Outdoor recreation provides a myriad of health benefits, ranging from reducing obesity and crime to improving quality of life and life satisfaction. These benefits have never been more important than they are today as we face a global pandemic. Developing sustainable outdoor recreation and sustainable environmental tourism can also be an economic lifeline for many communities. This session will explore the nexus of outdoor recreation, health, and economic development by presenting on programs that are utilizing public/private partnerships to leverage resources and funding to bring health and economic benefits to both rural and urban communities.

PANELISTS

**Angela Coleman**, Associate Chief, USDA Forest Service (Introductions)

**Nausheen Iqbal**, National Program Manager, Urban and Community Forestry, USDA Forest Service

**Toby Bloom**, National Program Manager, Travel, Tourism, and Interpretation, USDA Forest Service

**Beatriz Soto**, Protége, Director for Conservation Colorado

**Clara Pregitzer**, Deputy Director of Conservation Science, Natural Areas Conservancy

*Please note the event will be in English.*