIES HAVE FEDERAL LAND WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES

- 61.6% of counties have federal land within their boundaries. Even though they are not able to collect property taxes on federal land, county governments must still provide essential services for their residents and those who visit these public lands each year. Such services include road and bridge maintenance, law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical, fire protection, solid waste disposal and environmental compliance.
- Our ask: Counties urge Congress to provide full funding for PILT in FY 2018 and to support a sustainable long-term approach to financing essential local services in America's public lands counties.

NOTE: NACo analysis of U.S. Department of the Interior-BLM FY 2017 reported the total PILT appropriation for FY 2017. The total number of PILT entitlement acres reflects the number of acres eligible for PILT payments.

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COUNTIES INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE

IDAHO COUNTIES

NUMBER OF PUBLIC ROAD MILES STATEWIDE
51,342

SHARE OF COUNTY ROAD MILES OF PUBLIC ROADS STATEWIDE
32.04%

NUMBER OF PUBLIC BRIDGES STATEWIDE
4,492

SHARE OF COUNTY OWNED BRIDGES OF PUBLIC BRIDGES STATEWIDE
33.33%

- Counties play a major role in our nation's infrastructure systems, investing more than \$122 billion each year. With America's infrastructure funding needs continuously increasing, the role of counties in facilitating construction, renovation and the expansion of projects across the nation is more vital than ever.
- Most states place restrictions on counties' ability to generate new funding for infrastructure. Property taxes, the main source of general funding for counties, are restricted in all 45 states that allow counties to collect property tax. These property tax limitations range from rate and levy limits to assessment limits, disclosure requirements, tax freezes and rollbacks.
- A strong federal-state-local partnership is vital for a successful national infrastructure network. Global competition and an increasing backlog of needs at all levels of government require strong federal-state-local and public-private collaboration and solutions. Absent this partnership, the result will be a piecemeal approach to an integrated network of roads, bridges and other infrastructure assets.

STATE LIMITATIONS ON COUNTY REVENUES, AS OF NOVEMBER 2016

Property Tax Rate Limits	No
Limits on Property Assessment Increases	No
Limits on Property Tax Revenue (Levy) Increases	Yes; 3%
Personal Property Tax Authority	Yes
Local Option Sales Tax Authority (Limit)	No
Authority to Create Special Tax Districts	Yes

OUR ASK

Counties urge Congress and the administration to strengthen the federal-state-local partnership in infrastructure by allowing for local decision making, direct local funding and providing a regulatory landscape that encourages increased transportation infrastructure investment.

Roads: NACo Analysis of U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration, Highway Performance Monitoring System, 2016.

Bridges: NACo Analysis of Federal Highway Administration - National Bridge Inventory, 2017.

State Revenue Limits Information: Joel Griffith, Jonathan Harris and Dr. Emilia Iskraite, "Doing More with Less: State Revenue Limitations and Mandates on County Finances" (Washington, D.C.: National Association of Counties, 2016).

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INVEST OVER \$122 BILLION PER YEAR ON:



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