

Join Woodland Park Zoo to Examine “A Hot Topic” *Expert panel convenes to discuss protecting wildlife in Washington’s wildfire country at Naked City Brewery*



WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo is excited to announce its upcoming conservation conversation, “A Hot Topic: Protecting Forests and Wildlife in Washington’s Wildfire Country,” on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., at Naked City Brewery. The expert panel includes local wildlife, wildfire, and forest experts who work in Washington’s increasingly hot landscape to protect the animals and ecosystems struggling to survive. Grab a beer, participate in the panel discussion and learn how humans and animals are coping with our state’s new climate.

Space is limited; to secure a spot at the lecture, visit: www.zoo.org/wildfires.

WHEN: **Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.** The event is free and limited to people 21 and older only.

WHERE: Naked City Brewery
8564 Greenwood Ave N
Seattle, WA 98103

DETAILS: With the onset of climate change and growing human populations, more people are severely impacted by wildfires across the Pacific Northwest every year. But humans aren’t alone in losing their homes to wildfires—animals are also at risk.

WHO: Moderator Fred Koontz, PhD, vice president of field conservation at Woodland Park Zoo, will be joined by Paul Hessburg, research landscape ecologist for USDA-Forest Service; Ryan Haugo, senior forest ecologist for the Nature Conservancy; and Jim Watson, wildlife research scientist for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, award-winning Woodland Park Zoo is famed for pioneering naturalistic exhibits and setting international standards for zoos in animal care, conservation and education programs. Woodland Park Zoo also is helping to save endangered animal species and their habitats in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. By inspiring people to learn, care and act, Woodland Park Zoo is making a difference in our planet’s future. For more information, visit www.zoo.org.

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