



# CRUCIAL HABITAT ASSESSMENT TOOL WINTER MEETING

A Virtual Meeting  
January 05, 2021  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (MST)

## AGENDA

Event Coordinator | Delaney Meeting & Event Management

- 1:00 pm **Welcome & Introductions - Jennifer Psyllakis, CHAT Director Sponsor**
- 1:10 - 1:20 pm **Introduction: WAFWA Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT)**  
Chanda Pettie, CHAT coordinator presents an overview of CHAT’s history and development, and how this decision support tool is promoting the incorporation of state-based wildlife conservation values into landscape-level land use planning efforts.
- 1:20 - 1:50 pm **CHAT in Action: Idaho’s Forest Action Plan**  
Tyre Holfeltz, Wildfire Risk Mitigation Program Manager and Andrew Mock, GIS Analystist with the Idaho Department of Lands provides a presentation and discussion on how CHAT, along with other data sources, was used to develop the Idaho Forest Action Plan (July 2020). Q&A Session.
- break*
- 2:00 - 2:20 pm **CHAT in Action: Arizona’s Conservation Analysis Tool**  
Joyce Francis Ph.D., Arizona Conservation Strategy Project Manager with the Arizona Game and Fish Department presents on the development of the Conservation Analysis Tool. Q&A Session.
- 2:20 - 2:50 pm **CHAT Potential: Shared Stewardship - Multi-Agency Project Collaboration**  
Timmons Group presents their Shared Wildfire Risk Mitigation (SWRM) Tool developed in partnership with DOI (USFWS etc.), USDA agencies and select Western States, that facilitates collaborative spatial planning and accomplishment tracking. Discussion will focus on the potential to leverage CHAT in SWRM to aid partners land management accomplishments.
- Break (10 min)*
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm TECHNICAL SESSION - Newest CHAT Feature**
- 3:00 - 3:15 pm **Introducing the Under-the-Hood (UTH) Tool – Live Demo**  
Dana Peterson, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and CHAT Technology Team Member introduces CHAT's newest feature, the Under-the-Hood tool. Developed by the CHAT-Data Community (CHAT-DC) to provide CHAT users with quick access to the data that the States used to develop the CHAT rankings. Q&A Session.
- 3:15 - 4:00 pm **Adding Data to the UTH – A Hands-on Walk Through**  
*Time Flexible*  
Miles Spathelf, GIS Analyst III for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and CHAT Technology Team Member provides a walk-through of how UTH data is entered & managed, and the flexibility it provides to the State’s on what data is entered. CHAT Team Members are encouraged to bring a dataset and participate in the walk-through of loading data. Interactive Session.
- 4:00 - 4:15 pm **Follow-up Discussion**  
Chanda Pettie, CHAT coordinator leads a discussion on the next steps for incorporating state data layers and planning a date for public release.
- 4:15 - 5:00 pm **Open Work Session**  
Join the team in a working session to get hands-on assistance as you walk through loading your data into test environment. Preparation materials will be provided to team members prior to the meeting. If you would like to receive the packet, please contact [wafwa.gis@wafwa.org](mailto:wafwa.gis@wafwa.org).

