NACo’s
WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION
2019 CONFERENCE PROGRAM
May 15–17, 2019 • Spokane County, Washington
ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

WELCOME TO NACo’s 2019 WIR CONFERENCE!

We hope you enjoy all the events that have been planned.

Since 1978, the Western Interstate Region has worked within NACo to promote the interests of western counties, sustain the western quality of life and advocate on critical community stability, public lands and economic development issues facing WIR’s fifteen member states.

The issues we face are as unique as the West itself. We have a series of interesting workshops covering a diverse set of topics including early childhood development, forest collaboratives, how counties take the lead in serving veterans, growing a sustainable outdoor recreation economy, forging the power of a smart, resilient energy grid and federal lands planning.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the many resources offered at the 2019 WIR Conference. I look forward to working together with you to come up with innovative solutions to address the diverse challenges facing America’s western counties.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Tommie Martin
President, Western Interstate Region of NACo
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ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE SPOKANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON STATE!

We are honored to be hosting such a transformative event in our region. I am personally looking forward to the conversations about the triumphs and challenges that other counties from across the West are facing. This time together is invaluable for our counties and helps us do a better job for our constituents. These few days we will spend together will be filled with workshops, field trips, amazing speakers and more.

May is my favorite time of year in the Inland Northwest and Spokane County is the place to be. With our newly redesigned Riverfront Park, lively downtown, mixture of urban chic and accessible opportunities to experience a wide array of natural wonders, it’s no wonder Spokane was recently named one of Trip Advisor’s seven “Rising U.S. Cities” and a top tier bucket list destination for 2019. There truly is something for everyone. Hopefully you have planned your stay to allow time to enjoy more of what the region has to offer.

Sincerely,

Spokane County Commissioner Mary Kuney
REGISTRATION

The conference registration desk is located in the foyer area of the Grand Ballroom and will be open during the following hours:

Tuesday / 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday / 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday / 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday / 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BADGES

All conference attendees must register and wear their badges at all times to gain admission to official conference sessions and social events.

Please safeguard your badge! A $50 replacement fee will be charged for lost badges.

THANK YOU TO SPOKANE COUNTY AND THE WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
ABOUT WIR

The Western Interstate Region (WIR) serves as the county advocate for public policy issues affecting the West.

WIR is affiliated with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and is dedicated to the promotion of western interests within NACo. These interests include public lands issues (including use and conservation), community stability and economic development and the promotion of the traditional western way of life.

Its membership consists of the state associations of counties in fifteen western states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai’i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

WIR is dedicated to promoting a clearer understanding of challenges facing county officials of the fifteen western states and serves as a valuable resource for exchanging information about western county governments for NACo, Congress, the administration and to all county officials.

The WIR Board has established the following goals:

• Promote responsible land management in the West
• Pursue equitable payment for county expenses associated with public lands not subject to tax
• Sustain the western quality of life
• Promote county officials as conveners

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Register online and save $25 off your registration fee!

Early Bird ends May 30.

Visit us at www.NACo.org/annual
TUESDAY, MAY 14

Mobile Workshops will depart from the main hotel entrance. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to tour departure to allow time to board the buses.

Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and dress appropriately for outdoor conditions. Lunch will be provided on both tours. All participants must ride the bus.

Mobile workshop registration is full. Stand by attendees will be accommodated as space becomes available.

8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Mobile Workshop: Explore the Grand Coulee Dam
(Pre-Registration Required)

Built between 1933 and 1942, Grand Coulee Dam is the key to the development of power on the Columbia River and with a nameplate-capacity of nearly 7,000 MW of electricity, it is still the largest power station in the United States. Grand Coulee Dam forms Lake Roosevelt, which extends 151 miles upstream to the Canadian border and provides water to irrigate approximately 600,000 acres in the Columbia Basin Project. In addition to its irrigation and power functions, Grand Coulee Dam is a primary factor in controlling the floods on the Columbia River. Join us on this special tour provided by the United States Bureau of Reclamation and get a behind the scenes look at this man-made marvel. Lunch will be provided.

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Mobile Workshop: Visit the A to Z Forestry Project in the Colville National Forest (Pre-Registration Required)

The A to Z pilot project is the result of years of collaborative work among elected officials, federal agencies, environmental groups, tribes, the timber industry and community groups. Through a unique partnership that has attracted national attention, the United Stated Forest Service and private industry have teamed up to thin and restore 54,000 acres of the 1.1 million-acre Colville National Forest. The 10-year A to Z sale includes selective logging, controlled burns, stream restoration and road maintenance work. Some of the logs will be turned into lumber at Vaagen Brothers’ Washington sawmills and other logs will be chipped and burned for wood-fired electricity. During this interactive workshop, hear from the leaders who turned this vision into a reality. Lunch will be provided.
NACo has partnered with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, the National Association of Development Organizations and Farm Credit to develop a free mobile app designed to identify areas with low or no connectivity to help ensure adequate funding for broadband infrastructure is provided across the country.

