



**Roundtable on Opportunities for Latinos in Natural Resources at USDA**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**USDA Whitten Building, Room 104-A**

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| 1:00 p.m. - 1:05 p.m. | Introductions   |
| 1:05 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. | USDA Welcome<br><b>Carole Jett, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary</b>  |
| 1:15 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. | Latino Leaders and Natural Resources<br><b>Roger Rivera, President, National Hispanic Environmental Council</b>   |
| 1:20 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. | Goals and Expectations - Today's Roundtable<br><b>Oscar Gonzales, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Affairs</b>  |
| 1:25 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. | Natural Resources Conservation Service<br><b>Dave White, Chief, NRCS</b>  |
| 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | National Institute of Food & Agriculture<br><b>Dr. Roger Beachy, Director, NIFA</b>   |
| 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. | Natural Resources and the Environment<br><b>Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary, NRE</b>   |
| 2:15 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. | Agricultural Research Service<br><b>Caird Rexroad, Associate Administrator, ARS</b>   |
| 2:35 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Break   |
| 2:45 p.m. - 3:05 p.m. | Rural Development<br><b>Cheryl Cook, Deputy Under Secretary, RD</b>   |
| 3:05 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. | Departmental Management<br><b>-Pat Leavenworth, Interim Director, Office of Outreach &amp; Advocacy</b><br><b>-Quinton Robinson, Director, Office of Small &amp; Disadvantaged Business Utilization</b> |
| 3:20 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. | U.S. Forest Service<br><b>Chuck Myers, Deputy Chief for Business Operations, USFS</b>   |
| 3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Next steps, Follow Up, and Closing Remarks<br><b>Oscar Gonzales, Roger Rivera, and Others</b>   |
| 4:00 pm               | Adjourn   |

\*Note: brief Q & A to follow each presentation.