



WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

WRP Steering Committee Planning Meeting with Committee Co-chairs

JUNE 29, 2015

Today's Agenda

- 1. Setting the Stage and Discussion on WRP 2014-2015 efforts**
 - Brief Overview of WRP History
 - Efforts Completed in 2014/2015; and efforts to finalize for WRP Principals' meeting
 - REQUEST: Approval of WRP Letter of Support for SoAZ/NM implementation efforts
- 2. Recommendations by WRP Chair and Vice Chair**
 - Request: Seeking input to finalize recommendations
- 3. Discussion and Selection of 2015/2016 WRP Chair and Vice Chair**
 - Request: Approval of 2015/2016 Chair and Vice Chair
- 4. Break for Lunch**

Today's Agenda

(continued)

5. Discussion Regarding WRP Charter and WRP Vision/Mission document, WRP Structure, Funding and WRP 2015/2016 Priorities

- Request: Confirm recommendations

6. Discussion regarding Seventh Principals' Meeting

- Request: Seeking input to finalize details

7. Discussion of WRP Outreach and Communications Efforts

- Request: Determine any gaps

8. Updates by SC and Committee Chairs

9. Wrap-up, Final Recommendations and Next Steps

Introductions: In the Room

WRP SC Members & Committee Co-Chairs

- Steven Arenson
- Pete Bakersky
- John Bullington
- Kevin Carter
- Brandi A. Colander
- Joseph Cuffari
- Dwight Deakin
- Julie Decker
- Thomas M. Finnegan
- Col John J Gamelin,
USMC
- Eric Kivi, Col, USAF
(Ret)
- Kevin Moody
- Raul Morales
- Scott Morgan
- Michael Mower
- Jim Ogsbury
- Allison Shipp
- Shelley Smith
- Mike Ternak
- Kristin Thomasgard-Spence
- William “Bill” Walker
- Major Brian Welsh

Introductions: On The Phone

WRP SC Members & Committee Co-Chairs

- Assistant Chief Rafael Cano
- Nan Christianson
- Brad Crowell
- Colonel Patrick Gramuglia
- Julie Jordan for Lisa Hanf
- Luana Kiger
- Rick Frost
- Tom Lupo
- Ryan McGinness
- Carol Ostergren
- Kim Stevens
- Colonel Bob "Stoney" Stonemark
- Connie Reitman
- Paul Thomsen

Introductions: In the Room

Supporting Staff

- Lauren Berger, Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Amy Caramanica, Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Terry Hansen, ManTech Contract Support to MCIWest G3
- Deb Smith Ormsbee, Strategy Support, Dept. of Navy, NAVAIR
- Caitlin Willoughby, Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton

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WRP: Setting the Stage
and
Discussion of 2014-2015
Efforts

Briefing Information

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Pre-WRP Principals' Meetings

- Internal DoD Meetings
- Udall Institute Survey and MCI West Study

November 2007

- 1st Principals' Meeting
- WRP concept was outlined and explored further through 6 committees

August 17-18 2010

- Adopted WRP Charter
- Adopted WRP Vision and Mission
- Adopted Recommendation to establish Steering Committee (SC) and Tribal Relations Committee

September 13-14, 2012

- Well attended (117); Senior-level participants
- Many deliverables

WRP Timeline Through 2014

2007

2009

2010

2011

2012

2014

March 31/April 1 2009

- Recommended Committees continue their efforts
- Established Interim Steering Committee (ISC)

September 14-15 2011

Restructured 7 Committees and 3 Subcommittees to 4 Committees to better align Committee Structure to WRP Mission

June 17-18, 2014

- Revised WRP Vision Statement, WRP Mission/Vision document, WRP Charter and WRP Committee restructure
- Held 5 Plenary Sessions
- Continued to have strong attendance
- Many deliverables; 8 reports with recommendations and collaborated on 2 landscape-level projects

WRP Vision & Mission



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WRP Vision

WRP will be a significant resource to proactively identify and address common goals and emerging issues and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners.

WRP Mission

WRP provides a **proactive and collaborative framework for senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership** to identify **common goals and emerging issues** in the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah and to **develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.**

WRP Goals

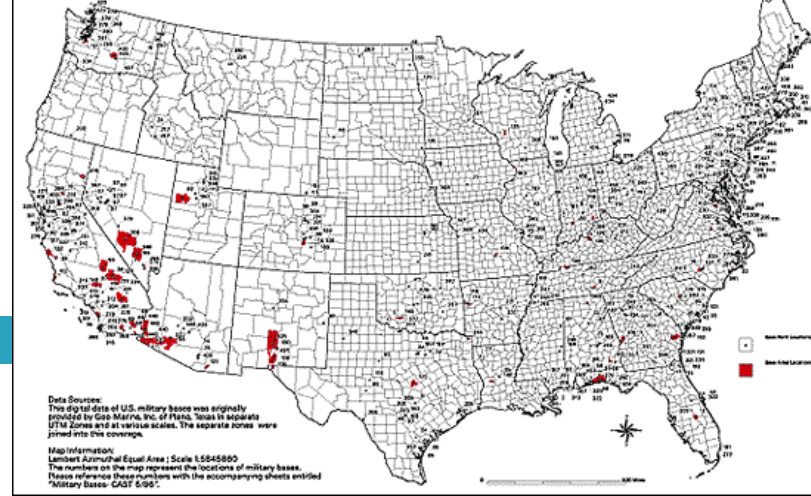
(From WRP Charter)



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- Serve as a catalyst for improved regional coordination among State, Federal and Tribal agencies
- Address common goals, identify and solve potential conflicts and develop solutions that protect our natural resources, while promoting sustainability and mission effectiveness
- Provide a forum for information exchange, issue identification, problem solving and recommendations across the WRP region
- At annual Principals' meeting, adopt strategic priorities to complete in the subsequent year
- Leverage existing resources and linking of efforts to better support key projects
- Provide a GIS Sustainability Decision Support Tool that integrates appropriate Federal, Tribal, State, and other available data sources for use in regional planning by WRP Partners

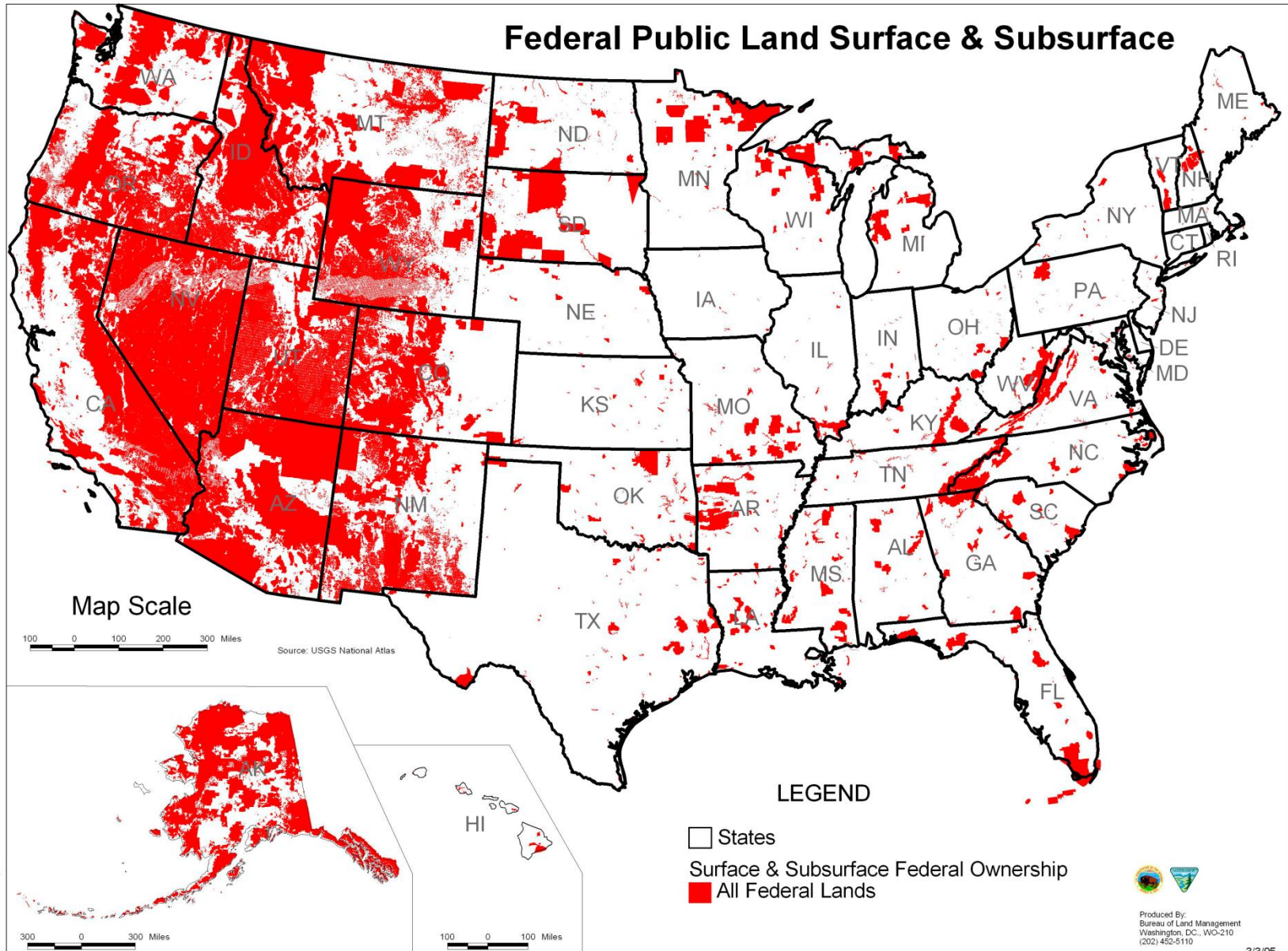
WRP Region's Uniqueness



□ Importance to the Military

- Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space
 - **Army:** ~40% of the Army's landholdings
 - **Navy:** Over 33% of Navy's landholdings
 - **Marine Corps:** 85% of Marine Corps' airspace; 67% of Marine Corps' Live Fire Ranges
 - **Air Force:** Includes four of the largest USAF range complexes - Edwards, Nellis/Creech/NTTR; Luke/Goldwater; and UTTR
 - 75% of DoD Special Use Airspace is located within the WRP Region
- Significant **State Trust** Landholdings
- Approximately **170 Federally recognized Tribes**
- Significant amounts of **Federally managed land**
 - In WRP states the amount of Federal land ranges from 34.1% - 84.9% of total state land

