

National Leadership Forum on Rural Development



## **Forum Attendees**

**Amy Allison** Director North Carolina Outdoor Economy Office

Marc Berejka Divisional Vice President, Community Advocacy & Impact REI Co-op

**Steph Bertaina** Senior Policy Analyst U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Curan Bonham** Program Officer Richard King Mellon Foundation

**Mirielle Burgoyne** Deputy Executive Director/Director of Government Relations National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)

Alex Calloway-Nation Economic Recovery Corps Fellow Wind River Development Fund

**Dr. Silas Chamberlin** Principal Firefly Outdoor + Economics

**Ryan Chao** President Rails to Trails Conservancy

**Charles Cooper** Founder and Managing Partner Brumidi Group

Andrew Davis Director of Strategic Redevelopment New River Gorge Regional Development Authority

**Cindy Dunn** Secretary Pennsylvania DCNR

Matt Dunne Founder and Executive Director Center on Rural Innovation

**Cassie Elrod** Program and Administrative Director Outdoor Recreation Roundtable **Ryan Emerson** Director of Grants Pennsylvania DCED

**Ta Enos** Founder and CEO PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship

Chris Estes Co-Executive Director Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group

Chris Fletcher Program Director, Energy National Governors Association

**Russ Garner** Area Director for Field Operations Communities Unlimited

**Tom Gilbert** President Pennsylvania Environmental Council

**Dr. Basil Gooden** Under Secretary for Rural Development U.S. Department of Agriculture

Meryl Harrell Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment U.S. Department of Agriculture

Alicia Harvie Head of Community and Government Affairs REI Co-op

**Brian Hill** Senior Program Officer Richard King Mellon Foundation

**Meredith Hill** Director, Conservation Landscape Program Pennsylvania DCNR

**Brett Hollern** Vice President Pennsylvania Environmental Council

**Glenn Hughes** President American Sportfishing Association

**Janice Ikeda** Executive Director Vibrant Hawai'i





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**David Kahley** President and CEO The Progress Fund

**Ted Kowalski** Senior Program Officer Walton Family Foundation

**Dr. Megan Lawson** Economist Headwaters Economics

Heather Leach Executive Director Pennsylvania RV and Camping Association

**Zeke Lee** Legislative Director, Public Lands, Western Interstate Region National Association of Counties

**David Lipsetz** President and CEO Housing Assistance Council

Nicole Manapol Director of Economic Recovery Corps International Economic Development Council

**Sandi Marra** President and CEO Appalachian Trail Conservancy

**Dan McCoy** Director, Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Initiative University of Wyoming

**Jason McDougald** Executive Director Camp Grier

**Stephen McKnight** President and CEO Blair County Alliance for Business & Economic Growth

**Sarah Melotte** Reporter The Daily Yonder

**Sara Moffat** Senior Advisor Bureau of Land Management

Janice Mullin Deputy Director Pennsylvania Office of Outdoor Recreation Nathan Ohle President and CEO International Economic Development Council

Shauneequa Owusu Chief Strategy Officer ChangeLab Solutions

**Dan Pastore** President FishUSA

**Chris Perkins** Vice President of Programs Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

**Abbi Peters** Chief Operations Officer PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship

**Tony Pipa** Senior Fellow, Center for Sustainable Development Brookings Institution

**Deborah Pontzer** President Grow Rural PA

**Whitney Potter Schwartz** Senior Vice President of Communications and Operations Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

**Jessie Powers** Executive Director Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia

**Tara Ramsey** Outreach and Engagement Manager Pennsylvania Office of Outdoor Recreation

**Dr. Nathan Reigner** Director Pennsylvania Office of Outdoor Recreation

**Sam Reiman** Director Richard King Mellon Foundation

**Rob Riley** President Northern Forest Center

**Tim Schaeffer** Executive Director Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission





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**Larry Selzer** President and CEO The Conservation Fund

Marcus Shoffner President and CEO Outdoor Inclusion Coalition

Matthew Smith President Prevail Ventures

Lucas St. Clair Board Chair, Trust for Public Land President, Elliotsville Foundation

**Stephanie Swepson-Twitty** President and CEO Eagle Market Streets Development Corporation

**Tee Thomas** CEO Quantified Ventures

I Ling Thompson CEO Foundation For America's Public Lands

**Baratunde Thurston** Emmy-nominated, renowned storyteller, and New York Times bestselling author

**Jessica Wahl Turner** President Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

**Dr. Danny Twilley** Assistant Vice President of Economic, Community, and Asset Development, Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative West Virginia University

**Brian Vincent** Mayor Farmville, VA

Jack Waldorf Executive Director Western Governors' Association

Marc Wilken Economic Recovery Corps Fellow PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship Noah Wilson Director of Sector Development Mountain BizWorks

Tawny Wilson Director of Advancement and Impact Oweesta Corporation

**Davitt Woodwell** Former President Pennsylvania Environmental Council

**Kim Wootteon** Vice President of Commercial Strategy Kampgrounds of America

