

# FUTURE OF THE FORESTS PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

JUNE 16-18 2025

CHAUTAUQUA COMMUNITY HOUSE | BOULDER COLORADO

# SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

*Coalitions and Collaboratives, Inc. is powered by the incredible people working every day to build resilient ecosystems and thriving communities. A heartfelt thank you to our Leadership Team for recognizing the extraordinary opportunity before us. A special thanks to Sarah Baker and the Argosy Foundation for helping turn this idea into a reality.*



Row 1 (left to right) Jonathan Bruno - CEO COCO. Esther Duke - COO COCO. Meryl Harrell - Former Deputy Undersecretary USDA Natural Resources and Env. Madelene McDonald - Watershed Scientist, Denver Water

Row 2 (left to right) Ch'aska Huayhuaca - Senior Program Manager Colorado Forest Restoration Institute. Tony Cheng - Professor & Interim Department Head, Human Dimensions Of Natural Resources, Colorado State University. Sarah Baker - Program Officer, The Argosy Foundation.



# ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The call for innovation and collaboration has never been more urgent. As agencies and organizations navigate funding cuts, workforce reductions, program realignments, and shifting priorities, we believe there is a powerful opportunity to come together—intentionally, strategically, and with purpose.

This nonpartisan invite-only convening will address a wide array of critical topics related to wildfires, forests and watershed health—offering a unique platform for visionary leadership to identify opportunities and forge new pathways toward more diversified, durable, and community-driven support for forest and community resilience.

The U.S. Forest Service stewards 193 million acres of public land—land that is critical not only to ecosystem health but also to the people, economies, and ecosystems that depend on it. Together with tribes, states, local governments, private landowners, community-based organizations, conservation groups, academic institutions, and others, this work requires shared responsibility and bold, collective leadership.

## Summit Principles & Goals

*Strengthen and sustain a trusted national network of wildfire resilience leaders*

*Ground the discussion in current realities—from the local to the federal level*

*Sense-make and assess the current moment—together*

*Recharge, refocus, and reconnect with peers*

*Identify shared priorities and actionable next steps*





RECHARGE & REIMAGINE

JUNE 16

Evening Welcome Reception | Hotel Boulderado, 7:00 PM

Kick off the Summit with opening remarks from the leadership team, including a welcome from Summit Leadership. This informal gathering is designed to build connection, frame the days ahead, and invite open conversation.

JUNE 17

Making Sense of Now: Burning Questions & Shared Truths

8:00 AM	Breakfast & Registration
9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks (Summit Leadership & Hosts)
9:30 AM	Participant Introductions (Facilitated)
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Table Conversations + Report-Out (Forest Management, Wildfire, Watersheds)
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	State of the Landscape Snapshots
	2-minute insights from federal, state, local, philanthropy, & practitioner perspectives
2:30 PM	Innovation Breakouts
	What past shifts or innovations created meaningful change?
	What can we learn and build upon today?
3:30 PM	Outdoor Activity: "Irrefutable Truths"
	In small groups, participants will develop foundational shared statements to align and guide future
5:30 PM	Dinner & Reception

JUNE 18

Turning Big Ideas into Action

8:00 AM	Breakfast & Day 1 Recap
8:30 AM	"Friends of the Forest Service" Discussion
	What do we depend on the FS for, and how can it better support communities?
	Identify shared challenges and opportunities for improvementVote on workshop topics during the break
10:00 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Solution Sourcing (Workshop Round 1)
	Break into topical working groups focused on shared priorities (e.g. workforce, funding, innovation).
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Solution Sourcing (Workshop Round 2)
2:30 PM	Readout & Group Reflection
	Key insights, next steps, and areas of consensus
	Align around actionable outcomes and "irrefutable truths"
3:00 PM	Closing
	Recap of Summit outcomes
	Next steps
3:30 PM	Summit Concludes

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# OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER

*As a participant in the Future of the Forests Partnership Summit, here's what you can expect from us—and what we expect from you in return:*

## What You Can Expect from Us

- Thoughtfully designed sessions that foster connection, collaboration, and forward momentum
- Opportunities to elevate your voice, share your experience, and contribute to real solutions
- A bit of fun woven into meaningful work

## What We Expect from You

- Take responsibility for your actions and contributions
- Engage in honest, sometimes challenging, conversations
- Bring a collaborative mindset and a willingness to listen and learn
- Protect and respect the time, people, and resources entrusted to you
- Show up ready to work—and enjoy the process

We will operate under [Chatham House Rule](#) for this event. Attire - Mountain Casual please - Bring your best flannels!