88% of Federal Public Land is in the 12 most western states



State	% of Federal Public Land (not including DoD managed lands)	% of DoD Managed Land	% of Indian Trust Land	Private Land	State Trust Land	Size of State in square miles and ranking by area
Arizona	35.5%	6.6%	27.6%	17.5%	12.7%	114,000; 6 th largest state
California	40.2%	4.0%	.5%	50.3%	2.5%	160,000; 3 rd largest state
Nevada	78.8%	6.1%	1.42%	13.03%	.15%	110,561; 7 th largest state
New Mexico	29.7%	4.4%	10.2%	43.9%	11.6%	121, 593; 5 th largest state
Utah	63.6%	3.4%	4.5%	21%	7.5%	84,904; 13 th largest state

One of every six Americans lives in a WRP state and 16% of total US land mass is in the WRP-region

WRP Structure

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WRP Co-Chairs:



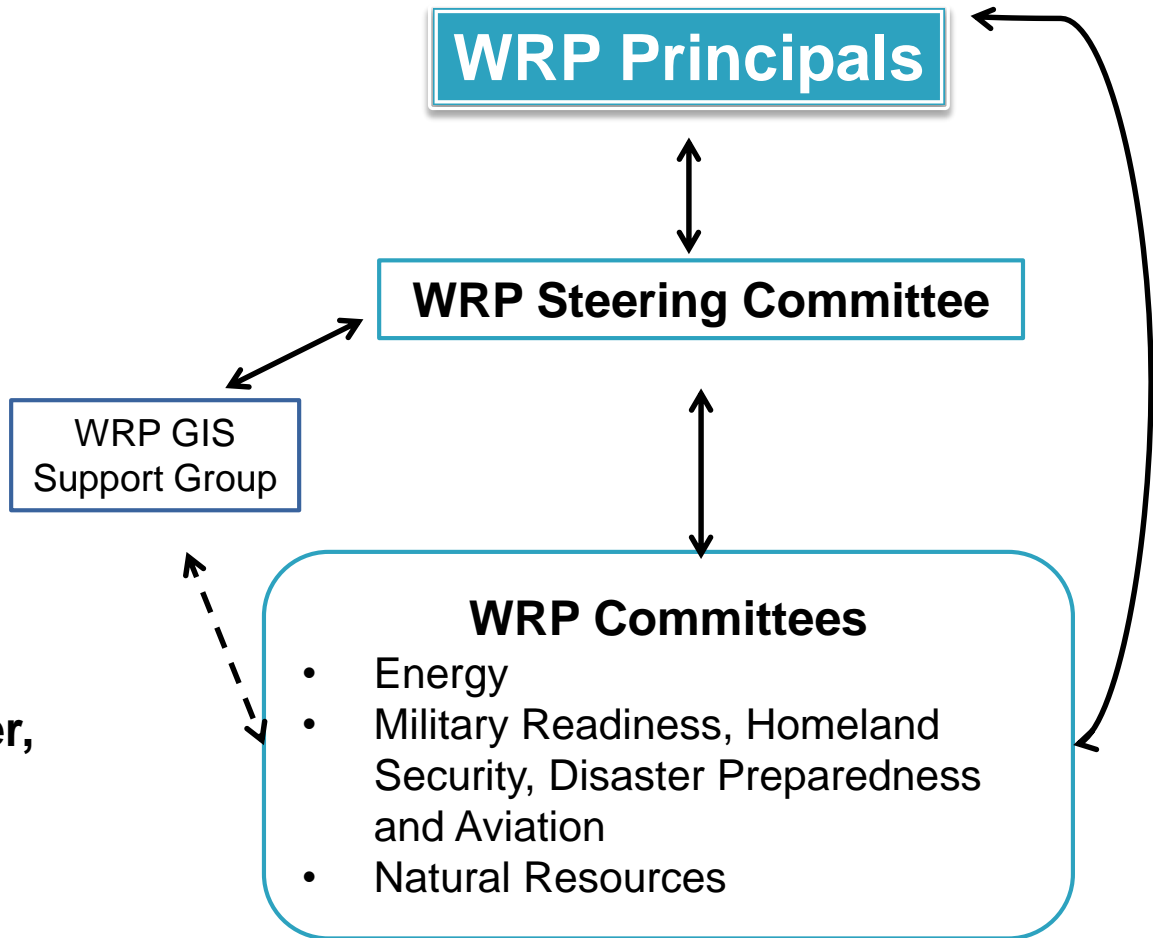
Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah



Mr. John Conger,
Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations and Environment)



Ms. Janice Schneider,
Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, DOI



WRP Steering Committee

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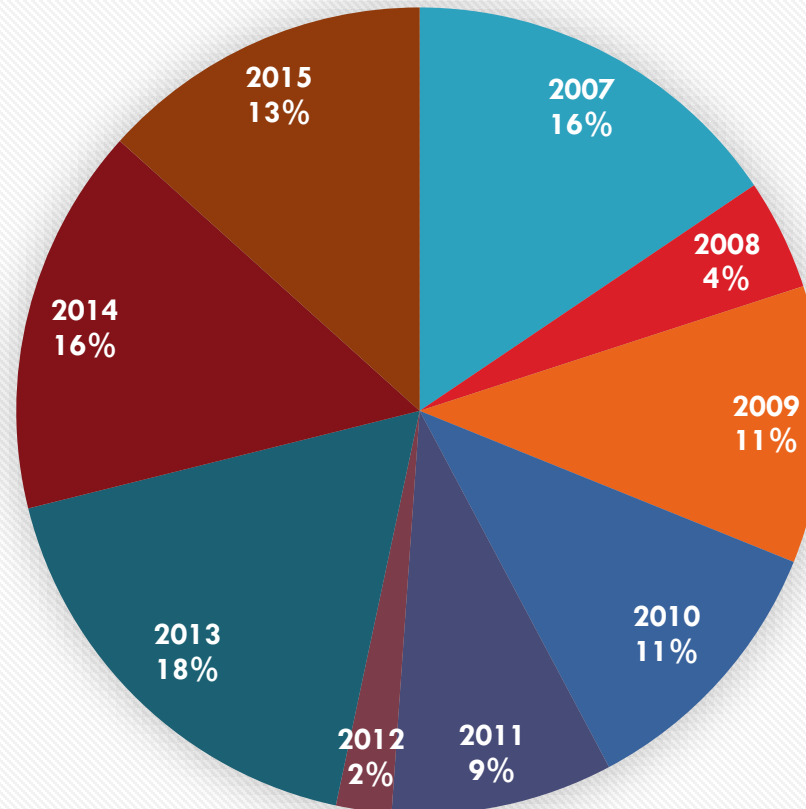
- Representatives of each of the five WRP States:
 - Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Office of Secretary of Defense
- U.S. Air Force Headquarters
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U. S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Marine Corps Installations West
- U.S. Navy
- Native American Leadership:
 - Navajo Nation, Inter-Tribal Council of CA, Inc.
- Western Governors Association Liaison

WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs Length of Service

(Total of 45)

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Year that WRP Involvement Began



2013 – 18%
2007 – 16%
2014 – 16%
2009 – 11%
2010 – 11%
2011 – 9%
2008 – 4%
2012 – 2%

■ 2007 ■ 2008 ■ 2009 ■ 2010 ■ 2011 ■ 2012 ■ 2013 ■ 2014 ■ 2015



In Sum, Value of WRP

- **Opportunity to engage with states, federal and Tribal entities across WRP region**
 - Regional Coordination Opportunities: Transmission, military operations, wildlife and Tribal issues do not follow state boundaries
 - Relationships: Knowing who to call and having them recognize who you are before the crisis
- **Enhancing situational awareness of policy and emerging issues**
 - Solving Problems/Creating solutions
 - IIP (Information Is Power): Knowing what is being planned by whom allows early strategizing of an appropriate response
- **Access to tools and WRP Deliverables**
 - WRP Web Mapping Application, Regional Project Database, Airspace Sustainability Guide, WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training, WRP Mojave Project, WRP Southeastern Arizona New Mexico Project, etc.
- **Identifying Opportunities**
 - Understanding where interests overlap can lead to project solutions
 - Leveraging Resources
- **GIS Working Agreements to improve coordination and collaboration**
 - WRP has five GIS working Agreements (with the Geoscience Information Network (GIN) and the wildlife agencies of the States of California, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah)

Major Changes Since 2014



- Revised WRP Vision Statement
- Updated WRP Charter
- Revised WRP Mission/Vision document
- WRP Committee restructure:
 - Integrating Tribal Relations into remaining three Committees (each Committee is Co-Chaired by a Tribal member)
- WRP DOI Co-Chair: Ms. Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management
- Fort Huachuca: 2014 REPI Challenge winner and designated a Sentinel Landscape
 - HUGE Accomplishment for WRP SoAZ/NM Project
- Many personnel changes with retirements!

WRP Steering Committee 2014/2015 Accomplishments

- Kept WRP functioning since last Principals' meeting
- Diversified funding for contract support
- Worked with WRP Committees and GIS Support Group to:
 - Ensured each has a strategic plan for 2014-2015
 - Ensured that WRP Partners or WRP contract support resources were not overcommitted
- Conducted outreach (in WRP region & DC) and webinars
- Advanced efforts for Seventh Principals' meeting
- Prepared WRP SC Welcome Packet
- Maintained the WRP Federal Agency Guide with Federal SC input
- Facilitated solutions for WRP Partners (aka e-harmony of business contacts/trusted working relationships)



WRP STEERING COMMITTEE



Welcome Packet and Overview of WRP



June 2015

WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS



- **WRP SC Subcommittee Members:**

- Anthony Parisi, SC Chair, Navy SC Member
- Kristin Thomasgard-Spence, OSD SC Member
- Colonel Patrick Gramuglia, USMC SC Member

- **GIS Support Group Co-Leads:**

- M. Lee Allison PhD, RG, (**GIS Liaison to the Energy Committee**), State Geologist & Director, Arizona Geological Survey
- Tom Lupo (**GIS Liaison to the Natural Resources Committee**), Deputy Director, Data and Technology Division, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- Carol Ostergren, (**GIS Liaison to the MRHSDP&A Committee**), Geospatial Liaison for CA and NV, US Geological Survey National Geospatial Program

