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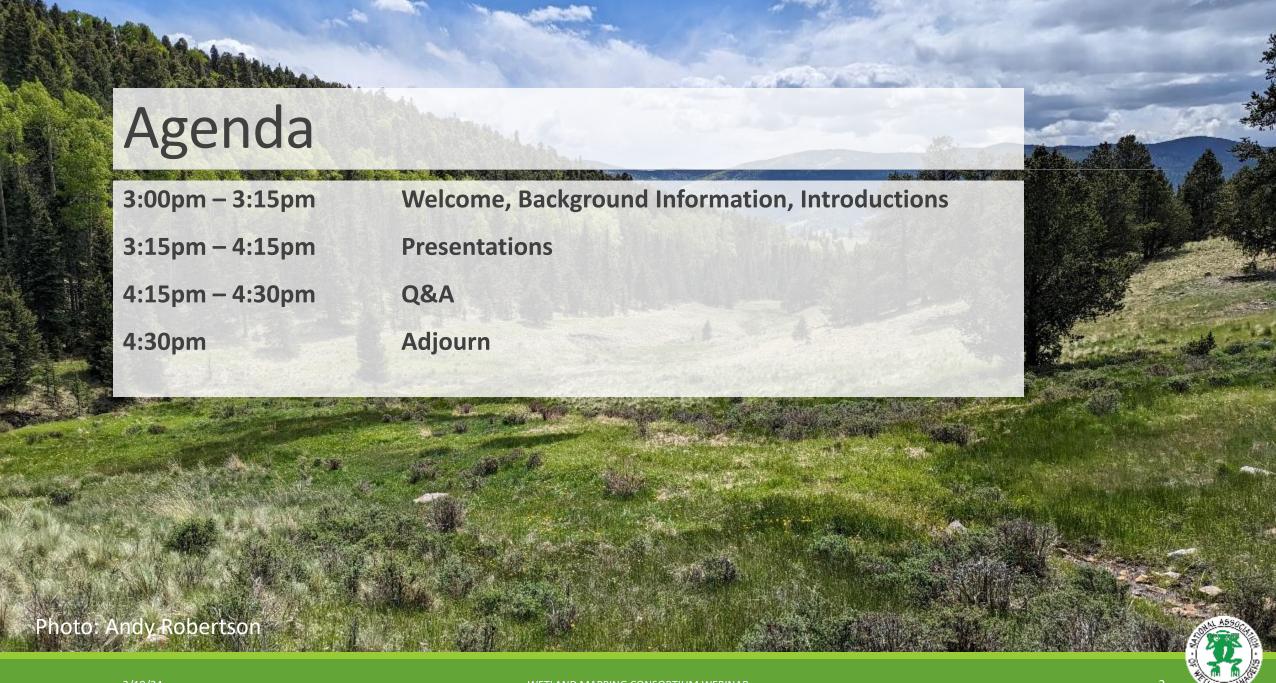
Predicting and Mapping WOTUS and the effects of the Sackett Decision

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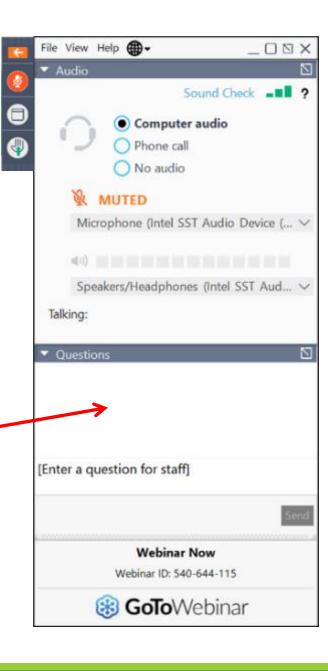
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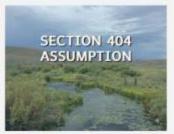






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Post – Sackett WOTUS Jurisdictional Issues

WHAT HAS CHANGED FROM THE PRE-2015 POST RAPANOS METHODS?

Relative permanent standard analysis

Only those waters which are relatively permanent (RPWs), and flow at least seasonally, are now regulated by the Clean Water Act (CWA) and considered waters of the United States (WOTUS).

Wetlands must have a direct connection to RPWs. It does not need to be an PRW or wetland but must be able to convey hydrology.

Tributary flow needs to be greater than ephemeral and at least "seasonal".

Interstate wetlands are no longer regulated by definition but must meet RPW nexus standard.

Increased efforts to determine status

Sensitivity of flow analysis and seasonality (perennial vs intermittent). Not a static point, cost and coverage of refined geospatial data.

Regional differences in flow regimes and seasonality.

Scale issues for determining connections.

Increased site visits and on-the-ground analysis

Berms and levees sever jurisdiction of wetlands unless directly connected to an RPW via conveyance.

Lack of implementation guidance from EPA and Corps.

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