



Welcome to the 7th Annual Regional Economic Summit

The WCMEDC is proud to host this annual event to convene regional leaders, small businesses, local governments, non-profits, and State and Federal partners. Our goals for today are:

- Obtain bigger picture context of the current economic challenges we face nationally, regionally, locally
- Empower our local businesses to make decisions that are best for them
- Leave with some positivity, hope, and optimism for our future

Thank you for being a part of this special, dynamic day either by sponsorship or attendance. Here is to “Cultivating Rural Resilience” in the West Central Mountains.

AGENDA

8:30am - 9:00am	Check-In & Networking
9:00am - 9:10am	Welcome
9:10am - 10:10am	“Housing in the West Central Mountains: Review of our Regional Housing Needs Assessment Results” and facilitated discussion with Ellen Campfield & Michelle Bowlds of Agnew Beck Consulting
10:10am – 10:25am	BREAK
10: 25am – 11:25am	“Sustainable Recreation Panel” – moderated by Meredith Todd, City Planner of McCall, and featuring Kara Finley, CFO of Tamarack Resort, Ken Rider, GM of Brundage Mountain Resort, Brad Wilson, GM of Bogus Basin Resort, Lauren Demo, owner of Salmon Raft Company
11:25am – 11:45am	LUNCH – Grab-and-Go style served in the foyer with an assortment of gourmet sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and beverages of choice. This will be a working lunch with Boise State University
11:45am – 1:30pm	“Strengthening Community Resilience and Vitality in Valley County: Developing a Customized Resilience Assessment and Strategy” with Boise State University’s Hazard Climate Resilience Institute. Facilitated by Dr. Brittney Brand & Team
1:30pm - 1:45pm	BREAK
1:45pm – 2:30pm	“Small Business Resources & Small Business Needs in the West Central Mountains” and facilitated discussion with Marie Baker, Idaho Small Business Development Center
2:30pm – 3:00pm	“Did You Know? Highlight of Regional Projects for Resiliency and Sustainability” by Lindsey Harris with guest appearance by Andrew Mentzer, Sustainability Manager for Blaine County
3:00pm – 3:20pm	“Expanding Geothermal for our Cascade community” with City of Cascade
3:20pm – 4:00pm	“Power of Passion: Stories of Community-centered Solutions” with Marci Miller & Christine Gilmore, Rural Development Initiatives, Inc.
4:00pm	Closing remarks & thank you
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Concluding reception at “Fern & Feather”

All are welcome to join us for the reception immediately following for hors d’oeuvres and cocktails at the beautiful “Fern & Feather” restaurant at the Lodge at Osprey Meadows. Just a short walk from the Arling Center