- **GIS Contract Support**

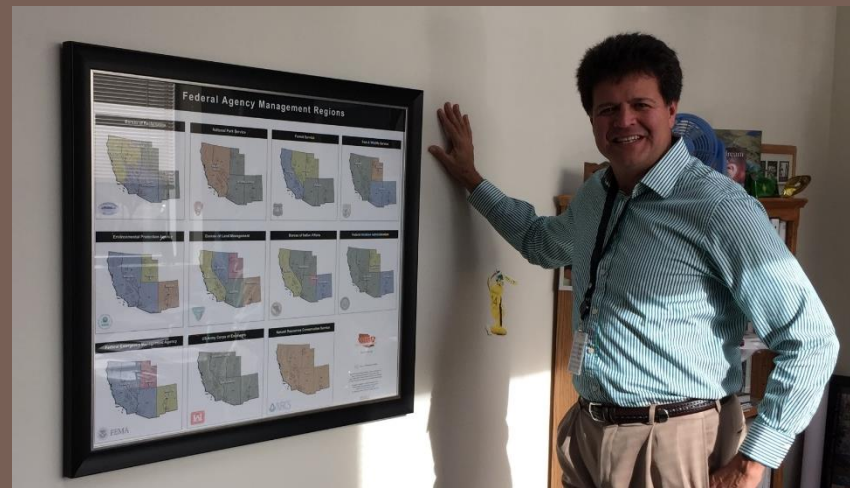
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GIS Working Agreements to improve coordination and collaboration

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WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS 2014/2015 Accomplishments

- Registration for the WRP Principals' Meeting on-line
 - YES! Time saver and provides for more secure transactions
- Transferred web services, mapping applications, etc. to ManTech servers
 - Cost-effective; servers have remained functional
- Completed document that defines IT/GIS roles and responsibilities
- Developed DRAFT WRP WMA User Guide
- Conducted GIS Webinars:
 - Guide to WRP WMA, LUPT and RPD
 - Web-based tools to facilitate land use planning, information exchange and wildfire conservation





WRP Natural
Resources
Committee
2014-2015
Accomplishments

WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chairs

- **John Bullington** , Assistant Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department
- **Thomas M. Finnegan**, Colonel (Retired), Arizona Military Affairs Commission
- **Col John J Gamelin**, USMC, Governmental and External Affairs, MCIWEST-MCB Camp Pendleton
- **Shelley Smith**, Deputy State Director, Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Utah
- **Clayton Honyumptewa**, Director, Department of Natural Resources, The Hopi Tribe

WRP SoAZ/NM Project Goals

- Identify areas important to both ecological and military values, through GIS Analysis with partner input.
- Examine appropriate locations for conservation easements and other projects to enhance habitat, reduce loss potential and improve connectivity and support the military mission.
- Leverage resources and implement project findings and recommendations.



SoAZ/NM Background/ Timeline

- Three in-person SoAZ/NM Project team meetings were held:
 - Initial kick-off meeting in June 2012
 - Mid-project review in April 2013
 - Further project review in May 2015
- Project calls were held approximately every month in 2012-2014 to review GIS suitability analysis and provide recommendations to efficiently address priorities in the area.
- Agencies and stakeholders provided information on their efforts related to the project goals and known challenges.
- The GIS Suitability Analysis was completed in April 2014
 - Initial study area of 13,100 square miles was refined to three identified focus areas, consisting of 1,335 square miles.
- After the GIS Analysis was completed, calls occurred approximately every seven weeks and focused on implementation efforts.

SoAZ/NM Background (Continued)

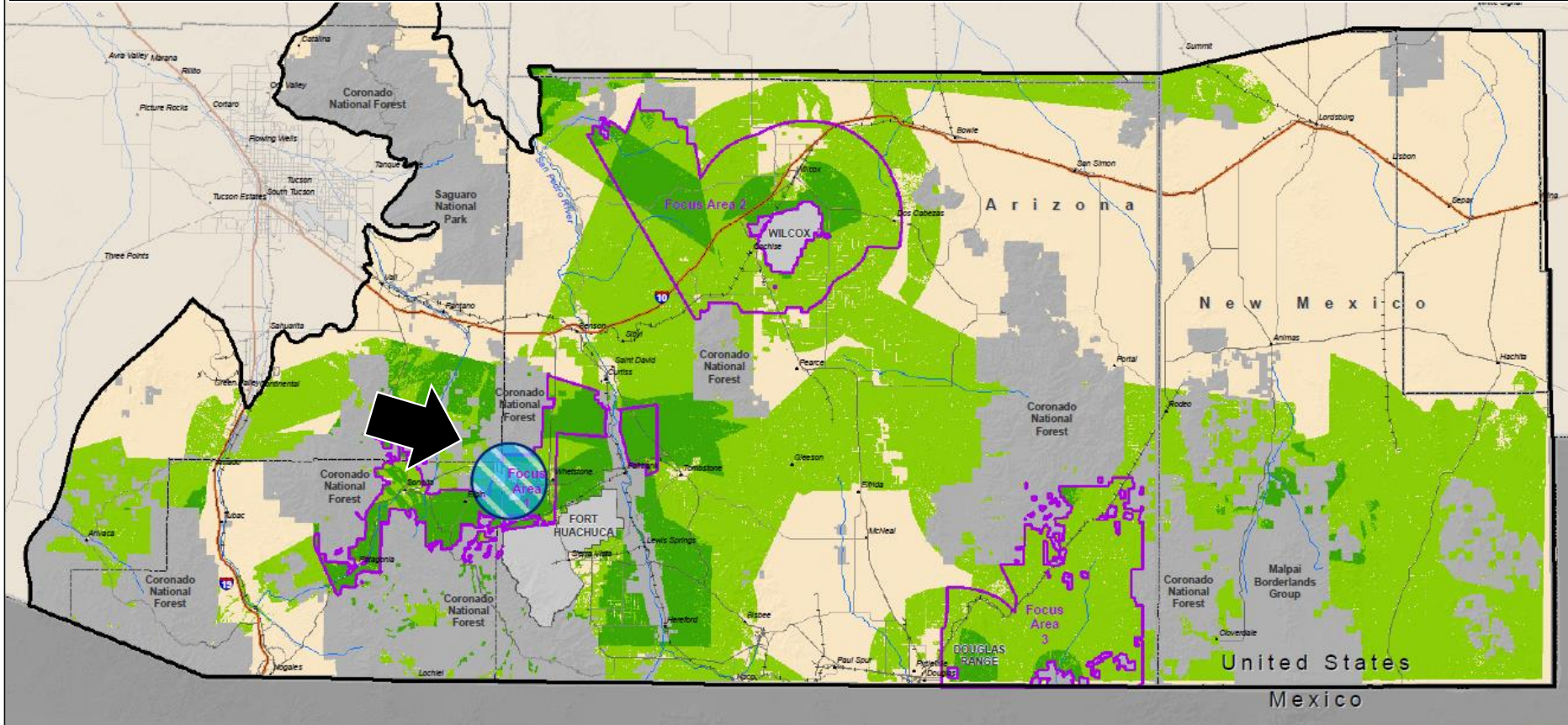
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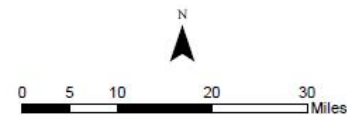
Recent Land Conservation Activity:

- Arizona Military Installation Fund (MIF) conservation easement/deed restriction of 908 acres within WRP SoAZ/NM Project Priority Focus Area 1
- Fort Huachuca/ALWT won the 2014 Readiness Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge of \$4 million to protect key lands and the Fort received \$1 million in REPI funding in 2014. This funding will:
 - Leverage over \$9 million to permanently restrict development on 5,900 acres of ranchland
 - Support the Fort's 160,000 annual air operations and reduces proliferation of electromagnetic interference
 - Prevent the development of up to 1,400 new wells
 - Protect endangered species habitat and the local native grassland habitat
- Fort Huachuca designated a Sentinel Landscape
- Much Partner involvement in this area; Heightened focus of region's importance for natural resources and military operations

Recent Land Conservation Activity: Within focus area 1: AZ (MIF) conservation easement/deed restriction of 908 acres & Fort Huachuca/ALWT won the 2014 REPI Challenge of \$4 million to protect key lands & the Fort received \$1 million in REPI funding in 2014



- Legend**
- River
 - Interstate Highway
 - Major Highway/Road
 - Railroad
 - County
 - State
 - Mexico
 - Military Range/Installation
 - Restricted from Analysis
 - Study Area
 - Focus Area
 - Level 3 Suitability**
 - Excellent Suitability
 - Good Suitability



Map Document: WRP03863v01



Three focus areas identified:

Total Area

Focus Area 1:

277 mi²

Intersection of Cochise, Pima and Santa Cruz Counties

Focus Area 2:

619 mi²

Southeastern Arizona, Northwestern Cochise County

Focus Area 3:

439 mi²

Southeastern Arizona, Southeast Cochise County



**Representative
Entities
involved in the
SoAZ/NM
Project**

Arizona Land and Water Trust; Arizona State Land Department; Arizona State Parks; Arizona State University; Audubon; Arizona Army National Guard; Arizona Department of Transportation; Arizona Game & Fish; Arizona Governor's Office; Arizona Military Affairs Commission; Arizona State Forestry ; Arizona Zoological Society; Border Patrol; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; City of Sierra Vista; Cochise County; Colorado State University; Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative; DOT&E; Federal Highway Administration; Ft. Huachuca; Life Net Nature; Luke AFB 56RMO; National Park Service; New Mexico State University; OSD(I&E); Sky Island Alliance; Sonoran Institute; Southeastern Arizona Government; Southwestern Power Group; The Nature Conservancy; Trust for Public Lands; U.S. Department of Interior; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Geological Survey; University of Arizona; USDA-NRCS; White Sands Missile Range

**Request for
WRP Support
for ALWT
submission for
RCPP funding
(furthers
project
implementation
efforts)**

- USDA is now accepting 2016 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) proposals: closes July 8th
- There are eight Critical Conservation Areas (CCAs) in the nation and they receive 35% of the RCPP funding. SoAZ/NM area is part of the Colorado River Basin CCA.
- For more information please see: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/>
- Arizona Land and Water Trust's (ALWT) 2016 RCPP application would conserve key working landscapes near Fort Huachuca

Seeking your approval for this letter

WRP SoAZ/NM Project Next Steps



• Declare victory!

- SoAZ/NM project is a demonstration project that has been very successful
- As a direct result of this project's efforts, the area:
 - Won the 2014 REPI Challenge (\$4 million)
 - Received funding from the Arizona Military Installation Fund for a conservation easement/deed restriction of 908 acres within WRP SoAZ/NM Project priority Focus Area 1
 - Fort Huachuca was designated a Sentinel Landscape

Next Steps:

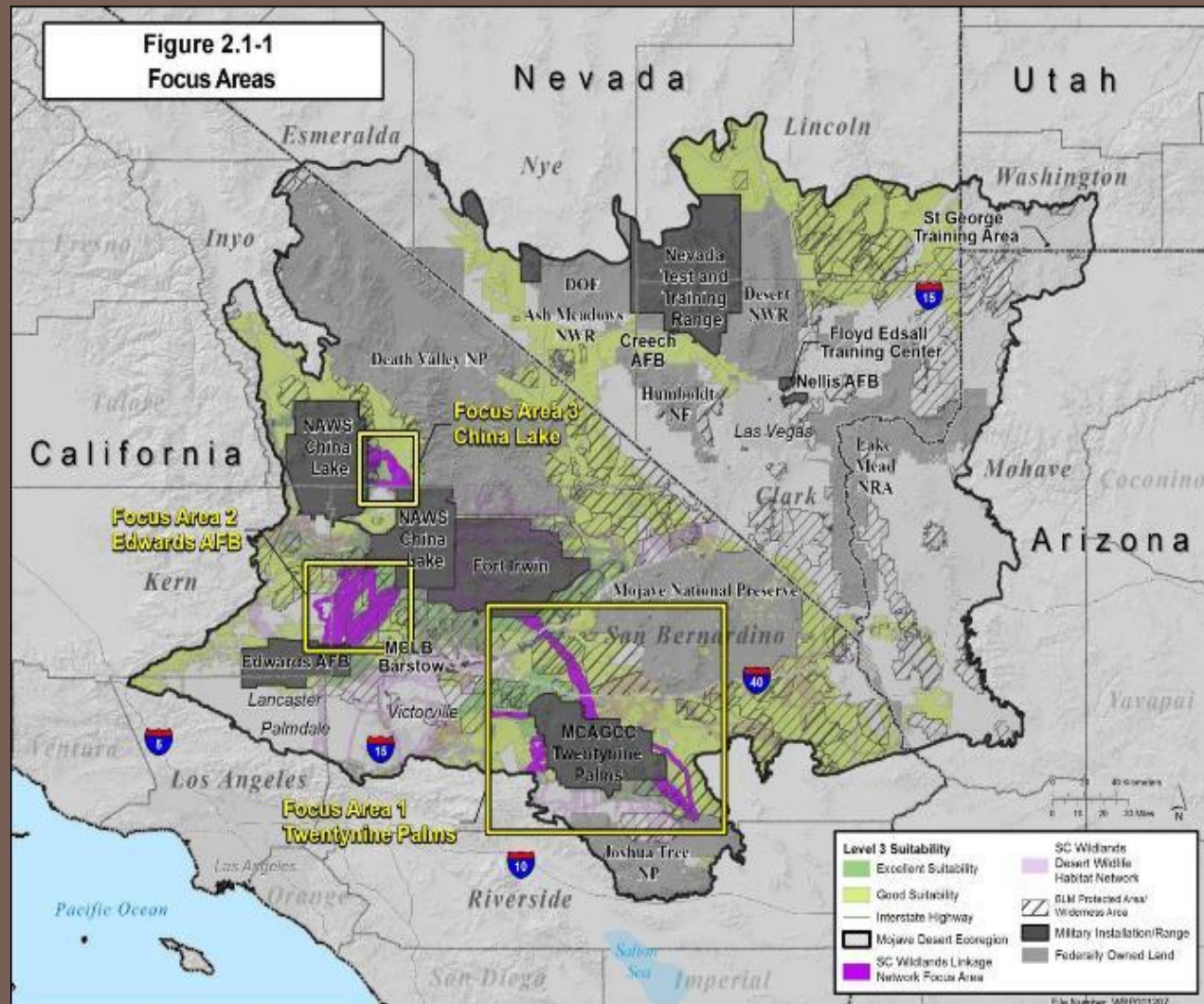
- WRP will help to ensure smooth transition from SoAZ/NM Project Team to Sentinel Landscape Team and phase out organizational/oversight role

Finalizing WRP SoAZ/NM Project Summary with Maps to Highlight Success (in addition to the 2014 GIS Suitability Analysis Report)

WRP Mojave Project

Focus Areas:

- Twentynine Palms
 - Southwest Corridor
 - Western Corridor
 - Northern Corridor
 - Southeast Corridor
- Edwards AFB
- China Lake



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Western Regional Partnership (WRP) Mojave Project

Geographic Information System (GIS) Suitability Analysis Report for the WRP Mojave Project

This report provides information on the GIS analysis conducted to identify lands within the Mojave Desert ecoregion that are important to the military mission and for habitat conservation.

Prepared for: WRP Natural Resource Committee
May 2014

ManTech International Corporation
DUFFY CONSULTANTS

Project Area

Mojave

Initial Study Area

50,424.62 square miles

Recommended Focus Area

1,154.98 square miles

Mojave Region



- Important ecosystem
 - Diversity of plants and animals, including many T&E species
- Approximately 80%, around 25 million acres, is publicly owned
 - Two national parks, one national preserve, 72 wilderness areas, 14 state parks and extensive holdings of public lands managed by BLM
- Development Pressures
 - Renewable energy development
- Significant Military Testing and Training

Representative Entities involved in the Mojave Project

Argonne National Laboratory; AZ Army National Guard; AZ Game & Fish Department; AZ Geological Survey; AZ Land and Water Trust; AZ State Parks; ASU; AZ Wilderness Coalition; AZ Zoological Society Army; BIA; BLM; Border Patrol; CA Department of Fish and Wildlife; CEC; CA Indian Water Commission; CA Governor's OPR; CA Native American Heritage Commission; CA Native Plant Society; CA State Lands Commission; Campo Band of Mission Indians; CERES; Cochise County; Defenders of Wildlife; Desert LCC; Desert Managers Group; DOE; EPA; ESRI; FAA; FHWA; Fort Mojave Indian Tribe; FWS; GreenInfo Network; IDA; Inter-Tribal Council of CA, Inc.; Inyo County; Lincoln County, NV; MDEP; Mohave County; Mojave Desert Land Trust; National Wildlife Foundation; NRCS; NatureServe; Navy; NV Department of Wildlife; NV DOT; NM Department of Game and Fish; NOAA; NPS; NRCS; NREL; Nye County; ODASD, (TRS); ODUSD (I&E) EM; ODUSD (I&E) REPI Office; QuadState; Redlands Institute, University of Redlands; San Bernardino County; Santa Fe County; Science & Collaboration for Connected Wildlands; Sierra Club; Sonoran Institute; SouthWestern Power Group; TNC; TRMC; TPL; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; UoA; USAF; USFS; USGS; USMC; etc.

WRP Mojave Project next Steps

CA's proposal for REPI Challenge 2015

- WRP provided letter of support; similar to letter for Fort Huachuca (WRP SoAZ/NM Project)
 - Proposal furthers the WRP Mojave project goals
 - All Proposal parcels are contained within the two most suitable areas determined through WRP's Mojave GIS analysis
 - 78 of the Proposal's 88 parcels are contained within WRP Mojave Project focus areas
- Proposal will:
 - Conserve over 6,000 acres of private lands near Twentynine Palms, Fort Irwin, China Lake and Edwards
- Proposal submitted by:
 - Mojave Desert Land Trust, Trust for Public Land, Transition Habitat Conservancy, California Energy Commission, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife in coordination with the 29 Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, and Edwards Air Force Base

WRP Natural Resources Committee Species Priority

- “Provide information on new endangered species listings, areas of critical importance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife proposed rules, etc., develop recommendations on how WRP Partners might assist with the efforts to preclude listing of additional species that may impact Partners’ missions and identify pilot projects to foster sustainability of necessary habitat”
- Much outreach and coordination with SMEs including multiple USFWS Offices
 - Determined MDL as a data layer does not exist

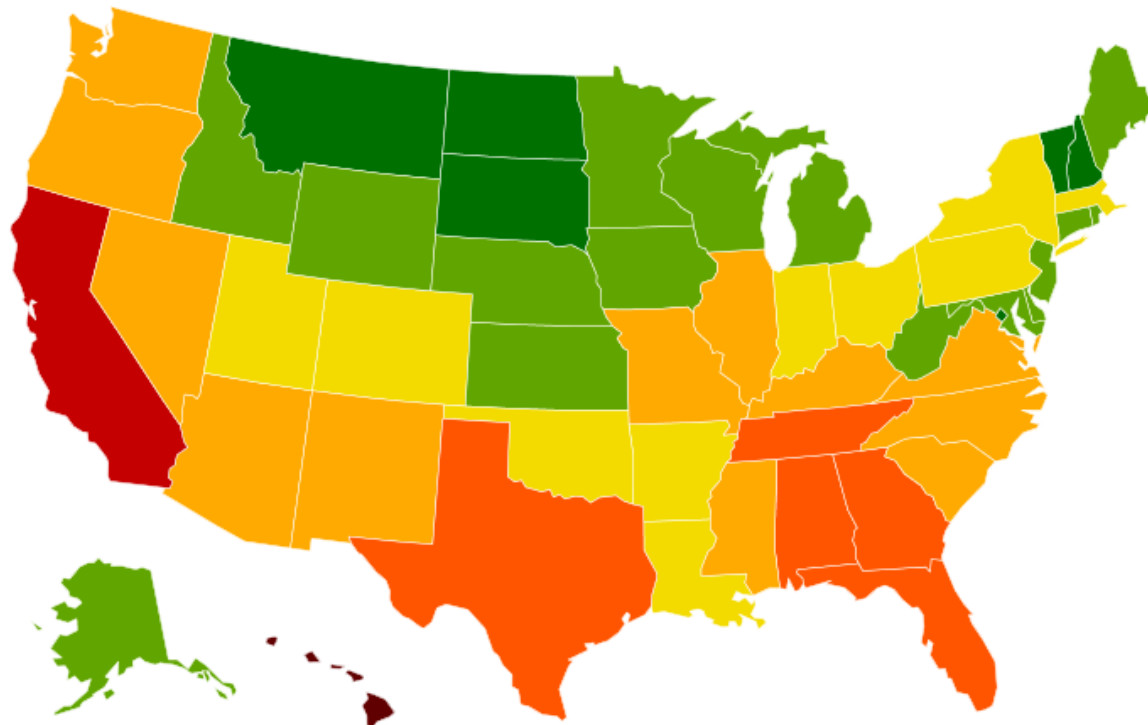
Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Species - U.S. (1967—2014)

Drag the slider to change the year and see the number of species federally listed as threatened or endangered from 1967-2014 (1967 was the first year for federal listings). Rollover the map for specific information for each state. Select **Next Map** to proceed to 2014 snapshots of: 1) the number of species under federal review for listing; and 2) the combination of species under federal review and currently listed.

NEXT MAP |

Species Count 2-15 16-30 31-45 46-90 91-180 181-380 381-511

2014



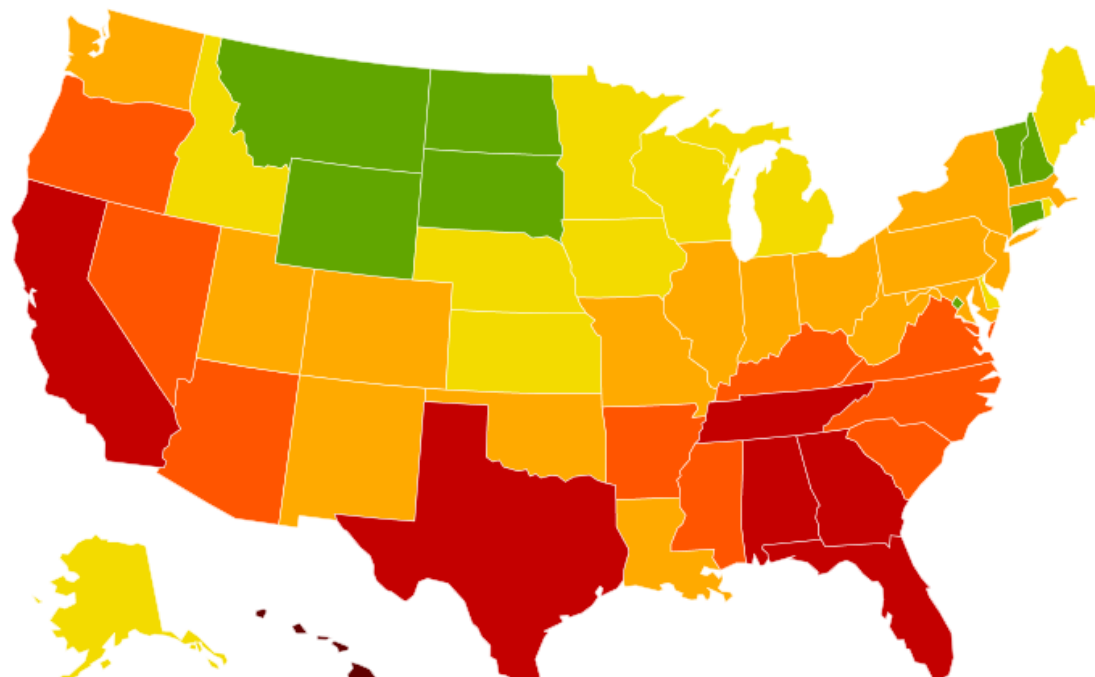
Combined Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Species and Species Under Federal Review for Possible Listing - U.S. (2014)

Rollover the map for specific information for each state to see what the U.S. could look like if the species under federal review for listing as of 2014 are listed in the future and added to the current listings by state.

NEXT MAP |

Species Count 16-30 31-45 46-90 91-180 181-372 541

2014



WRP Natural Resources Committee Species Priority

- Prepared fact sheet on request for input on species of concern
- Requested agency's unofficial review and assessment of top three species on the lists below that if listed would trigger the need for regulatory compliance under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and could result in delays or increases in cost to program of work and mission
 - USFWS Endangered Species Act Listing Workplan (FY13 - FY18 MDL packages and other court settlement agreements) and the
 - USFWS report on active petitions (dated March 3, 2015)
- Over 40 agencies provided input; over 50 species noted

“Top”
Consolidated
input
(by number
of
responses)

- 17: Tortoise, Sonoran Desert (*Gopherus morafki*)
- 14: Sage-grouse, Greater (*Centrocercus urophasianus*)
- 9: Cuckoo, Yellow-billed (*Coccyzus americanus*)
- 6: Sage-grouse, Greater, Bi-State (*Centrocercus urophasianus DPS*)
- 4: Blackbird, Tricolored (*Agelaius tricolor*)
- 4: Butterfly, Monarch (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*)
- 3: Fox, San Joaquin Kit (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*)
- 3: Frog, Mountain Yellow-legged (*Rana muscosa*)

Consolidated input (continued)

All of the following had 2 responses:

- Beardtongue, Graham's (*Penstemon grahamii*)
- Beardtongue, White River (*Penstemon scariosus* Pennell var. *albifluvis*)
- Chub, Headwater (*Gila nigra*)
- Chub, Rio Grande (*Gila Pandora*)
- Chub, Roundtail (*Gila robusta*)
- Fisher (*Martes pennanti*)
- Flycatcher, Southwestern Willow (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)
- Fox, Sierra Nevada Red (*Vulpes vulpes necator*)
- Frog, Arizona Tree (*Hyla wrightorum*)
- Frog, Relict Leopard (*Lithobates onca*)
- Milk-vetch, Goose Creek (*Astragalus anserinus*)
- Mouse, Pacific Pocket (*Paragnathus longimembris pacificus*)
- Owl, California Spotted (*Strix occidentalis occidentalis*)
- Pipit, Sprague's (*Anthus spragueii*)
- Snail, Mohave Shoulderband (*Helminthoglypta greggi*)
- Springsnail, Great Basin (*Prygulopsis*(37 species)/*Tryonia* (5 species))
- Sucker, Rio Granede (*Catostomus plebeius*)
- Toad, Boreal (*Anaxyrus boreas boreas*)
- Tortoise, Desert (*Gopherus agassizii*)
- Vireo, Least Bell's (*Vireo bellii pusillus*)

Species Document

- Introductions/Statement of Need
- Background
- “Top” Consolidated Input (by Number of Responses)
 - Each of the above has information on their:
 - listing status (2 – Candidates; 2 – Endangered; 1 – Threatened; 1 – withdrawn; 1- Not Listed; 1- Under Review)
 - Geographic Region
 - Links for related resources (including GIS-related)
- Recommendations for WRP Principals for Committee 2015/2016 Efforts
 - Still under refinement (Please see 2015/2016 Priorities)
 - *Identify the associated range and distribution for high priority species at risk within WRP Region. Facilitate landscape level efforts to accommodate the requirements of the candidate species and preclude the requirement for their listing. Develop necessary data to inform land-use planning activities to avoid and/or minimize the threats/impacts associated with this development.*
- AZ USFWS Office provided a summary of Status of MDL Actions for Arizona, along with other outstanding petition-related actions; working to get this documentation for CA, NV, NM and UT

Water Priority



Background:

- At the 2014 WRP Principals' meeting the Principals added water as a WRP Priority for the first time
- This priority was deliberated and carefully drafted in order to recognize the WRP agencies already involved in this area and to find the most appropriate role for WRP engagement
- The WRP Natural Resources Committee 2014-2015 priority is to “partner with WGA, WSWC and other WRP Partners to provide input on water sustainability as part of an ongoing Western dialogue”

2014/2015 Efforts

- WRP seeks to leverage existing resources and linking of efforts to better support key projects. WRP Partners were asked for their input on how the Committee can best support this priority and not duplicate relevant agency efforts. The consensus was for WRP to focus on two main items:
 - Identify water data needs and incorporate authoritative data layers in WRP's Web Mapping Application
 - Develop brief summary of available resources such as the WGA Drought Forum, WSWC, WestFAST, and other WRP Partner efforts
- To best support efforts, WRP offered webinars by water experts.

WRP Water Document Highlighting Available Resources for WRP Partners

WRP WATER-RELATED WEBINARS

- WestFAST, WSWC
- National Drought Resilience Partnership
 - Under Secretary Ann Mills, Deputy for Natural Resources and Environment; Deputy Assistant Secretary Tom Iseman, Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior; and Mr. Roger Gorke Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water, US EPA
- Upcoming: July NOAA

WATER-RELATED DATA RESOURCES (examples)

- Water Data Exchange (WaDE) Program
- Federal Toolbox
- USGS Water Data for the Nation
- US Drought Portal
- Open Water Data Initiative
- EPA's EnviroAtlas
- NOAA's National Water Center
- Open Water Foundation (nonprofit social enterprise)
- USGS Gap Analysis Program
- NRCS Snow Survey & Water Supply Forecasting Programs
- StreamStats

**WRP Water
Document
Highlighting
Available
Resources
for WRP
Partners
(Continued)**

AVAILABLE WATER-RELATED RESOURCES

- American Water Resources Association
- Bureau of Reclamation
- US Forest Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Department of Defense
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- EPA
- National Drought Resilience Partnership
- National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)
- National Tribal Water Council
- National Resources Conservation Service
- Presidential Executive Orders Relevant to Water Issues

**WRP Water
Document
Highlighting
Available
Resources
for WRP
Partners
(Continued)**

AVAILABLE WATER-RELATED RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

- State of Arizona Department of Water Resources
- State of California Department of Water Resources
- State of Nevada Division of Water Resources
- State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
- State of Utah Division of Water Resources
- USDA Disaster and Drought Information
- USGS
- WGA Drought Forum
- Western States Water Council
- WestFAST
- US Water Alliance



WRP Energy
Committee
2014-2015
Accomplishments

WRP Energy Committee Co-Chairs

- **Steven Arenson**, Director, Air Force Western Regional Environmental Office
- **Jim Bartridge**, Senior Transmission System Program Specialist California Energy Commission
- **Julie Decker**, Senior Advisor - SW Region Pilot, BLM
- **Paul Thomsen**, Director, Nevada Governor's Office of Energy
- **Kelly Zunie**, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

Energy Webinar Series:

With Key Entities
to Highlight Their
Efforts and Identify
Opportunities for
Multi-Agency
Coordination

- October 2014: US. Energy Information Administration (EIA)
- November 2014: Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)
- December 2014: Western Governors' Association's Regulatory and Permitting Information Desktop (RAPID)
- January 2015: Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) by CEC Commissioner Douglas and CA BLM Director Jim Kenna
- February 2015: West-Wide Wind Mapping Project by BLM and Argonne National Laboratory
- March 2015: Southwest Area Transmission (SWAT primarily focused in AZ and NM)
- April: Cal ISO
- May 2015: WestConnect
- June: U.S. DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Document prepared that outlines information presented and resources made available through WRP Energy Committee webinars

Energy Webinar Series – July 2015

Last WRP Energy Committee webinar before
Principals' Meeting: July 29 from 10:00 am to 11:30
am Pacific

- WRP State Energy Perspectives
 - AZ:
 - CA: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Jim Bartridge (CEC)
 - NM: Confirming - Energy Conservation and Management Division
 - NV: Paul Thomsen, Director, Nevada Governor's Office of Energy
 - UT: Rob Simmons, Energy Policy and Law Manager, Governor's Office of Energy Development
 - Each presenter is asked to briefly highlight (10 minutes) their major energy-related efforts this year.

