

PNWER SUMMIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 16

10:00 – 6:00pm	Registration
12:00 – 1:00pm	Executive Committee & Delegate Council Luncheon
1:30 – 5:00pm	Executive Committee & Delegate Council Meeting
6:00 – 8:00pm	Welcome Reception
9:00 – 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite

Monday, July 17

7:00 – 6:00pm	Registration		
7:30 – 9:15am	A Diplomatic Welcome: Opening Keynote Breakfast		
9:30 – 10:30am	Session 2: The Future of our Energy Mix: energy security and decarbonization; small modular nuclear reactors. A discussion examining the evolving resource mix of our energy portfolios. Resource adequacy, hydrogen, small modular nuclear reactors, advanced grid technology. What are the future energy needs of the region and how will we meet these demands?		
10:45 – 11:45am	Session 3: Energy CEO Roundtable. A roundtable discussion of regional utility executives around regional energy reliability, resilience, and infrastructure. Past CEO panels have included Idaho Power, Avista, Northwestern Energy, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric, Northwest Natural, FortisBC.		
12:15 – 1:30pm	Keynote Lunch Plenary- Welcome to Idaho!		
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3:45 – 5:30pm	Session 6a: At the Core: Critical Minerals & the Future of North American Security and Sustainability. North American resource development for advance battery manufacturing and securing supply chains	Session 6b: Goal-Oriented: Strategic Planning for the 2026 World Cup. FIFA recently announced that the 2026 World Cup will be held in 16 cities across North America. PNWER is home to two host cities–Seattle, WA, and Vancouver, BC. The 2026 World Cup provides an incredible opportunity for the U.S. and Canada to showcase all that the region has to offer from our majestic mountains to our pristine waters to our unparalleled food scene. How can we begin to plan strategically to ensure that our infrastructure, tourism, and hospitality sectors, and workforce are prepared for the 2026 World Cup?
6:00 – 8:00pm	Evening Reception	
9:00 – 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite	

Tuesday, July 18

7:00 – 6:00pm	Registration		
7:30 – 9:15am	Keynote Breakfast: Feeding our World: Food security and meeting global demand		
9:30 – 10:30am	Session 8a: Agriculture Directors Roundtable. Provincial Ministers and State Directors of Ag will meet to discuss regional collaboration on agriculture topics of interest	Session 8b: Innovation. Expert insight on the future of Artificial Intelligence impact on the region economy and what policy makers need to know	
10:45 – 11:45am	Session 9a: Water. Water Conservation and Columbia River Treaty (contingent on decision)	Session 9b: Forestry. Developing Policy and Techniques for Wildfire Prevention and Response (TBD)	Session 9c: Cross Border Livestock Health
12:15 – 1:30pm	Keynote Lunch: Looking ahead: A Sustainable Economy		
1:45 – 3:30pm	Session 11a: Building Blocks: The Housing Affordability and Availability Crisis Legislative Roundtable on Housing: Highlighting innovative housing policies in the US and Canada and common stumbling blocks.	Session 11b: Hog Wild: Managing the threat of feral swine in our region. Joint session with Cross-Border Livestock Health and the Transboundary Feral Swine Working Group	

3:45 – 5:30pm	Session 12a: Disaster Resilience: Emergency Management Director's Roundtable Opportunities for regional collaboration and exercises on topics like PNEMA, Response and Recovery	Session 12b: Protect our Waters: Aquatic Invasive Species. Current Threat Environment and role of the States and Provinces	Session 12c: Cross Border Livestock Health
6:00 – 8:00pm	Out on the Town: Explore Boise's Dining Scene		
9:00 – 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite		

Wednesday, July 19

7:00 – 6:00pm	Registration		
7:30 – 9:15am	Keynote Breakfast: Infrastructure and the Economy. Importance of investing in infrastructure as way to improve regional resiliency and competitiveness		
9:30 – 10:30am	Session 14a - Railroads are a Backbone: Importance of Railroads to PNW Communities. How railroads connect Pacific Northwest goods to domestic and international markets. Ways that railroads support agriculture exports.	Session 14b - Rural Broadband and Indigenous Economic Development	Session 14c - Feral Swine Technical Assistance and Legislative Policy Tour OFFSITE
10:45 – 11:45am	Session 15a - Better Together: Moving People & Freight on the Same Tracks. Introducing High Performance Rail – Identifying ways to co-invest in freight and passenger rail to improve overall rail performance.	Session 15b - Arctic Caucus	
12:15 – 1:30pm	Keynote Lunch: Smashing Roadblocks: Permit Modernization and Reform. Discussing ways that the current permitting process in the U.S. is one obstacle to reaching previously-explored decarbonization goals. What can the Pacific Northwest U.S. states learn from our Canadian partners on ways to improve the existing permitting process while maintaining high standards? How can the region work together to promote best practices at the state and local level?		
2:00 – 5:30 pm	PNWER Executive Committee & Delegate Council Strategic Planning Session	Policy Tours- Learn first-hand the key issues in our region by participating on policy tours in the greater Boise area.	
6:00 – 8:00pm	Closing Reception at Boise Depot		
9:00 – 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite		