

# Ozone Season Kickoff Event and Press Conference

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

2:00 to 4:30 PM

Land-of-Sky Regional Council Office

339 New Leicester Hwy – Suite 140

Asheville, NC 28806

## **AGENDA**

### **Light Refreshments and Pre-Event Media Interviews (1:30 – 2:00 PM)**

*Welcome and Introductions* – Bill Eaker, Land-of-Sky Regional Council (LOSRC) (10 minutes)

*State and Federal Air Quality Issues Update* (Air Quality Conditions/Trends/Programs) – Mike Abraczinskas, Acting Director, NC Division of Air Quality (20 min.)

*Local Agency Air Quality Update* (Air Quality Conditions in Buncombe County) – Ashley Featherstone, Permitting Program Manager, WNC Regional Air Quality Agency (20 minutes)

*Break* (15 minutes)

*Smoke Impacts from the Wildfires in Southern Appalachia in November 2016* – Bill Jackson, Air Resource Management Specialist, US Forest Service (20 minutes)

*A Smarter and Cleaner Energy Future for WNC* – Jason Walls, District Manager, Duke Energy (15 minutes)

*Efforts to Reduce Emissions from Motor Vehicles in the Region* – Bill Eaker, Coordinator, Land of Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition and Ritchie Rozzelle, Transportation Demand Management Program Manager, LOSRC (15 minutes)

*Question and Answer Session* – The Press (30 minutes)

*Closing Remarks* – Bill Eaker, LOSRC (5 minutes)

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