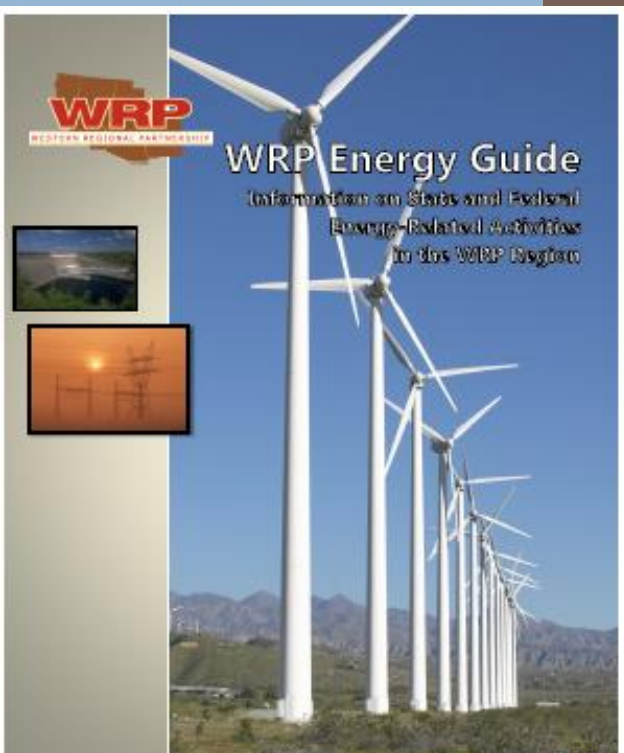
Renewable Energy and Transmission Siting Coordination and Potential Impacts to the Military Mission

This document came about as a result of discussions at the last Principals' meeting

- Purpose:
 - Highlights the importance of determining potential energy project impacts on the military mission as early as possible
 - State mechanisms such as statutes, executive orders and working groups are extraordinarily helpful to facilitate enhanced notification/communication
- Document includes:
 - Issue
 - Military Mission Impacts
 - Importance of Enhanced Notification/Communication to DoD Entities on Potential Energy Projects
 - Solution Sets
 - Best Practices for State mechanisms
 - Best practices for DoD Engagement
 - Detailed Information on State's Statutes or Administrative Actions to Facilitate Development of Energy Projects Compatible with DoD mission
 - AZ, CA, NV, NM, MD & NC

WRP Energy Guide: Update

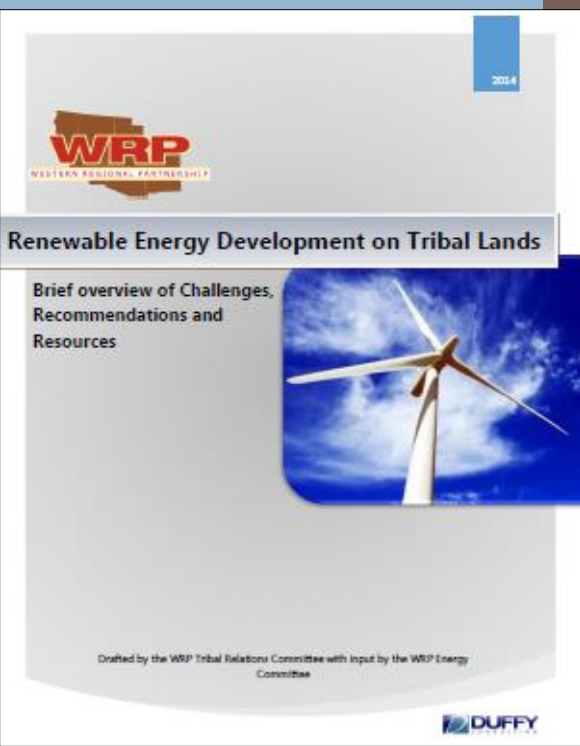
- Highlights State and Federal agency energy-related efforts within the WRP region:
 - Land ownership
 - State agencies involved in energy efforts including:
 - Regulatory bodies
 - RPS Standards
 - Relevant information on notification/coordination opportunities
 - Federal agencies involved in WRP efforts; high-level summary from publically accessible sources
- Serves as a tool for to assist policy makers and planners working together in a proactive and collaborative fashion



Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands: Update

Highlights opportunities and challenges and offers recommendations regarding the development of renewable energy on Tribal lands

- Challenges and Recommendations regarding Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
 - Federal and State Guidance and Assistance
 - Land Use for Renewable Energy Projects
 - Interconnection to Transmission Systems
 - Ability of Tribal Governments to Compete at an Economically Feasible Level - Rate Structure/Rate Parity
 - Need for Awareness of Natural Resources and Tribal Cultural and Religious Sites
- Resources Available to Assist



WRP Military
Readiness, Homeland
Security, Disaster
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**WRP
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Committee
Co-Chairs**

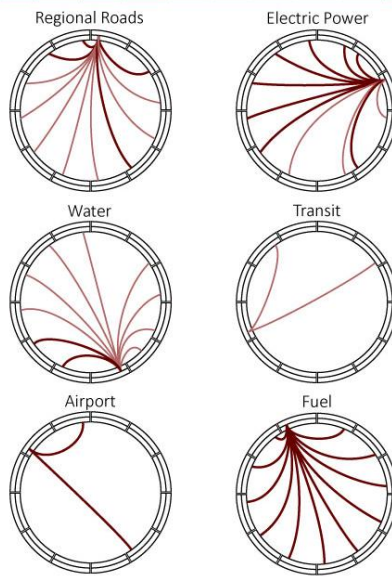
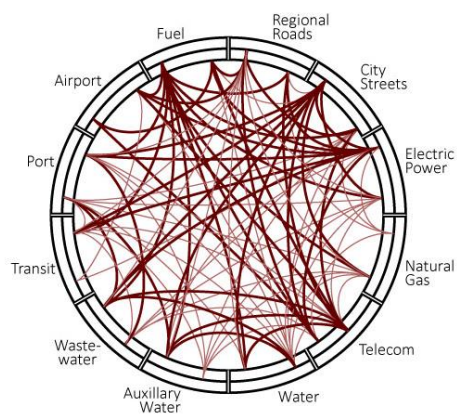
- **Peter J. Bakersky**, Integration Branch Chief, FEMA Region VIII
- **Kevin Moody**, Liaison, Federal Highway Administration
- **Connie Reitman**, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of CA, Inc.
- **Kim Stevens**, Director of Communications and Operations, NASA O
- **Major Brian Welsh**, Regional Airspace Coordinator, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

MRHSDP&A Committee 2014/2015 Efforts

- Webinars:
 - April: ABAG's infrastructure and vulnerability and interdependencies study
 - July 7: FEMA Tribal Efforts
 - July 8: USARMY Corps of Engineers support activities in the WRP Region
- Briefings:
 - JMAC; Western Pacific/ Northwest Mountain/Western Sector Regional Airspace & Range Council (and subsequent follow up with Hill/UTTR); DMG; AZ Military Affairs Commission; AZ Commission of Indian Affairs
- Provided military perspective in other WRP Committee efforts

Matrix Information Displayed as Scallop Diagram.

The graphic below shows all moderate and strong interactions between systems. The individual systems to the right show which systems rely on the designated operator (same as reading the matrix from top-to-bottom).



WRP Military Asset Listing Summaries (MALs)

- Updating/Finalizing MALs for 71 Military assets (installations, ranges, etc.) in WRP Region. Includes summary of mission and quick facts. New drafts to be posted soon to the WRP website
 - 19 USAF
 - 15 Army
 - 9 USMC
 - 11 Navy and
 - 17 National Guard assets
- Of these:
 - 17 are within Arizona
 - 29 in California
 - 10 in New Mexico
 - 8 in Nevada and
 - 7 in Utah

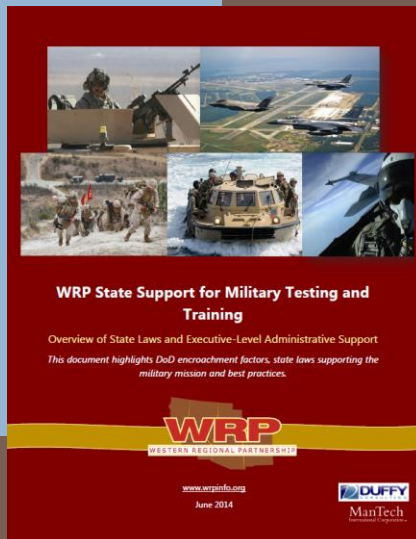
Special Thank you to Deb Smith Ormsbee and Mike Hamilton for their coordination on this effort!



WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training:

Overview of State Laws and Executive-Level Administrative Support

- Introduction on DoD encroachment
- Overview of State Laws and Executive-Level Administrative Support for AZ, CA, NV, NM and UT
- Highlights best practices in the following categories (no specific state mentioned)
 - State Military Committees
 - Enhanced Planning, Communication and Notification
 - Enhanced Disclosure of Military Operations
 - Funding
 - Enhanced Zoning Restrictions Around Military Airports
 - Studies and Miscellaneous

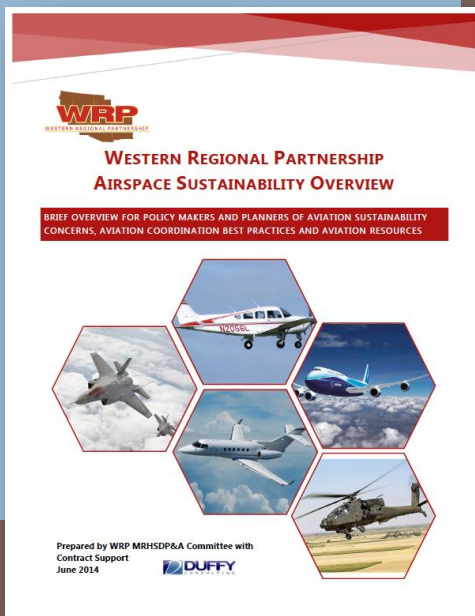


WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview and accompanying MET Tower Fact Sheet

Brief overview for policy makers and planners of aviation sustainability concerns, aviation coordination best practices and aviation resources

- Issues Identified with Recommendations:
 - Land Encroachment/Development
 - Changes in Aviation Operations
 - Electromagnetic Interference
 - New Technologies
- Aviation Coordination/Outreach Best Practices
- Aviation Tools and Resources
- Background/Airspace Definitional information

14 states have mechanisms for MET Tower notification/disclosure



WRP Guide to Working with the U.S. Department of Defense

- Purpose of document:
 - Provides an overview of the DoD mission with particular emphasis on the western region
 - Encroachment issues for DoD
 - Helpful resource when working with the military
- Includes:
 - Maps of military installations and ranges in WRP Region

2014

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WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Guide to Working with
the U.S. Department of
Defense



Drafted by the WRP Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation (MRHSDP&A) Committee with contract support.



