

# 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	<b>A Diplomatic Welcome: Opening Keynote Breakfast</b>		
9:30 – 10:30am	<b>Session 2: Developing a National Framework on Energy Security and Sustainability</b> Join us for a discussion around PNWER's Energy Security and Sustainability Framework, an overview of the 10-jurisdiction regional energy picture, and a conversation on US-Canada energy security, including topics around sustainability, critical minerals, and permit reform.		
10:45 – 11:45am	<b>Session 3: The Future of Our Regional Energy Mix.</b> A discussion on sustaining energy reliability and decarbonization strategies, including topics on decarbonization, hydrogen, small modular nuclear reactors, and natural gas.		
12:15 – 1:30pm	<b>Keynote Lunch Plenary- Welcome to Idaho!</b>		
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3:45 – 5:30pm	<b>Session 6a: At the Core: Critical Minerals &amp; the Future of North American Security and Sustainability.</b> North American resource development for advance battery manufacturing and securing supply chains	<b>Session 6b: Goal-Oriented: Strategic Planning for the 2026 World Cup.</b> 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	Offsite Reception at JUMP– sponsored by JR Simplot Company	
9:00 – 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite	

## Tuesday, July 18

7:00 – 6:00pm	Registration		
7:30 – 9:15am	<b>Keynote Breakfast: Feeding our World: Food security and meeting global demand</b>		
9:30 – 10:30am	<b>Session 8a: Agriculture Directors Roundtable.</b> Provincial Ministers and State Directors of Ag will meet to discuss regional collaboration on agriculture topics of interest	<b>Session 8b: Innovation.</b> Expert insight on the future of Artificial Intelligence impact on the region economy and what policy makers need to know	<b>Sidebar: Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA)</b> Open to All
10:45 – 11:45am	<b>Session 9a: Water.</b> Water Conservation and Columbia River Treaty (contingent on decision)	<b>Session 9b: Forestry.</b> Developing Policy and Techniques for Wildfire Prevention and Response (TBD)	
12:15 – 1:30pm	<b>Keynote Lunch: Looking ahead: A Sustainable Economy</b>		
1:45 – 3:30pm	<b>Session 11a: Opening Doors: Exploring Innovative Policies for Increasing Supply of Workforce Housing in the PNW</b>	<b>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</b>	

3:45 – 5:30pm	<b>Session 12a: Disaster Resilience: Emergency Management Director's Roundtable</b> Opportunities for regional collaboration and exercises on topics like PNEMA, Response and Recovery	<b>Session 12b: Protect our Waters: Aquatic Invasive Species.</b> Current Threat Environment and role of the States and Provinces	<b>Session 12c: Cross Border Livestock Health</b>
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	<b>Keynote Breakfast: Infrastructure and the Economy.</b> Importance of investing in infrastructure as way to improve regional resiliency and competitiveness			
9:30 – 10:30am	<b>Session 14a - Railroads are a Backbone: Importance of Railroads to PNW Communities.</b> How railroads connect Pacific Northwest goods to domestic and international markets. Ways that railroads support agriculture exports.	<b>Session 14b - Arctic Caucus</b>	<b>Session 14c- Navigating the Future of Health Care Costs and Access to Improve Workforce Wellness</b>	<b>Session 14d - Feral Swine</b> Technical Assistance Sessions
10:45 – 11:45am	<b>Session 15a - Better Together: Moving People &amp; Freight on the Same Tracks.</b> Introducing High Performance Rail – Identifying ways to co-invest in freight and passenger rail to improve overall rail performance.	<b>Session 15b - Broadband- From Access to Impact: Policy and Funding Solutions for Connecting Rural Communities and Industries</b>		
12:15 – 1:30pm	<b>Keynote Lunch: Smashing Roadblocks: Permit Modernization and Reform.</b> 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	<b>Policy Tours-</b> 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			