Get Started!

- Locate the iOS/Android App Store on your phone
- Search for “TestIT” in your mobile app store
- Download TestIT mobile app
- Open TestIT mobile app and click: Test Speed Here

www.naco.org/TestIT
No personal information is collected through the app.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
Policy Steering Committee and Board meetings are open meetings (unless otherwise indicated) and all are welcome to attend.

7:30 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.
Public Lands Trust Fund Trustees Meeting
Meeting Room 10, 2nd Floor Mezzanine Level
(invitation only)

8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
WIR Conference Registration
Grand Ballroom Pre-Function, Ground Floor Lobby Level

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
WIR Board of Directors Meeting
Grand Ballroom C, Ground Floor Lobby Level

The WIR Board of Directors meets on a quarterly basis including at the WIR Conference. We encourage all attendees to attend and participate in the Board meeting. In addition to conducting WIR business, the WIR Board agenda includes remarks from the following special guests:

David BeMiller, Deputy Chief Patrol Agent, Spokane Sector, U.S. Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security

Sallie Clark, Colorado State Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development

Victor de Leon, Branch Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security

Jeremy Field, Director, Region X, U.S. Small Business Administration

Michael Freeman Assistant Director for Operations, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security
Erin Miller, Vice President of Client Success, Tyler Technologies

Jim Ogsbury, Executive Director, Western Governors Association

Ariane Schmidt, Regional Project Manager, Spokane County/City of Spokane

Steve Tryon, Deputy Assistant Director for Resources and Planning, U.S. Department of the Interior

12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.
LUNCH BREAK

Lunch is on your own today. The Grand Restaurant in the Davenport will be open for lunch or check with the front desk for local dining options.

1:00 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting and Mobile Workshop

Beginning at 12:45 p.m., proceed directly to the main hotel entrance to board buses and participate in the mobile workshop. Due to limited capacity on the tour, priority will be given to steering committee members if demand is greater than availability.

Departing from Spokane and traveling south through the rolling hills of the Palouse towards Steptoe Butte, this tour will give participants an up-close look at one of the most fertile wheat and lentil growing regions of the world. Once at the top of Steptoe Butte, participants will have a 360-degree birds eye view of much of the Palouse and hear from Alex McGregor, local business owner and historian about the history of the Palouse and the dynamics of agribusiness in the region. After his presentation, participants will then head a few miles north of Steptoe Butte to the Palouse Wind project, to learn about a new crop being harvested on the Palouse—the wind.
1:00 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.
Joint Public Lands Policy Steering Committee & Energy, Environment and Land Use (EELU) Policy Steering Committee Meeting and Mobile Workshop

Beginning at 12:45 p.m., proceed directly to the main hotel entrance to board buses and participate in the mobile workshop. Due to limited capacity on the tour, priority will be given to steering committee members if demand is greater than availability.

The workshop will begin at the Spokane Waste to Energy Plant - part of the Spokane community’s overall comprehensive solid waste system that encourages recycling and waste reduction along with the recovery of energy. The facility burns municipal solid waste to recover energy in the form of electricity. The facility can handle up to 800 tons of municipal solid waste a day and can generate 22 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 13,000 homes. The power is sold to Avista, a local utility provider and earns about $5 million in power sales annually. Participants will then tour the nearby Aero-Flite facility to view the planes and visit with the CEO about their operations to suppress wildfires throughout the west. Aero-Flite has been in the aerial firefighting business since 1963. They operate Boeing B-17s, C-54, DC-4s and CL-215s as well as the Viking CL-415 and the Avro RJ85. They have grown from operating converted military aircraft into operating modern, purpose-built and engineered firefighting aircraft.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
WIR Conference Registration
Grand Ballroom Pre-Function, Ground Floor Lobby Level

8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
Opening General Session
Grand Ballroom AB, Ground Floor Lobby Level

Presentation of the Colors: 92nd Air Refueling Wing Honor Guard
National Anthem: Mary Dunkley, Senior Airman, 92nd MXS, U.S. Air Force
PRESIDING:
Hon. Kevin Cann, Supervisor, Mariposa County, Calif; NACo WIR First Vice President

Hon. James Hubbard, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Jim Hubbard was sworn into office as Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, September 6, 2018. In this role, he oversees the work of the USDA Forest Service. In 2016 he retired from the U.S. Forest Service as Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, with responsibility for Fire and Aviation Management, National Fire Plan, Cooperative Forestry Programs, Forest Health Protection, Conservation Education, Urban and Community Forestry, and the Office of Tribal Relations. Between November 2004 and October 2005, Hubbard served as the Director of the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination with the Department of the Interior. He served as Colorado State Forester from 1984-2004.

Hon. Kim Wyman, Secretary of State, the State of Washington

Kim Wyman is Washington’s 15th Secretary of State. First elected in 2012, she is serving her second term and is only the second female Secretary of State in Washington’s history. Prior to being elected to this office, Kim served as Thurston County Elections Director for nearly a decade and was elected Thurston County Auditor from 2001-2013. This presentation will focus on efforts to conduct secure elections and best practices for county officials to consider in light of next year’s presidential election.

Rob Curley, Editor of the Spokesman-Review

Dating back to the early days of the internet, Spokesman-Review editor Rob Curley has long been considered one of the newspaper industry’s biggest innovators. Through his times at some of the biggest newspapers in the nation like The Washington Post and Orange County Register to working at small midwestern papers like the Lawrence Journal-World and Topeka Capital-Journal, it’s his love of community journalism that drives him.

In 2019, Editor & Publisher magazine names the Spokesman-Review as one of the "10 Newspapers That Do It Right" in the U.S. focusing on the newspaper’s ground-breaking community event series.
10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.
Assessing Trends in Affordable Housing, Natural Disasters and More
Meeting Room 3, Ground Floor Lobby Level

County assessors are critical to ensuring the growth and resilience of counties across the country. Natural disasters, affordable housing and alternative energy pose significant valuation and economic challenges and opportunities. Join this workshop to hear from a panel of assessors about how they are navigating these issues, overcoming obstacles and pursuing opportunities to better secure our communities.

**MODERATOR: Timothy Boncoskey**, Chief Deputy Assessor, Maricopa County, Ariz.

**Hon. Cindy W. Bulloch**, County Assessor, Iron County, Utah

**Hon. Paul Petersen**, Assessor, Maricopa County

**Hon. John Wilson**, County Assessor, King County, Wash.

10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.
Federal Agency Partner Session with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service
Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor Lobby Level

Federal lands make up around 30 percent of the more than 2 billion acres in the United States and comprise as much as 90 percent of some counties, particularly in the West. Resource and forest management plans, along with land use plans, provide direction to federal land managers for development and use of natural resources and can greatly affect the economic, physical and social landscape of communities. This workshop will explore the opportunities for robust local government involvement to ensure the perspective of the community is reflected in resource and forest management plans and implementation.

**Cynthia Moses-Nedd**, U.S. Department of Interior Liaison to NACo
Randy Phillips, U.S. Forest Service Liaison to NACo

12:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.
Attendee Luncheon
Grand Ballroom AB, Ground Floor Lobby Level

Colonel Derek M. Salmi, Commander, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington

Under Colonel Salmi’s command, The Wing provides global reach airpower and deploys expeditionary forces in support of worldwide combat, contingency and humanitarian requirements. Prior to this assignment, he served as the 100th Operations Group Commander at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom. He also commanded the 436th Operations Support Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, and was a National Defense Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Colonel Salmi received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1998.

1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.
Collaborative Forest Restoration: Actively Improving Federal Lands through Dialogue and Action
Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor Lobby Level

Forest collaboratives bring federal agencies, state and local officials, industry and non-profit groups together to find solutions to landscape health issues. Throughout the West, county governments play an important role in planning and implementing forest health projects on the national forests. At this workshop, participants will learn about the challenges and successes of forest collaboratives and how their scale of use can be broadened moving forward.

MODERATOR:
Hon. Joel Bousman, Commissioner, Sublette County, Wyo.

Jennifer Lamb, Southwest Wyoming Program Director, The Nature Conservancy
 Counties are joining a national initiative to champion efforts to promote early childhood development and make young children a priority. Recent brain science shows that the most rapid period of brain development occurs within the first three years of life – developing faster from birth to age three than at any later period. Research also shows that high-quality early childhood development programs can deliver an annual return of up to 13 percent per child on upfront costs through better outcomes in education, health, employment and social behavior in the decades that follow; and economists attribute local economic growth and prosperity to high-quality early child care programs. Learn about on their efforts to reach young children from prenatal to age three to improve outcomes and increase access to services. This session is made possible by the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), funded through the Pritzker Children’s Initiative. We thank NCIT for their support.