WRP Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations

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- No Recommendations for change on:
 - WRP Structure
 - Committees
 - WRP Vision Statement
 - WRP Goals
- Recommendations for Change to include Colorado:
 - WRP Charter
 - Mission/Vision document
 - WRP Mission statement
- Keep WRP Tagline:
 - *Reliable Outcomes for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure in the West*

SWOT (from 2014; 2015 updates in red)

Helpful in achieving the objective

Harmful to achieving the objective

Internal Origin
(attributes of the
WRP)

Strengths:

- ✓ Committed core
- ✓ History of results
- ✓ Great message
- ✓ Action focused
- ✓ Have enhanced or maintained military readiness in the West
- ✓ **WRP SoAZ/NM Project very successful demonstration project**
- ✓ Healthy in face of weaknesses and threats
- ✓ Undertaken ambitious set of goals

Weakness:

- ✓ Lack of recognition of success
- ✓ Turnover (change in staff, retirement, etc.)
- ~~✓ Lack of “elevator speech”~~
- ~~✓ Reliance on one office (REPI)~~
- ✓ Lack of “firm” agreement on specific actions

External origin
(attributes of the
environment)

Opportunities:

- ✓ Highlight our successes
- ✓ Explain consequences
- ✓ Take more action
- ✓ Create funding options (develop contingency plan such as FWHA grants)
- ✓ **Meeting of WRP Tri-Chairs Meet with Mr. Conger & DOI**

Threats:

- ✓ BRAC
- ✓ Funding (maintain staff support)
- ~~✓ Ability to have meetings~~
- ✓ Internal communications
- ✓ Leadership development

WRP Co-
Chairs
**Governor
Gary Herbert**
and
**Assistant
Secretary
Janice
Schneider** at
the 2015 WGA
Annual Meeting
(photo of courtesy
of Alan Matheson)





Discussion and Selection of 2015/2016 WRP Chair and Vice Chair

**Nominations
for 2015-2016
WRP Year**

*** Service**

*begins day 2 of
the WRP
Principals' Meeting

WRP SC Chair:

- Mike Mower
(replacing Tony
Parisi)



WRP SC Vice Chair:

- Ryan McGinness
(replacing Mike
Mower)

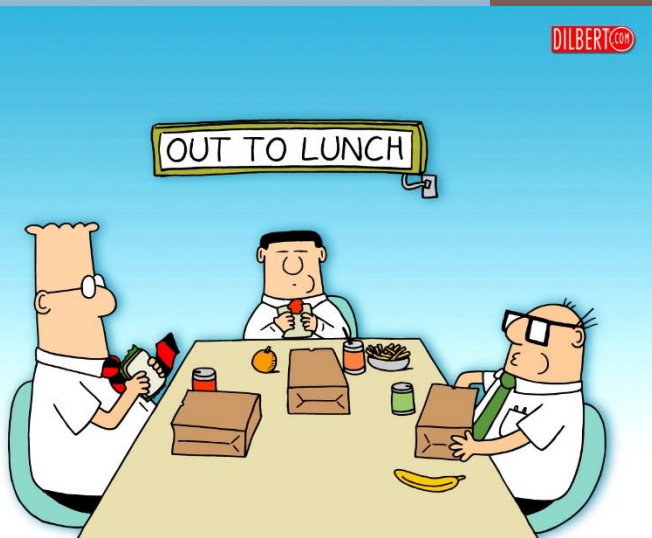


Lunch Break

Please come back by 1:15 pm

Restaurants Nearby:

- Duck and Decanter (same building, 1st floor)
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
11 W Washington St
- Five Guys Burgers and Fries
50 W Jefferson St





**Discussion Regarding
WRP Charter and WRP
Vision/Mission
document, WRP
Structure, Funding and
WRP 2015/2016 Priorities**

WRP
Vision
Statement
(Changed in
2014; No
Changes
recommended
for 2015)

WRP will be a significant resource to proactively identify and address common goals and emerging issues and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners.

WRP Charter Goals (No input to change goals in 2015)

- Serve as a catalyst for improved regional coordination among State, Federal and Tribal agencies
- Address common goals, identify and solve potential conflicts and develop solutions that protect our natural resources, while promoting sustainability and mission effectiveness
- Provide a forum for information exchange, issue identification, problem solving and recommendations across the WRP region
- At annual Principals' meeting, adopt strategic priorities to complete in the subsequent year
- Leverage existing resources and linking of efforts to better support key projects
- Provide a GIS Sustainability Decision Support Tool that integrates appropriate Federal, Tribal, State, and other available data sources for use in regional planning by WRP Partners

WRP
Region:
Include
Colorado?



Current WRP Logo



WRP Logo with Colorado

State	% of Federal Public Land (not including DoD managed lands)	% of DoD Managed Land	% of Indian Trust Land	Private Land	State Trust Land	Size of State in square miles and ranking by area
Arizona	35.5%	6.6%	27.6%	17.5%	12.7%	114,000; 6 th largest state
California	40.2%	4.0%	.5%	50.3%	2.5%	160,000; 3 rd largest state
Colorado	38.9%	0.7%	1.1%	54.9%	4.4%	104,100; 8 th largest state
Nevada	78.8%	6.1%	1.42%	13.03%	.15%	110,561; 7 th largest state
New Mexico	29.7%	4.4%	10.2%	43.9%	11.6%	121, 593; 5 th largest state
Utah	63.6%	3.4%	4.5%	21%	7.5%	84,904; 13 th largest state

SC Input
received to
date
regarding
adding
Colorado to
WRP

- *Why not? We should be as open and inclusive as possible. Beneficial to states and DoD*
- *I've always been in favor of adding Colorado*
- *Okay with adding Colorado but don't know if there is any "history" associated with this*
- *I agree we should add Colorado...makes perfect sense*
- *Beneficial to Army due to presence of Western Army Regional Environmental & Energy Office*

No negative input or concern raised to date about adding the State of Colorado. Only caution is to ensure WRP has enough bandwidth to do proper outreach and engagement to Colorado over the next year (recommend less priorities for 2015/2016)

WRP
Mission
Statement:
Change to
add
Colorado??

WRP provides a proactive and collaborative framework for senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership to identify common goals and emerging issues in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

Other
changes to
WRP
Charter
other than
adding
Colorado

- Page 3: Change wording regarding timing of Principals' Meeting to annually (instead of "at least annually")
 - WRP Principals' Meeting have been held annually with the exception of 2013; year of sequestration, furloughs, contract lapses, federal government shut down, travel bans, etc.
- Page 4: update Commencement (date of amendment)
- Page 5: Add US Department of Energy to list of WRP Principal Organization

Other
changes to
WRP
Vision/
Mission
document
other than
adding
Colorado

Under “benefit of Joining WRP”:

- Page 2: update tense to active voice
- Page 2: Remove negative statement
- Page 2: Add statement on Access to Tools and WRP Deliverables

Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership

- In 2011, WRP established the Hanson Scott Award (for Outstanding Leadership)
- Brig. Gen. (Ret.) USAF Hanson Scott was recognized for his outstanding leadership as Chair of the Interim Steering Committee and the SC. His vision, determination and passion drove WRP to be a successful regional entity

Award Criteria:

- WRP Partner who has demonstrated leadership of and support of WRP efforts. The Partner's involvement embodies the WRP mission of Federal, State and Tribal entities working together for the benefit of the western region, with particular focus with addressing natural resources, sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.



Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership



Past recipients:

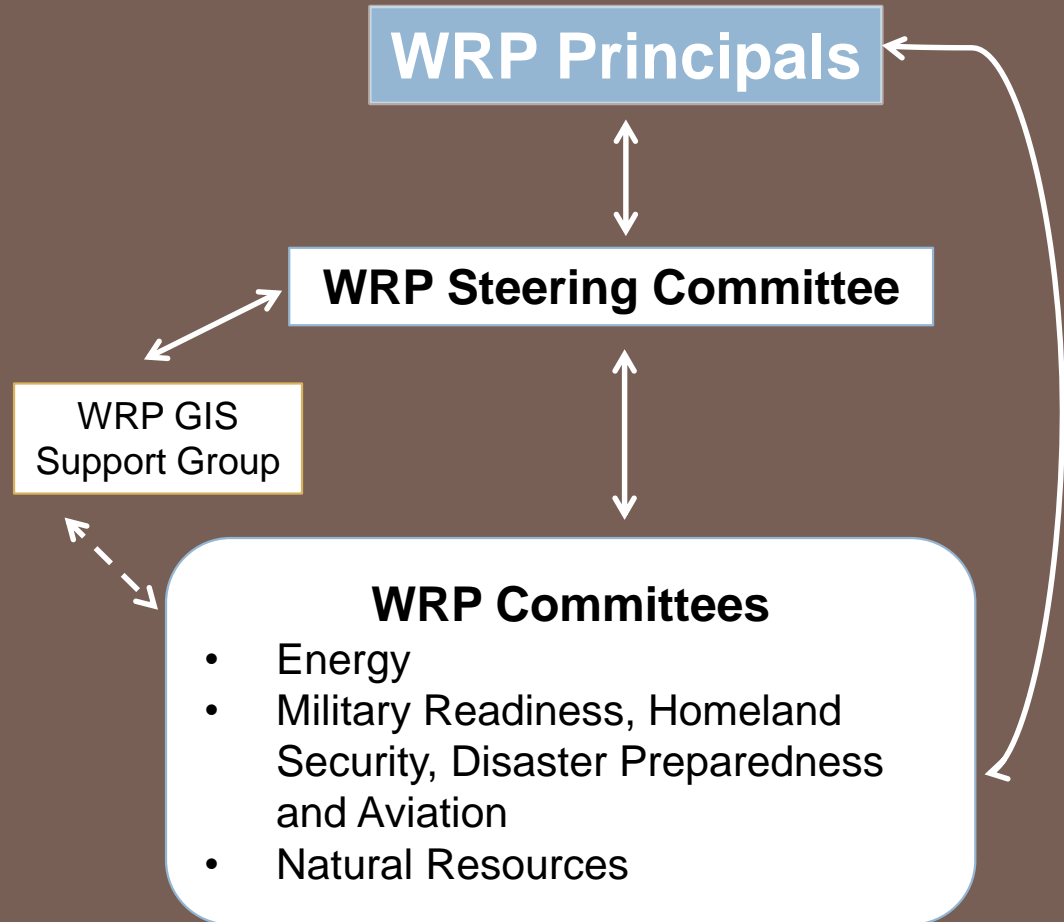
- 2011: Mr. Pete Bakersky
- 2012: Mr. Mike Mower and Dr. Tom McCabe
- 2014: Mr. Ryan McGinness, Mr. Kevin Carter and Mr. Terry Hansen

Recommendations for 2015:

- Lee Allison
- Tony Parisi
- And another that is a surprise (they are in the room)

**Please sign the Award for Lee and Tony
sometime today. Thank you!**

WRP Structure (No input to change in 2015)



