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## Green Readiness, Response, and Recovery: Stewardship of natural resources in the context of disturbance

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019 | 1:00 – 2:15pm ET*

Massive social-ecological disturbance and disasters have struck the United States in recent years. In 2017 alone, the country dealt with devastation, destruction, and displacement from three major hurricanes, a nearly unprecedented wildfire season, and senseless acts of violence and terrorism. The magnitude of these disasters requires appropriate, large-scale coordinated emergency response and recovery efforts. Both research and practice demonstrate that natural resource stewardship activities can play a role in helping communities to recover, heal, and become more resilient. This webinar presents perspectives from authors in the forthcoming Forest Service General Technical Report *Green Readiness, Response, and Recovery: A Collaborative Synthesis*. First, **Jonathan Halfon** will reflect on how coordinated federal long-term recovery is evolving from a natural resource conservation perspective, drawing on examples from recent disasters in New York, the US Virgin Islands, and Hawaii. Then, **Traci Sooter** and **Nancy Chikaraishi** will share their experiences in designing community-based memorials in Joplin, MO following the 2011 EF5 tornado. **Lindsay Campbell** will moderate a discussion about how communities can rebuild and create capacity over time through innovative partnerships centered on community-based stewardship of natural resources.



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### **Traci Sooter & Nancy Chikaraishi**

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### **Lindsay Campbell**

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