**MODERATOR: Jessica Galvez,** Washington State Mobilization Manager, Save the Children Action Network

**Kate Ginn, LICSW,** Program Manager, Help Me Grow Pierce County, and Pritzker Fellow, National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers

**Marcy Miller,** Strategic Advisor to Help Me Grow, Seattle & King County Department of Public Health
1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.
Strategies for Better Serving People with Mental Illnesses Involved in the Justice System
Meeting Room 3, Ground Floor Lobby Level

Jails struggle with too many people with mental illnesses in jails. In this workshop, hear from county leaders about policies, practices and programs to keep people with mental illnesses out of jails, provide appropriate care to those who are in jails and better connect them to community-based treatment and services after release.

**MODERATOR:** Hon. Roy Charles Brooks, NACo Immediate Past President; Commissioner, Tarrant County, Texas

Chevon Kothari, MSW, Director, Mariposa County, Calif. Health & Human Services Agency

Hon. Maryann Moreno, Superior Court Judge, Spokane County, Wash.

Maggie Yates, Administrator, Regional Law and Justice Dept., Spokane County, Wash.

Dave Ellis, Undersheriff, Spokane County Sheriff’s Office

1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
NACo Board of Directors Meeting
Grand Ballroom C, Ground Floor Lobby Level

3:30 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
Engaging with Federal Partners to Grow a Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Economy
Meeting Room 3, Ground Floor Lobby Level

Millions of Americans visit our nation’s public lands for recreational activities such as hiking, camping, off-road vehicle use and much more. This generates a multi-billion dollar economic impact for gateway communities. This workshop will focus on the nexus of outdoor recreation on public lands, ways that management
of recreation impacts tourism in gateway communities, and how local governments can engage to build and grow sustainable recreation programs.

**Moderator:**

Hon. Stacy Corless, Supervisor, Mono County, Calif.

Mike Schlafmann, Public Services Staff Officer, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Jon Snyder, Policy Advisor for Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development, Office of the Governor of Washington

Hon. John Wentworth, Town Council Member, Mammoth Lakes, Calif. and Member of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

**3:30 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.**

**Untapped Resources: Grow Your County’s Economic Development**

Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor Lobby Level

Wouldn’t it be great if you could provide the businesses in your county with business advising, financing options and other tools for growth without tapping into your budget and resources? At this workshop, you will learn how those exact resources are available to your community. You can hear about programs provided by federal agencies to help spur economic development and small business growth in western counties.

**Moderator:**

Hon. Al French, Commissioner, Spokane County, Wash.

Jeremy Field, Regional Administrator, Region X, U.S. Small Business Administration

Kerrie Hurd, Director, Seattle Region, U.S. Small Business Administration

Hon. Kirk Pearson, Washington State Director, USDA-Rural Development
**Susan Nielsen**, Rural Services Manager in Eastern Washington, Department of Commerce, the State of Washington

**6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**  
**Conference-wide Celebration Event**  
Hosted by Spokane County and the Washington State Association of Counties

Join friends and colleagues for an evening reception with gorgeous views of the Spokane River at the Spokane Convention Center, located directly across West Spokane Falls Boulevard from the Davenport Grand. Exit the hotel on the 2nd Floor Mezzanine Level through the skybridge and proceed toward the back of the building along the river. You may also exit the hotel on the lobby level and proceed along the breezeway to the convention center. Spokane County staff will guide you along the way.

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

**8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**  
**WIR Conference Registration**  
Grand Ballroom Pre-Function, Ground Floor Lobby Level

**8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**  
**WIR Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers**  
Grand Ballroom AB, Ground Floor Lobby Level  
The Annual Business Meeting is open to all attendees.

**9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.**  
**General Session**  
Grand Ballroom AB, Ground Floor Lobby Level  
This session includes the installation of the WIR Officers and the presentation of the Dale Sowards Award.

**PRESIDING:**  
**Hon. Kevin Cann,** Supervisor, Mariposa County, Calif; NACo WIR First Vice President

**Hon. Joe Balash,** Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of the Interior
Joe Balash most recently served as the Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) before his confirmation as Assistant Secretary. He heads the U.S. Department of the Interior’s management of all federal lands and waters, and their associated mineral and non-mineral resources, as well as the appropriate regulation of surface coal mining. The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management is committed to managing, protecting and improving lands and waters to serve the needs of the American people.

