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It is exciting to announce R6, PNW, and R10 will be co-hosting the Forest Service Sustainable Operations Summit in Portland, Oregon on October 27, 28, and 29. The theme this year is Leading by Example: Tool Kit for Success. Previous venues have included 2007 in Denver, Colorado and 2008 in Madison, Wisconsin.

We plan to have both an on-site audience (100 to 150) and a much larger virtual audience. The Madison Summit launched the first virtual capacity Summit reaching over 450 employees nationwide at 26 VTC sites and through a series of webinars for concurrent sessions.

We are looking for a Co-Chair of the planning committee for this National Summit. This is a unique and highly visible leadership development opportunity. Please consider your candidates for leadership positions as a possible Co-Chair. This is guaranteed to be a wonderful developmental experience.

The stakes are high as the Pacific NW and Alaska host this timely Sustainable Operations Summit including speakers and workshops designed to enhance our knowledge, understanding, and tool kits for conducting sustainable operations in all our business and natural resource management functions. Topics will include a variety of information:

- Information and tools to help shrink our environmental footprint in the administration of our facilities and natural resource management activities
- The latest on sustainable natural resource management
- The science of sustainability
- Youth and community engagement (Kids in the Woods)
- Measuring and monitoring our progress and successes
- Honoring and awarding national activities that have contributed to shrinking the environmental footprint of the agency.

We are also in the process of creating a planning team for this important summit. This is a great opportunity for employees to get involved in the sustainability arena. The enclosed chart shows the teams where help is needed.



As you submit names of those who are interested in being the Co-Chair of this event or bringing leadership talent to one of the teams, please contact KJ Silverman, Mt Hood NF, 503-668-1749 or ksilverman@fs.fed.us.

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