

WEDNESDAY
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 OCTOBER

SUSTAINABILITY DAY

4pm SESSION | USU LAKE VIEW TERRACE ROOM

FEDERAL LANDS & WATERS: REIMAGINING LATINA/OS RELATIONSHIP TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Description

Please join us for this exciting Sustainability Day Panel with Vanessa Torres from the National Parks Service and Fabian Garcia from the U.S. Forest Service. Each will discuss barriers Latinos face in accessing the great outdoors but also initiatives that community members can take in order to access and sustain healthy relationships with federal lands, oceans and mountains. In doing so, they aim to break barriers between Latinos and the great outdoors in reimagining how these national spaces can better reflect the diversity of the state of California.

Communication services are available for this event. Please submit requests for services at least 5 days in advance.

Vanessa Torres



Vanessa Torres currently serves as the Los Angeles District Supervisor for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The LA Office provides multiple programs and community engagement to the local gateway community. Vanessa works to establish new partnerships in youth outreach and to connect underserved students and diverse populations to national parks in their backyard. Torres also serves as the Chair of the National Park Service's Latino Employee Resource Group.

Fabian Garcia



Fabian Garcia is the Director of the Southern California Consortium (SCC)—a program of the US Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region—which is part of the Outreach, Recruitment and Workforce Diversity office. He serves as principle liaison between government agencies, non-profit organizations, local businesses, school districts, as well as colleges and universities. He collaborates to develop supportive services, outreach, recruitment, and career/school counseling to the urban areas.



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