REGIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM
Showcasing Planning Region 12 | Jackson, Grand, Summit, Eagle & Pitkin Counties
Silverthorne Pavilion, Silverthorne
May 7, 2020 | 8 – 3:30 p.m.

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DRAFT AGENDA:

8 – 9 a.m. REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & BREAKFAST

9 – 9:10 a.m. OPENING COMMENTS AND WELCOME

Presenters:
Jon Stavney, Executive Director, NWCCOG
Michelle Claymore, EDCC’s Board Chair & Economic Development Director, City of Commerce City

9:10 – 9:20 a.m. WELCOME FOR SILVERTHORNE

Presenter:
Ryan Hyland, Town Manager, Town of Silverthorne

9:20 – 10:20 a.m. DEMOGRAPHIC & ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE NORTHWEST CO REGION
Elizabeth Garner will give an overview of the geographic region through its proximity to markets, demographics, and industry cluster base.

Presenter: Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer, Colorado Department of Local Affairs

10:20 – 10:30 a.m. NETWORKING BREAK

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. A REGIONAL LOOK AT THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
We have invited our city and town managers across our region to discuss what economic development looks like in their communities and how important economic development is to their everyday decision making.

Moderator: Jon Stavney, Executive Director, NWCCOG

Panelists:
Jeremy Rietmann, Town Manager, Town of Gypsum
Debra Figueroa, City Manager, City of Glenwood Springs
Ryan Hyland, Town Manager, Town of Silverthorne
Gary Suiter, City Manager, City of Steamboat Springs
John Crone, Town Manager, Town of Grand Lake
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.  NETWORKING LUNCH

12:30 – 1:20 p.m.  SWIPE (Steal With Integrity Pride and Enthusiasm) THIS!
This is a rapid-fire session with our statewide economic development partners. Each of them have been given a topic that pertains to Northwest Colorado’s needs and how their organization can help improve, support, and grow our vital economies.

Moderator: Jon Stavney, Executive Director, NWCCOG
Representatives from:
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs
- Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade
- Economic Development Council of Colorado
- Northwest Colorado Council of Governments
- Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
- Economic Development Administration
- Small Business Development Administration
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

1:20 – 2:20 p.m.  1 IN 5 RESIDENTS IN OUR REGION WILL BE 65+ BY 2030
What will be the implications on our region’s economy?

Moderator:
Erin Fisher, Director, Alpine Area Agency on Aging

Panelists:
- Janine Vanderburg, Director & Chief Catalyst, Changing the Narrative
- Janice Blanchard, Senior Policy Advisory, Office of Gov. Jared Polis (invited)
- Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging Representative (invited)

2:20 – 2:30 p.m.  NETWORKING BREAK

2:30 – 3:20 p.m.  RETAINING WORKING FAMILIES IN THE REGION
Speakers will discuss the implications on our region’s economy and share strategies, best practices, tools that will support our efforts in retaining the balance between tourism and livable communities.

Presenter(s): TBA

3:20 – 3:30 p.m.  CLOSING COMMENTS