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New approaches and collaborations for Western Forest conservation

Partners in Flight Western Working Group March 28, 2022

Overview. Recent legislation (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) is providing an unprecedented opportunity to partner and collaborate with the USDA Forest Service to manage Western forests for multiple benefits including fire resilience, water recharge and migratory bird conservation. Partners in Flight is promoting a new collaborative effort with Western Migratory Bird Joint Ventures to provide the technology and science to put beneficial management practices on the ground that promote bird conservation and support rural communities at selected demonstration projects. The goal of this session is to foster and promote an inclusive and emerging Western Forest Initiative with the diverse partners and expertise of PIF's Western Working Group, which include staff and biologists from Joint Ventures USDA Forest Service, and non-government organizations.

0830-1130 (Pacific)

Schedule.

0830 -0900 Coffee and social

0900 -0910 Introductions

0910-0930 Dave Smith, Intermountain West Joint Venture. *Western Forest Initiative: Migratory Birds, Water, and Wildfire Resiliency*

930-950 Sara Evans-Peters, Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture (PBJV). *Infusing birds into an all-lands, all-species approach to forest conservation.*

0950-1010 Jamie Stephens, Klamath Bird Observatory. *Data synthesis to select forest types and quantify conservation impact for a new Joint Venture lead Western Forest Initiative*

1010-1030 Joe Northrup, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. *Leveraging breeding bird survey data and long term satellite imagery to assess forestry impacts on bird populations*

Wrap up

- Jamie Ratliff (and/or Rema Sadak) New opportunities for USFS biologist and partners to positively influence forest birds
- Panel Discussion (q and a)
- Geoff Geupel, Point Blue Conservation Science. Summary (key points) and next steps.