



INTERMOUNTAIN WEST
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Wildfire & Watershed Symposium

Keynote Speaker

TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF ADAPTATION

Wildfires are transforming western forests at an unprecedented pace and scale. Photo documentation of post-fire destruction of the built and natural environment make clear that adaptation is needed. There are no easy answers or comprehensive solutions, and New Mexico's recent experiences provide initial lessons learned.



Wednesday, October 2



5:30 – 6:30 PM



UNM Physics, Astronomy, and
Interdisciplinary Sciences Building,
Room 1100

Speaker Bio:

Laura McCarthy was appointed as State Forester in New Mexico in 2019 and assumed responsibility for wildfire response and forest management on 43 million acres of state and private lands. Her goal for the State Forestry Division is to align the organization's staff, budgets and infrastructure with the reality of managing climate change effects. Under her leadership the Division has doubled in size, modernized business systems, and taken on the challenges of post-fire recovery and reforestation of burned areas with the 2100 climate in mind.



Laura McCarthy

