

Bridging the Divide II Talk and Tour

September 9 & 10, 2016

Wolf Creek Ski Area

Time	Component	Who	Topics
Evening Session – At Wolf Creek Ski Area – September 9			
4:00 to 4:30	Introduction	Reps from: Wolf Creek Ski Area RWEACT SJFHFP FIREWISE SRFSN MSI	Welcome from Davey Pitcher 5 minute introduction to the groups who put the event together
4:30 to 5:00	The State of the Forests	Mike Blakeman, Matt Tuten	Introduction to the forests and issues on the Rio Grande and San Juan National Forests
5:00 to 5:15	Break		
5:15 to 6:00	Forests and water	Craig Cotten Dr. Jason Seibold	This will involve a presentation on the History of flows in the San Luis valley, a discussion of changes in valley water availability, and how changes in forests and forest cover may influence water availability into the future
6:00 to 6:15	Break		
6:15 to 7:00	Eye to the Future Panel	Dr. Jim Worrall, Dr. Linda Nagel	What is the future of forests in Southwest Colorado?
7:00 to 8:00	BBQ		Enjoy some fine grilled burgers and beer – Sponsored by Wolf Creek Ski Area, Riff Raff Brewing, and Three Barrel Brewing
Tour – Meet at Wolf Creek Ski Area Parking Lot – 8:30am , September 10			
9:00- 9:15	Wolf Creek	Aaron Kimple	Welcome and Introductions Get into groups and caravan

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9:15 – 9:30	Drive to Stop 1		
9:30- 10:30	Stop 1 – Lobo	Mike Blakeman, Steve Hartvigsen Matt Tuten Beetle kill and forest health	A discussion of Beetle Kill on the forests and possible management Fire History Forest Management and timber sales
10:30 – 10:45	Drive to Valley Overlook		
10:45- 11:30	Stop 2 – Valley Overlook	Kevin Khung/ Steve Hartvigsen Dr. Tony Cheng	A discussion of the Historical forest structure, connecting forests to water, what changes might we see, and what does that mean for our communities
11:30-11:45	Drive to West Fork Campground		
12:00 – 1:00	West Fork Campground and Lunch	Aaron Kimple, Zeke Ward, Bill Trimarco	A quick presentation on current group activities 5 min per group
1:00-1:20	Drive to Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change research area		
1:20 to 3:00	Adaptive Silviculture Climate Change Study - ASCC	Dr. Linda Nagel	An introduction to research into how forests may adapt to a changing climate.