



# 105<sup>th</sup> Western Plant Board Annual Conference

## April 8 - 12, 2024

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn Boise Spectrum  
7699 W Spectrum St, Boise, ID 8370

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## Agenda

	Monday, April 8, 2024	Presenter	Location
3 - 6 PM	Registration		Garden Room
6 - 9 PM	Lite bites at Hotel (Provided)		Pre-Function Foyer
Closes 9 PM	Hospitality Lounge (No host bar)		

	Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Presenter	Location
6 - 8 AM	Breakfast (Provided)		
7 AM- 5 PM	Registration		Garden Room
8 - 8:20 AM	Welcome to Idaho - Opening Session	Chanel Tewalt or Lloyd Knight (ID)	Garden Room
8:20 - 8:25 AM	State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO) Roll call	Wondirad Gebru, WPB Vice President (CO)	Garden Room
8:25 - 8:40 AM	Western Plant Board (WPB) President – Welcome and Remarks	Chris Benemann, WPB President (OR)	Garden Room
8:40 - 9 AM	National Plant Board (NPB) President – Welcome and Remarks	Mia Kirk, NPB President (AK)	Garden Room

9 - 9:30 AM	USDA – APHIS – PPQ Update	Carlos Martinez, Associate Deputy Administrator, Field Operations (USDA- AHPIS-PPQ)	Garden Room
9:30 - 10:05 AM	Update: Customs and Border Protection (CPB)	Kevin Harriger, Agricultural Programs & Trade Liasion (CBP)	Garden Room
10:05 - 10:20 AM	SPRO Updates: AK, AZ, BC, NV <i>(1-5 minutes each, slides optional)</i>		Garden Room
10:20 - 10:40 AM	Morning Break (Provided)		Garden Room East
10:40 - 11:20AM	Regional Trends on Fire and Forest Pest Populations	Carl Jorgensen, Boise Field Office, Entomologist (USFS)	Garden Room
11:20 - 12:05PM	Mediterranean Oak Borer	Cody Holthouse, SSC (OR) & TBD, (CA)	Garden Room
12:05 - 12:30 PM	Individual States SPRO Updates: CA, CO, GU, HI, ID <i>(1-5 minutes each, slides optional)</i>		Garden Room
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch (Provided)		Pre-Function Foyer
1:30 - 3:30 PM	CAPS - State Survey Coordinator (SSC) & Pest Survey Specialist (PSS) Breakout: Part 1		Garden Room West
1:30 - 2:05 PM	Individual States SPRO Updates: MT, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY <i>(1-5 minutes each, slides optional)</i>		Garden Room
2:05 - 2:25 PM	Current & Future Look at the Grasshopper & Mormon cricket Program	Ryan Vazquez, GH/MC National Operations Manager (PPQ)	Garden Room
2:25-3:10 PM	Bio-control management & research in the West	Joey Milan, Regional Biocontrol Specialist (BLM)	Garden Room
3:10 - 3:25 PM	Afternoon Break (Provided)		Garden Room East
3:25 - 4:10 PM	Challenges of managing Fruit fly in California	Andy Cline, CA	Garden Room

4:10 - 5 PM	Noxious weed management and challenges in the West <i>or</i> Annual weed problems and the Western action plan	Aaron Eager (Western Weed Coordinating Committee) <i>Pending</i>	Garden Room
6 PM - 8 PM	Dinner (Provided)		
6 PM - 9 PM	Hospitality Lounge (No Host Bar)		

	<b>Wednesday, April 10, 2024</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
6 - 8 AM	Breakfast (Provided)		
8 - 10 AM Breakout Sessions	State Plant Regulatory Officials Breakout		Garden Room West
	CBP Breakout		Les Bois Room
	State Plant Health Director/USDA-APHIS-PPQ Breakout		Garden Room East
	WPB Resolution Committee (Closed Session)	Chris Benemann (OR), Wondirad Gebru (CO), Ryan Hills (NM)	<i>TBD</i>
	CAPS - SSC & PSS Breakout: Part 2		Executive Boardroom
10:15 AM – 5:30 PM	<b>Field Trips. Board buses at 10:15AM</b>  Boxed lunches will be provided.	Nunhems (vegetable seed) & Franz Witte (nursery/landscaping)	
5:30 – 8:30 PM	Reception Awards - Dinner Banquet		Grand Room
Closes 9 PM	Hospitality Lounge, No Host Bar		
	<b>Thursday, April 11, 2024</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
6 - 8 AM	Breakfast (Provided)		Garden Room
8 - 8:40 AM	Spotted Lantern Fly pathway analysis and surveillance	<i>TBD, (CA)</i>	Garden Room

8:40 - 9:30AM	Overview and Updates: Endangered Strategy for Pesticides	TBD, (EPA)	Garden Room
9:30 - 10:15 AM	Update: Grasshopper aerial management policy in sage grouse habitat	TBD, (BLM)	Garden Room
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Morning Break (Provided)		Pre-Function Foyer
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Panel Discussion: Updates and the Future of JB in the West	ID, OR, WA, CO, CA	Garden Room
11 - 11:45 am	Quagga mussel emergency response in Idaho	Jeremey Varley <i>or</i> Nic Zurfluh (ID)	Garden Room
11:45 AM - 12:10 PM	Idaho Hemp Program	Casey Mann <i>or</i> Greg Blahato (ID)	Garden Room
12:10 - 12:30 PM	National Honeybee Survey: <i>Tropilaelaps</i> mite	Chris Rosario (GU), Alyssa Piccolomini (MT)	Garden Room
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch Provided		Pre-Function Foyer
1:30 - 3PM Closed Sessions	WPB meeting (closed meeting)		Garden Room West
	USDA/PPQ Meeting (closed meeting)		Garden Room East
	CBP Meeting (closed meeting)		Les Bois Room
3 - 3:15 PM	Afternoon Break (Provided)		Pre-Function Foyer
3:15 - 5 PM Joint Meeting	WPB, PPQ, CBP, CAPS; Presentation and discussion of topics of interest to Western States ( <i>Identify issues for National Plant Board Discussion</i> )		Garden Room
6 - 8 PM	Dinner (On Your Own)		NA
Closes 9 PM	Hospitality Lounge (No Host Bar)		

	<b>Friday April 12, 2024</b>		<b>Location</b>
6 -8 AM	Travel Day Continental breakfast (Provided)		Pre-Function Foyer

