



NWCCOG Regional Economic Summit

Thursday, May 7, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Silverthorne Pavilion – 400 Blue River Parkway, Silverthorne, CO

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**Registration is open on the NWCCOG Website for \$25 per person*

AGENDA



8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration, Coffee, Breakfast Snacks

*Coffee by Enza's Delicatessen & Market
Assorted breakfast pastries, bars, and fruit*

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Comments & Welcome

- **Jon Stavney**, Executive Director, NWCCOG
Introduction of NWCCOG Staff

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Regional Demographic & Economic Overview, State Perspective

- **Kate Watkins**, State Demographer

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Networking Break, Cold Refreshments

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Results of Regional Statistical Analysis Project

Brian London, Managing Director, Insights Collective The Travel Economy Think Tank
Following 6 months of interviews with Mayors, leading to Survey and analysis, Insights Collective will share deliverables in a presentation with Report to follow. Report will be available by June 1st.

11:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Speaker Speed Round – 15 minutes each

- *CareerWise Youth Apprenticeship – Creating Measurable Value for Businesses and Educational Partners*
Erik Williams, Director of Community Development, Vail Valley Partnership
- *State Economic Planning, work nested in Regional Planning*
Kami Collins, Rural Opportunity Representative West, OEDIT

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

*Provided by Enza's Delicatessen & Market – Sandwiches, chips, and cookies
Cold refreshments provided*

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

An Interactive AI Workshop: Building Regional Strategy Live.

Facilitator: Stephen Kuban, CEO & Principal, Kuban Transit Solutions

Workshop begins with current [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#) and current County-level economic strategic planning documents uploaded. Kuban will lead a panel of representatives TBD from NWCCOG Member Counties in a discussion, with live audience interaction. Objectives are 1) to engage audience in discussion of regions economic issues that will provide first engagement for upcoming CEDS due in September, providing framework for a series of calls resulting in final document, 2) to produce a report within a week summarizing input, and 3.) to learn how to use AI by doing.

Panelists for AI Workshop:

- **Jason Blevins** – *Co-Founder, Colorado Sun*
- **Mathew Mendisco** – *Town Manager, Town of Hayden, CO*
- **DiAnn Butler** – *Economic Dev. Director, Grand County, CO*
- **Jacob Zook** - *Economic Dev. Specialist, City of Glenwood Springs*
- **Mia Vlaar** – *Economic Dev. Director, Town of Vail, CO*

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Discussion, Closing Remarks and NWCCOG Mystery Gift Bag Raffle