



## 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  
**TBD**

1:55 pm – 2:10 pm	USDA Updates <b>Brad Rippey, USDA/OCE</b>
2:10 pm – 2:25 pm	NOAA/CPC Updates <b>TBD, CPC</b>
2:25 pm – 2:40pm	NOAA/NCEI Updates <b>Richard Heim, NCEI</b>
2:40 pm – 2:55 pm	NDMC Updates <b>Curtis Riganti/Deb Bathke, NDMC</b>
2:55 pm – 3:10 pm	WRCC/DRI Updates <b>David Simeral, WRCC</b>
3:10 pm – 3:30 pm	Final Discussion/Questions for Day 1 and setting the stage for Day 2 <b>Brian Fuchs, NDMC</b>

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

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

**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 <b>USDM Authors</b>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Central United States USDM Production Questions/Suggestions/Ideas <b>USDM Authors</b>
2:00 pm – 3:00pm	Western United States USDM Production Questions/Suggestions/Ideas <b>USDM Authors</b>