Twelfth Biennial U.S. Drought Monitor Forum
Virtual
October 21-22, 2021

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Forum Agenda, Day 1, Thursday, October 21, 2021 (All times Central)

11:45am – 12:00 Log on and Virtual introduction in Chat

Day 1 – Welcome/USDM History/Partner Updates

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm
Welcome, Announcements, and Forum Objectives
Brian Fuchs, NDMC

12:15 pm – 12:35 pm
Opening Remarks
Mark Svoboda, Director of the NDMC

12:35 pm – 1:05 pm
The United States Drought Monitor Process
Brian Fuchs, NDMC

1:05 pm – 1:30 pm
Open Discussion and Q & A with all USDM Authors
USDM Authors

1:30 pm – 1:40 pm
Break

1:40 pm – 1:55 pm
The USDM OCONUS Process
Richard Heim, NCEI
1:55 pm – 2:10 pm  
**WRCC/DRI Updates**  
*David Simeral, WRCC*

2:10 pm – 2:25 pm  
**NOAA/CPC Updates**  
*Brad Pugh, CPC*

2:25 pm – 2:40 pm  
**NOAA/NCEI Updates**  
*Richard Heim, NCEI*

2:40 pm – 2:55 pm  
**NDMC Updates**  
*Curtis Riganti/Deb Bathke, NDMC*

2:55 pm – 3:10 pm  
**USDA Updates**  
*Brad Rippey, USDA/OCE*

3:10 pm – 3:30 pm  
**Final Discussion/Questions for Day 1 and setting the stage for Day 2**  
*Brian Fuchs, NDMC*

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**Forum Agenda, Day 2, Friday, October 22, 2021 (All times Central)**

**11:45am – 12:00**

Log on and Virtual introduction in Chat. For the 1pm and 2pm meetings, please be logged in 5-10 minutes prior to the start of that meeting. Zoom links will be sent out for each time slot.

**Day 2 – Regional USDM Open Discussions**

These sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss region specific topics related to the weekly production of the United States Drought Monitor. Participants can join in to as many of these sessions as they would like to as it will be an opportunity to discuss new research, data, and ideas that may be relevant to a particular areas USDM process. All USDM Authors will participate in all 3 sessions.

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**  
Eastern United States USDM Production Questions/Suggestions/Ideas  
*USDM Authors*

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**  
Central United States USDM Production Questions/Suggestions/Ideas  
*USDM Authors*

**2:00 pm – 3:00pm**  
Western United States USDM Production Questions/Suggestions/Ideas  
*USDM Authors*