Cherie Kearney | Forest Conservation Director
Columbia Land Trust
Cherie Kearney has been a conservation leader with Columbia Land Trust for 18 years helping grow the Land Trust from a small, local non-profit to become a renowned regional land trust serving 250 miles of the lower Columbia River in Oregon and Washington. Driven by her passion for natural resources and for the communities who rely on them, Cherie looks for conservation solutions that address both. She is currently the president of the Washington Association of Land Trusts. Her past dedications include serving the Peace Corps in central Africa, St. Anne’s Episcopal Church in Washougal and her local animal shelter. She holds a Master’s Degree in public administration and a B.A. in psychology and religion from Linfield College.

Brian Dangler | Working Forest Fund Director
The Conservation Fund
Brian Dangler is Vice President of The Conservation Fund and the Director of the Working Forest Fund. Brian joined TCF in 2008 and is based out of the Chapel Hill, NC office where he manages TCF’s timberland transactions team and its growing portfolio of forest management operations across the US. Brian began his career as a field forester with Boise Cascade in Maine and grew through several forestry, business analysis and real estate positions in the northeast and the south with International Paper Company including the coordination of IP’s $300MM sale of properties with high conservation value, in conjunction with their 2005 land divestiture. Brian brings over 25 years of experience in forest management, operations and fiber supply combined with nationwide expertise in acquisitions, dispositions and entitlement of rural real estate to executing The Fund’s innovative vision for protecting the nation’s working forests.

Laurie Wayburn | Co-founder, Co-CEO, and President
Pacific Forest Trust
Ms. Wayburn is an accomplished forest and conservation innovator who advises policy makers at the state, regional, national and international level. She pioneers new approaches to develop sustainable resource economies using her deep experience in the fields of conservation, ecosystem services and sustainability. A preeminent authority on the climate and ecosystem benefits of forests, she leads efforts enacting climate change policies that unite conservation and sustainable management with market-based approaches. She has received several highly prestigious honors bestowed for her leadership, and is a frequent speaker, writer and media commentator on working forest conservation. Prior to co-founding PFT with Connie Best in 1993, Wayburn worked internationally for 10 years in the United Nations Environment Program and Ecological Sciences Division of UNESCO. She later served as Executive Director of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory and was the Founder and first Coordinator of the Central California Coast Biosphere Reserve, part of the International Biosphere Reserve System. Wayburn is a graduate of Harvard University.

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Agenda

7:30 - 8:15 am | Check-in, Coffee, Light Breakfast

Early Morning: A Primer on ‘All-Lands’

8:15 - 8:30 am .......................................................... Welcoming Remarks
Jeff Vincent, Dean of the Nicholas School of the Environment
Clarence F. Korstian Professor of Forest Economics and Management

8:30 - 9:00 am .......................................................... Executive Summary and Introduction
Paul Trianosky

9:00 - 9:30 am .......................................................... Landscape Ecology and Conservation
Dean Urban

9:30 - 10:00 am .......................................................... The Role of Public Lands
Rolf Diamant

10:00 - 10:15 am | Break

Late Morning: Engaging Large Landowners & Success Stories

10:15 - 11:15 am ............ The Importance of Engaging Large Landowners
Cherie Kearney

11:15 - 12:15 pm ............. Success Stories in Public/Private Partnerships
Brian Dangler

12:15 - 1:15 pm | Lunch

Afternoon: Keynote Address & Panel Discussion

1:15 - 2:30 pm .......................................................... Capstone Presentation
Laurie Wayburn

2:30 - 3:30 pm .......................................................... Next Steps and Solutions Panel
Moderated by Paul Trianosky

3:30 - 5:00 pm | Reception

Speakers

Paul Trianosky | Chief Conservation Officer
Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.

As Chief Conservation Officer, Paul provides leadership for SFI’s conservation programs, principal liaison with conservation organizations, and guidance toward the development of standards and programs that ensure the attainment of conservation objectives. He works to maintain partnerships, grow the network of conservation organizations involved in the SFI Program, and to ensure relevance of SFI’s work in promoting sustainable supply chains and responsible sourcing. Paul oversees SFI’s Conservation Impact Initiative and its Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program. He monitors conservation research developments and advancements in sustainable forestry to identify opportunities to further the SFI Program and activities of SFI Program Participants. Before joining SFI, Paul was Director of Southern Forest Conservation for the American Forest Foundation. Prior to AFF, Paul held numerous positions with The Nature Conservancy for almost 20 years, including roles in executive management, and nearly 10 years directing forest conservation strategies in the southeastern United States. Paul has a B.S. in Forest Resource Management from Virginia Tech, and a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University.

Dr. Dean Urban | Professor and Associate Dean
Nicholas School of the Environment

Dean Urban is Professor of Landscape Ecology and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Initiatives in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. His research focuses on devising innovative and rigorous approaches to applications of immediate practical concern. His research tools include habitat classification and mapping, site prioritization, spatial simulation, and integrated assessment. A hallmark of his Lab is integrated studies that extrapolate our fine-scale empirical understanding of environmental issues to the larger space and time scales of management and policy. Most of his work in landscape ecology has explored the causes and consequences of spatial pattern in forest systems. Specific interests include the implications of climate change for forest ecosystems, and the consequences of land use pattern on forest habitat connectivity and watershed function in developed landscapes. His current research focus is how land use affects the provision of ecosystem services, and in reconciling human institutions with natural systems.

Rolf Diamant | Retired Superintendent for the National Park Service | Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Vermont

Rolf is a writer, historian and adjunct associate professor at the University of Vermont’s Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. During his prior career with the National Park Service, Rolf worked on new partnership models for national parks and conservation strategies for wild and scenic rivers and national heritage areas. Later as a park superintendent, he worked to operationalize many of these collaborative approaches to community engagement and stewardship in a national park setting. Rolf was the first superintendent of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, home to the National Park Service Stewardship Institute—a hub for new conservation thinking and practice. In 2004 the national park was awarded FSC certification for management of its historic woodlands. Rolf is co-editor and a contributing author of the recently published A Thinking Person’s Guide to America’s National Parks and his column on the future of national parks and protected areas appears regularly in the journal of the George Wright Society. Rolf was a Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Studies at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design and holds a Master of Landscape Architecture and Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley.