



THIRD ANNUAL COBRE VALLEY WATER FORUM

Healthy Forest, Healthy Watershed

November 12-13, 2020 | 9:00am – 12:00pm

DAY 1: NOVEMBER 12

9:00	WELCOME
	- Chris Jones , Extension Agent, University of Arizona Gila County Cooperative Extension
9:15	OPENING REMARKS
	- Sammy Gonzales , Mayor, Town of Miami
9:25	KEYNOTE
	- Mary Lata , Fire Ecologist, US Forest Service Tonto National Forest - <i>Role of Wildland Fire and Changing Fire Regimes around Communities</i>
10:10	FOREST TO FAUCET: HOW FORESTS IMPACT THE WATERSHED
	Moderator: Michael Seronde , Program Coordinator Senior, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center (UA WRRC)
	- Paul La Farga , Graduate Research Assistant, and Ashley Hullinger , Research Analyst, UA WRRC - <i>Benefits and Risks of Forest Health in Cobre Valley</i>
	- Victoria Hermosilla , Coordinator, Cobre Valley Watershed Partnership - <i>Providing Ways for the Watershed to Come Together</i>
	Q&A 10 minutes
10:45	BREAKOUT ROOMS
	Share reactions and questions from the previous presentations
11:00	FOREST TO VIBRANT COMMUNITY: HOW FORESTS IMPACT HUMAN HEALTH
	Moderator: Benjamin Downer , FCHS Coordinator, UA Gila County Cooperative Extension
	- Linda Odonetto , Economic Development Director, City of Globe; Thea Wilshire , Chairperson for Recreation Subcommittee; and Melissa Steele , Economic Development Specialist, City of Globe, Cobre Valley Collaborative – <i>Creating Love of Place Through Recreation: Cobre Valley Recreation Masterplan Proposal</i>

- **Glen Lineberry**, Principal, Miami School District – *Preparing the Next Generation of Water Stewards and Increasing Community Water Resilience*

Q&A 15 minutes

11:45 FEATURED: ART CONCEPTS FOR COBRE VALLEY WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP LOGO

Help us decide on a logo inspired by the art pieces created by Carrie Curley for CVWP!

12:00 ADJOURN: SEE YOU TOMORROW

DAY 2: November 13

9:00 WELCOME & RECAP

- **Tim Humphrey**, Supervisor, Gila County

9:15 KEYNOTE

- **Jim Morgan**, Fire Chief, Pinetop Fire District - *This is what it means to be a fire-adapted community*

9:35 PANEL: COMPARING LESSONS OF MITIGATING & RESPONDING TO WILDFIRES

Panel Goal: Shed light on threats associated with the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), impacts of wildfires to our communities and economic activities, and steps to become fire adapted for long-term watershed health.

Moderator: **Chris Jones**, Extension Agent, Gila County Cooperative Extension

Panel:

- **Dee Randall**, Forest Manager, San Carlos Apache Tribe
- **Adam Bromley**, District Ranger, US Forest Service Tonto National Forest
- **Stephen Flora**, Senior Hydrologist, Salt River Project (SRP)
- **Lori Brown**, Owner, Brown Ranch, Tonto Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD)
- **Carl Melford**, Emergency Manager, Gila County Health and Emergency Management

10:40 BREAKOUT ROOMS: GETTING BEHIND A PROJECT (WHAT WILL IT TAKE AND HOW DO I FIT IN?)

Bringing experts and citizens together to discuss what they can do together to improve forest-watershed health locally.

Questions will focus on mitigation of risks and specific projects:

- What can local citizens do on their property to improve forest-watershed health?
- What resources does the community need?
- What were the best examples that we heard from the forum speakers? What would work in the Cobre Valley?

Breakout Rooms:

1. Opportunities for new trails and trail maintenance
2. Ecosystem services to policy
3. Invasive grass control
4. Education opportunities and community outreach
5. Wildfire-Urban Interface (WUI) and tool development

11:15 REPORT BACK FROM BREAKOUT ROOMS

11:30 CLOSING REMARKS

Jessica Asbill-Case, Water Resources Program Manager, US Bureau of Reclamation

12:00 ADJOURN

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

After the end of the Forum, participants are invited to join a Virtual Field Trip of Miami High School. The field trip will feature a pre-recorded tour of the rainwater harvesting and tree planting efforts taking place at the high school. Principal Glen Lineberry and teacher Amanda Bickel will provide guided discussion of the school grounds and how they are teaching valuable skills and stewardship values to their students, along with creating a better environment for learning. Fast forward a few years and these newly planted trees will be adding to the urban tree canopy of Miami, Arizona. Principal Lineberry and Ms. Bickel, along with other partners, will be available for discussion and questions after the video tour.