Hon. Roger Millar, Secretary of Transportation, the State of Washington

Roger Millar joined WSDOT as Deputy Secretary in October 2015 and was appointed Secretary of Transportation in August 2016. He oversees an agency that is the steward of a multimodal transportation system and is responsible for ensuring that people and goods move safely and efficiently. In addition to building, maintaining and operating the state highway system, WSDOT is responsible for the state ferry system and works in partnership with others to maintain and improve local roads, railroads and airports, as well as to support alternatives to driving, such as public transportation, bicycles and pedestrian programs. Millar is an experienced land use and transportation engineer, planner and program manager with an international reputation for innovative approaches to conservation and development.

Opioid Addiction in Rural America: Leveraging Federal, State and Local Partnerships to Solve One of Our Nation’s Most Pressing Issues

While no corner of our country has gone untouched by the opioid crisis, the impact of this issue on small towns and rural places has been particularly significant. In October 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that the rates of drug overdose deaths are rising in rural areas, surpassing rates in urban areas. Federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have joined forces to create avenues for federal, state and local partnerships in an effort to bring opioid prevention, treatment and recovery activities to rural America more efficiently. Join representatives from HHS and USDA for a discussion on how these two agencies are coordinating efforts around the epidemic, and opportunities for local entities to engage in this work.

Hon. Kirk Pearson, Washington State Director, USDA-Rural Development
10:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
How Counties Take the Lead in Serving Veterans

America’s counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation’s veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our local, state, and federal partners to ensure that every veteran receives the care and support they have earned through their service. Counties offer a broad range of services to millions of veterans and their families, from housing, employment and financial assistance to health care and substance use disorder treatment to burial services. Additionally, counties in over 30 states employ county veteran services officers (CVSOs) to directly assist veterans in filing for and appealing veterans benefit claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), access other state and local benefits, and to otherwise act as advocates for veterans in our communities. This workshop will serve as a forum to discuss many ways counties are working to improve the lives of our veterans, and including how these efforts might be replicated in other communities.

Hon. Greg Chilcott, Commissioner, Ravalli County, Mont.

Cathrene "Cat" Nichols, Administrator, Spokane County and Eastern Washington Regional Veterans Services

Ed Zackery, Past President, National Association of County Veteran Service Officers

10:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
NACo Board of Directors Orientation

Open to all conference attendees, this session will provide an overview of NACo: our structure, governance and some of the NACo Financial Services Corporation programs.

MODERATOR: Matt Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Counties
10:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.  
Powering Local Economies and Forging the Future of a Smart, Resilient Grid

This session will explore the future of the power grid in the West and examine efforts in advancing toward a more resilient and reliable system, in the face of natural disasters, population growth and the rise of interest in renewable energy from customers and utilities.

Malcolm C. McLellan, Partner, Van Ness Feldman, LLP

Byron Woertz, System Adequacy Planning Manager  
Western Electricity Coordinating Council(WECC)

12:15 P.M.  
Box Lunch

Stop by the Grand Ballroom Pre-Function and grab a box lunch to take with you on your journeys!
Have you seen your county’s profiles? To view your county’s SRS profile, go to http://explorer.naco.org

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
SUSTAIN CRITICAL SERVICES IN FOREST COUNTIES

SRS PAYMENTS ARE CRITICAL FOR SERVICES INCLUDING:
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Schools
- Forest Management
- Ecosystem Protection
- Protection FROM WILDFIRE
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Services

U.S. COUNTIES AND SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS)

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SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination (SRS) Act was enacted in 2000 to compensate for steep reductions in revenues from timber harvests, which resulted from national policies that substantially diminished revenue-generating activities within federal forests. For FY 2018, the SRS program provided $237.7 million for roads and schools and other critical services in 659 mostly rural counties, parishes and boroughs across the United States. The latest authorization for SRS expired on September 30, 2018.

OUR ASK
Without SRS, forest counties nationwide face dramatic budgetary shortfalls. Counties urge Congress to renew its long-standing commitment to forest counties by increasing revenue sharing through active forest management and extending SRS as critical transitional funding.

Note: The receipts year reflects when the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) collects revenue from national forest lands. Without the SRS Act reauthorization, states revert to the Payments to States Act of 1908 as amended, receiving a 25 percent payment from national forest receipts. USFS estimates FY2018 25 percent payments to counties based on county shares of the national forest receipts. The estimates do not reflect the application of a 6.6 percent sequester to the state payments as the amount was paid back to counties after the passing of the omnibus bill. Eighteen Oregon counties receive SRS payments for O&C Lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Additionally, two of the eighteen counties receive SRS payments for Coos Bay Wagon Road lands administered by BLM.

Sources: NACo analysis of data from the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management and Headwaters Economics analysis of U.S. counties and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding.
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