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OF NORTHWEST COLORADO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

10th Annual Economic Development Summit



9:00 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks (15 min)

Emcees: Camron Wyatt & Nicolette DiPietro – Colorado River BOCES

9:15 AM – Keynote Address: Unlocking Your Competitive Advantage (90 min)

Mark Perna – National Expert on Workforce & Generational Strategies

10:45 AM – Networking Break (15 min)

11:00 AM – YouthEntity: Building the Next Generation of Local Talent (20 min)

Kristina Freeman – Executive Director, YouthEntity

11:20 PM – Youth Panel: What Today's Students Need from Tomorrow's Economy (40 min)

Moderated by YouthEntity, featuring student leaders from across the region

12:05 PM – Homegrown Pathways: Empowering the Next Generation of Pioneers (20 min)

Colin Lacy – Founder & CEO, Homegrown Pathways

12:25 PM – Lunch & Networking (40 min)

Networking Lunch hosted by Downtown Colorado, Inc. and Outgrow Your Garage with support from USDA Rural Development



1:05 PM – Economic Forecast: The Outlook for Northwest Colorado (90 min)

Nathan Perry, Ph.D. – Professor of Economics, Colorado Mesa University

2:35 PM – Networking Break (15 min)

2:50 PM – Startup Colorado: Cultivating Rural Entrepreneurship (20 min)

Brittany Romano – Executive Director, Startup Colorado

3:20 PM – Colorado Apprenticeship Hub: Forging Futures for Today's Pioneer (30 min)

Marcus Weathersby – Registered Apprenticeship Consultant, Colorado Apprenticeship Hub

3:55 PM – Closing Remarks: Trail's End & the Road Ahead (5 min)

Tinker Duclou – Vice President & Campus Dean of CMC Rifle

4:00 PM – Adjourn

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