LISTEN LEAD EMPOWER

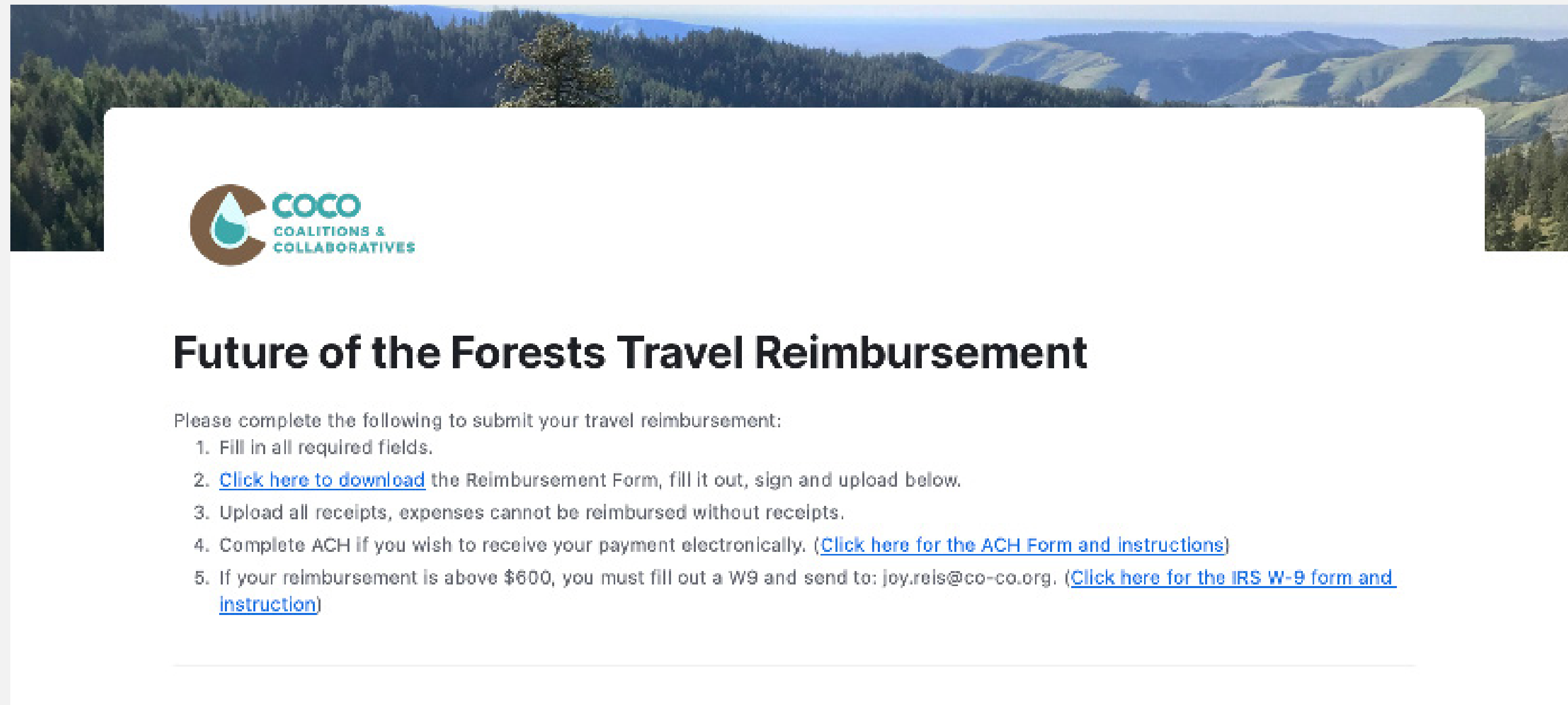


# VENUE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## Venue | The Community House at Colorado Chautauqua

Well into its second century, the Colorado Chautauqua, a National Historic Landmark, remains committed to its historic purpose, offering outstanding cultural and educational programs and attracting more than a million visitors each year. Just minutes from downtown Boulder and the University of Colorado, the Colorado Chautauqua is nestled at the foot of the famous Flatirons mountains.

Request financial assistance [HERE](#) or click the image below.



The screenshot shows a webpage for the "Future of the Forests Travel Reimbursement" program. At the top, there is a header image of a forested mountain range. Below the image is the logo for "COCO COALITIONS & COLLABORATIVES", which features a stylized brown 'C' with a blue water drop inside. The main heading is "Future of the Forests Travel Reimbursement". Below this, a paragraph states: "Please complete the following to submit your travel reimbursement:". This is followed by a numbered list of five steps: 1. Fill in all required fields. 2. [Click here to download](#) the Reimbursement Form, fill it out, sign and upload below. 3. Upload all receipts, expenses cannot be reimbursed without receipts. 4. Complete ACH if you wish to receive your payment electronically. ([Click here for the ACH Form and Instructions](#)) 5. If your reimbursement is above \$600, you must fill out a W9 and send to: joy.rels@co-co.org. ([Click here for the IRS W-9 form and instruction](#))



# LODGING & TRAVEL

## Lodging & Area | Hotel Boulderado

Address: 2115 13th Street, Boulder, CO 80302  
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From historic landmarks and scenic outdoor destinations to interesting museums and exciting events, Boulder, Colorado is filled with amazing and inviting things for visitors of all ages to enjoy. Shop and dine on the Pearl Street Mall, explore the Museum of Boulder, or visit the University of Colorado campus. Indulge in drafts from one of the local brewing companies or find delicious fresh food at the seasonal Farmers Market. Hotel Boulderado is located one block north of the award-winning Pearl Street Mall and the historic shopping and restaurant district. Whatever you want to see or do, it's all just minutes away from our historic hotel, located in downtown Boulder.

