

# Are you a professional in the public lands community with valuable expertise to share?

TerraSync, a training symposium by <u>Western National Parks Association</u> (WNPA), is looking for knowledgeable presenters to lead sessions that will support and inform attendees.

## **About TerraSync**

Scheduled for June 24-26, 2025, in Tucson, Arizona, TerraSync is a gathering for front-line managers, mid-level leaders, regional directors, and key personnel from various organizations within the public lands community. Our goal is to provide these leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively support national parks and public lands.

# What We're Looking For

Presentations should align with one or more of TerraSync's themes of collaboration and relationships, leadership, and diversity and inclusion.

#### **Collaboration and Relationships**

- Focus on building effective partnerships and managing multi-party strategies.
- Possible topics include Annual Operating Plans, Scope of Sales, Director's Order and RM 32,
  Direct Aid Planning, Managing Joint Intellectual Property, and Building Tribal Partnerships.
- Content should enhance collaborative problem-solving and execution strategies.

#### Leadership

- Focus on practical skills that leaders need.
- Possible topics include Effective Management, Emotional Intelligence, Conflict Resolution, and Project Management.
- Sessions should provide tools and exercises to improve leadership capabilities.

#### **Diversity and Inclusion**

- Focus on insights that lead to more equitable relationships and open communication.
- Possible topics include Cultural Competence, Inclusive Leadership, Unconscious Bias, Dialogue Skills, Accessibility, and Universal Design for Inclusion.
- Sessions should promote understanding and implementation of inclusive practices.

## Why Present at TerraSync

As a presenter at TerraSync, you will:

- Connect with a diverse audience, including National Park Service (NPS) representatives, cooperating association staff, and other key stakeholders.
- Contribute to the missions of the NPS and WNPA, supporting the broader goals of the public lands community.
- Develop your professional skills and gain recognition in the field.
- Grow by sharing your expertise and learning from others.
- Share your insights with a wide audience, enhancing your impact on public lands management.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Please submit your proposal via the electronic form by November 15, 2024.

The form includes:

- Presenter Contact Information.
- Session Title/Topic: Concise and engaging session title.
- Session Summary: Including key topics and the overall aim.
- Learning Objectives: 2-3 key takeaways or skills participants will gain.
- Target Audience: Specify intended audience (e.g., front-line managers, regional directors).
- Track Selection: Collaboration & Relationships, Leadership, or Diversity & Inclusion.
- Presenter Bio: Brief bio highlighting your passion, experience, and expertise.
- Why TerraSync?
  - o Tell us why you're excited to be a part of TerraSync 2025.
  - How does your topic align with the symposium themes of collaboration, empowerment, and inclusive learning?
  - What motivates you to share your insights with public lands leaders at this training symposium?
  - This is an opportunity to express the deeper connection between your work and the TerraSync mission.
- Previous Speaking Experience
  - Share examples that demonstrate your ability to connect with an audience and share your passion, but if you're new to speaking, we're eager to learn more about what drives you to contribute at TerraSync.

#### Click to submit your proposal

Submissions will be reviewed by the event planning team, and the first round of selected presenters will be notified by December 2, 2024.

# Inquiries

For more information, please visit <u>terrasync.org</u>, or contact Lindsey Stone, WNPA Associate Director, Learning & Development, at <u>lindsey.stone@wnpa.org</u>.

Join us in inspiring, empowering, and educating public lands leaders at TerraSync 2025!