

The [Western Interstate Region \(WIR\)](#) of the [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) will participate in an upcoming Policy Forum on Forest Management and Fire Mitigation with the Congressional and Senate Western Caucuses on February 11 in Washington, DC. Sublette County, Wyoming Commissioner and WIR Past President Joel Bousman will discuss his county's efforts to coordinate resources with state and federal officials to reduce fuel loads and combat wildfire.

On March 1, the WIR Board of Directors will hold its first quarterly meeting of the year at the [NACo Annual Conference](#) in Washington, DC. Members will receive an update from the U.S. Forest Service on their efforts to implement new forest management authorities. Members will also learn about newly unveiled federal environmental regulations, such as those on NEPA and WOTUS, and NACo's efforts to end the inmate Medicaid exclusion policy.

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