Boulder is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northwest of Denver. The closest international airport is Denver International Airport (DIA), which is 40 miles from our hotel. We strongly advise AGAINST getting a rental car. Various alternative transportation options are listed below. If you do get a rental car, please note that parking is limited in central Boulder, and you will be responsible for covering parking costs.

Valet Parking: \$30 per night. \$4 per hour.  
Valet Parking includes unlimited in-and-out access during the parking time that was purchased. In addition, limited, City of Boulder monitored metered and free street parking can be found around the hotel property.

Recommended Transportation Options: The RTD AB1 bus picks up and drops off at the Denver Airport Transit Center (under the Westin Hotel, connected to the airport). Buses run frequently and cost \$10 to ride to the Boulder Downtown Station, which is a 0.3-mile walk from the Hotel Boulderado. Travel time is approximately 90 minutes.

Shared-ride service shuttles pick up and drop off from Jeppesen Terminal Level 5. Options:

- Boulder Shuttle Call: (720) 223-5474; \$55 One-way
- Eight Black Shuttle Service Call: (720) 223-5474; Text: (720) 853-2272; \$59 One-way
- Super Shuttle Boulder Call Boulder Office: 303-227-0000; Denver Office: 303-370-1300
- Rideshare cars (Uber, Lyft) pick up and drop off from Jeppesen Terminal, Level 5. Rates vary, but are generally \$70 - \$90 One-way.

## Travel Between Boulderado & Chautauqua

- Catch a ride with a local: With several summit hosts and attendees based locally, there are lots of opportunities to catch a ride with someone who is based in Colorado and drove to the summit. Introduce yourself to a local and see if they have a seat open to catch a ride. We ask those who are willing to offer rides to their fellow participants to come down to the hotel lobby around 7:30 am and offer seats to those looking for a ride!
- Walking: The Chautauqua Community House is a pleasant 1.7-mile walk from the Hotel Boulderado through a pedestrian-friendly shopping district and shaded neighborhood streets.
- Uber or Lyft: Around \$10 each way
- Public Transportation: \$2.75 each way
- Hop: Board the Hop Counterclockwise Bus (departs at 7:12 am, 7:24 am, 7:36 am, etc.) at the corner of Spruce and Broadway (453 ft from the hotel entrance). Ride 5 stops. Get off at the College Ave & 9th Street W stop. Walk 0.8 miles to the venue.
- Skip: Board the Skip Bus toward Fairview HS (departs 7:14 am, 7:27 am, 7:41 am, etc.)and ride 5 stops Get off at the Broadway & College Ave stop. Walk 1 mile to the venue.



# SUMMIT DESIGN

## Creating Space for Connection & Collaboration

The Summit Agenda was intentionally designed to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and valued.

At its core, the Summit is simple: bring together leaders from across the country to collaborate from a solutions-oriented perspective. COCO, like many of you, doesn't claim to have the answers. But we do believe that by coming together – openly, honestly, and creatively – we can generate meaningful ideas and actions for the future.



## About Coalitions & Collaboratives

Since its inception, COCO has empowered local groups by providing expertise, resources, and funding. COCO supports transparent, collaborative conservation efforts that safeguard the environment, strengthen communities, and boost local economies. Our work is centered on fostering collaboration, driving innovation, and inspiring hope in the face of increasing challenges. We are deeply committed to supporting people and places, firmly believing that working together is the only path to meaningful solutions.



## Small Group Work Sessions

Throughout the Summit, participants will work in small, facilitated groups to explore questions and share ideas and opportunities. These discussions will identify shared challenges, values, and ideas – and will culminate in tangible proposals brought forward to the larger group for collective consideration.



## Large Group Dialogues

We'll come together regularly for full-group report-outs and facilitated discussions. These moments are designed to amplify insights, challenge assumptions, and build shared understanding across diverse perspectives.



## Receptions & Dinners

Evening events will provide space to build relationships, strengthen networks, and share a few laughs. Your hosts will have more surprises in store – but know that connection and community are central to this experience.



## Breaks & Outdoor Time

We've intentionally woven in time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the beautiful Boulder landscape. With over 40 miles of trails right outside the door, we hope you'll take the opportunity to stretch your legs, breathe deeply, and be inspired by the surroundings.