



**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**

1:00 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.	Introductions
1:05 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	USDA Welcome <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 <b>Roger Rivera, President, National Hispanic Environmental Council</b>
1:20 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	Goals and Expectations - Today's Roundtable <b>Oscar Gonzales, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Affairs</b>
1:25 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Natural Resources Conservation Service <b>Dave White, Chief, NRCS</b>
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	National Institute of Food & Agriculture <b>Dr. Roger Beachy, Director, NIFA</b>
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Natural Resources and the Environment <b>Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary, NRE</b>
2:15 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.	Agricultural Research Service <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 <b>Cheryl Cook, Deputy Under Secretary, RD</b>
3:05 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Departmental Management <b>-Pat Leavenworth, Interim Director, Office of Outreach &amp; Advocacy</b> <b>-Quinton Robinson, Director, Office of Small &amp; Disadvantaged Business Utilization</b>
3:20 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	U.S. Forest Service <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 <b>Oscar Gonzales, Roger Rivera, and Others</b>
4:00 pm	Adjourn

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