DRAFT WRP 2015/2016 Priorities



- This WRP Year there are approximately 40 priorities
- The recommendation is to have fewer priorities per Committee so more DEPTH can occur and to allow for enough bandwidth to outreach/engage Colorado in all of WRP (mix of state, federal and Tribal contacts)
- WRP seeks to leverage efforts/not duplicate
- Priorities are broadly written; allow some flexibility for Committee Co-Chairs to address emerging issues

DRAFT 2015/2016 WRP SC Priorities

- Work with WRP Committees and GIS Support Group to ensure each has a strategic plan for the year that aligns with available resources and does not overcommit WRP Partners or WRP contract support. Review WRP Committee actions and provide input and assistance to WRP Committee Chair(s) as appropriate.
- Staff their respective WRP Principals and conduct outreach internally within each WRP SC member's agency. Bring any relevant issues from their organization to WRP for awareness and potential action
- Conduct WRP outreach emphasizing:
 - WRP remains a robust and resilient organization
 - Encouragement of State, Federal and Tribal participation in WRP Committees
 - Continue enhanced working relationships with other entities to support leveraging of efforts and reduce redundancies
- Advance efforts for Eighth Principals' meeting
- Maintain relevant WRP documents such as the WRP Federal Agency Guide

DRAFT **2015/2016** **Energy** **Committee** **Priorities**

- Continue to share information on new renewable energy projects and transmission lines and highlight State, Federal and Tribal energy planning efforts and resources in the WRP Region.
- Enhance WRP Partner awareness of new energy generation and transmission planning processes and opportunities for engagement to address/mitigate mission impacts, especially those impacts on the military's ability to test and train, natural and cultural resources, and Tribal lands.
- Develop document outlining Committee efforts along with resources available to assist with WRP Partner efforts (e.g. WRP Energy Guide; WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands).

DRAFT 2015/2016 Natural Resources Committee Priorities

- Identify the associated range and distribution for high priority species at risk within WRP Region. Facilitate landscape level efforts to accommodate the requirements of the candidate species and preclude the requirement for their listing. Develop necessary data to inform land-use planning activities to avoid and/or minimize the threats/impacts associated with this development.
- Serve as a resource to the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Committee, as well as assist the WRP Mojave project and other appropriate areas in the WRP Region to be designated as Sentinel Landscapes
- Assist WRP Partners in engaging in ongoing Western dialogue on water sustainability

DRAFT 2015/2016 MRHSDP&A Committee Priorities

- Support military readiness through: providing information on the DoD mission in the WRP region and serve as a forum to address compatible land uses in the vicinity of military operations
- Assist Homeland Security/disaster preparedness efforts by working to identify issues, gaps and solutions with a special focus on: Collaboration and information sharing on members' respective missions to foster awareness of the interdependence among Partners; Assisting to build resilience
- Serve as a forum for aviation users by sharing information on changes to airspace use within the WRP region, including integration of UAS into the National Airspace System and highlighting potential impacts
- Maintain WRP Committee documents to ensure the most current issues are captured with best recommendations and facilitating of best practices:
 - WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview document
 - WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
 - WRP Guide to Working with DoD

DRAFT 2015/2016 GIS Support Group Priorities

- The WRP GIS Support Group, assisted with contractor support, will:
 - Provide GIS analysis, mapping, and data support to the Committees and develop support tools to assist in collaboration and planning initiatives within the WRP region
 - Integrate appropriate Tribal, Federal, State, and other available data sources into the WRP Web Mapping Application (WMA) for use in regional planning by WRP Partners
- The GIS Support Group includes one lead person who acts as the liaison for each WRP Committee by:
 - Identifying opportunities for using GIS to advance the WRP Committees' efforts and encouraging use of WRP GIS-Related tools such as the Regional Project Database (RPD), WMA and Land Use Planning Tool
 - Working with the WRP Steering Committee to prioritize GIS support requests in consideration of available resources



Seventh WRP Principals' Meeting

August 11-12, 2015
Reno, Nevada

WRP Seventh Principals' Meeting

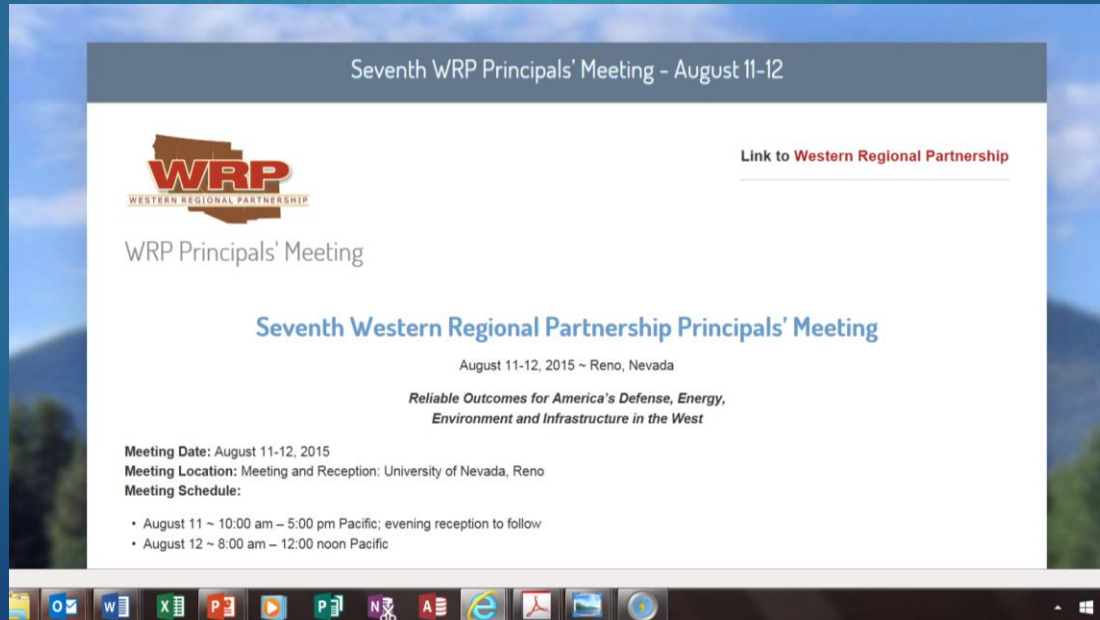


- ▶ Date:
 - ▶ August 11-12, 2015
- ▶ DoD Only Meeting: August 11 ~ 8 – 930 am
- ▶ Meeting Schedule:
 - ▶ August 11 ~ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Pacific; evening reception to follow
 - ▶ August 12 ~ 8:00 am – 12:00 noon Pacific
- ▶ Location:
 - ▶ Meeting and Reception: University of Nevada, Reno


Registration for WRP Principals' Meeting

Website:

- ▶ Includes Meeting Details (logistics, hotels)
- ▶ <http://registration.azexperience.org/meetings/wrp-principals-meeting>
- ▶ Registration must be received by August 4, 2015. Early registration rates (\$70) end on July 10, 2015.



Seventh WRP Principals' Meeting - August 11-12

 [Link to Western Regional Partnership](#)

WRP Principals' Meeting

Seventh Western Regional Partnership Principals' Meeting

August 11-12, 2015 ~ Reno, Nevada

*Reliable Outcomes for America's Defense, Energy,
Environment and Infrastructure in the West*

Meeting Date: August 11-12, 2015
Meeting Location: Meeting and Reception: University of Nevada, Reno
Meeting Schedule:

- August 11 ~ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Pacific; evening reception to follow
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Joe Crowley Student Union, University of Nevada, Reno



Format of WRP Principals' Meeting

- In 2014, combined the three major components of Principals' meetings (WRP Committee updates, WRP Principals' updates and panels) into "themes" based on WRP Committee structure and provide for more opportunities for Principals to interact and discuss next year's activities:

Goals of each plenary session:

1. Highlight relevant committee's efforts from 2014-2015 and provide recommendations for committee's efforts for the next year
2. Provide briefings/updates relevant to plenary session subject (and as much as possible have a WRP Principal provide a briefing)
3. Engage WRP Principals (either they serve on plenary session or they have opportunities to ask questions/add comments, etc.)

WRP Principals' Meeting:

Day 1: August 11 2015

- ▶ **Welcome and Opening Remarks by WRP Co-Chairs (30min)**
 - ▶ Ms. Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, DOI
 - ▶ Mr. John Conger, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment
- ▶ **Nevada Welcoming Remarks (15 min)**
- ▶ **WRP Overview and WRP Steering Committee Recommendations (15 min)**
 - ▶ Mr. Tony Parisi, WRP Steering Committee Chair
- ▶ **Lunch (60 min; with 15 min break before and after)**
 - ▶ Invocation/Tribal Blessing
 - ▶ Presentation on success of WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico Project
- ▶ **Principals' Photo**
- ▶ **Four Plenary Sessions (next slide)**

Plenary Session #1: Cybersecurity and Protection of Critical Infrastructure

60 minutes session

- ▶ Cyber threats are increasing exponentially, making it more important for state, federal and Tribal entities to work together. During this session, WRP Principals will highlight how this issue impacts communications platforms and national security (e.g. interoperability, DoD mission and electric grid) and make recommendations for building resilience
- ▶ Recommended Plenary Leads: Commissioner Squires (UT); Mr. Dave Duma (DoD); DHS HQ (coordinating)

Plenary Session #2: Species Management

75 minute session

- ▶ Early conservation efforts (prior to a listing of a species) can maximize management options, reduce costs and ultimately eliminate the need for listing. WRP Partners spend significant resources to assist with environmental planning. Through enhanced collaboration among WRP Partners it may be possible to more effectively support species in a non-regulatory environment to benefit the species and land. WRP Principals will provide an overview of their efforts and recommendations.
- ▶ Recommended Plenary Leads: Joy Nicholopoulos (USFWS); Amy Lueders (BLM NV)

Plenary Session #3: Aviation

45 minute session

- ▶ This panel will highlight new changes in aviation over the past year such as an update on Nevada's UAV test site, FAA rule changes and aviation challenges and recommendations.
 - ▶ Recommended Plenary Leads: FAA Regional Administrator; NTSB and NV UAV POC

Plenary Session #4:

Energy

65 minute session

- ▶ Panel to highlight major energy developments (renewable and transmission projects) over the past year and potential planning projects and issues, to include:
 - ▶ DOE's Quadrennial Energy Review
 - ▶ Developments on Federally Managed Lands
 - ▶ WRP Energy Committee efforts to identify potential mission impacts and recommendations (e.g. Military's ability to test and train and impacts on natural and cultural resources and on Tribal Lands)
 - ▶ Recommended Plenary Leads: Assistant Secretary Crowell, DOE (Update on DOE's QER & Clean Energy Deployment; Jim Robb, CEO of WECC and Jim Kenna, BLM CA Director

WRP Principals' Meeting: Day 2: August 12 2015

- ▶ Business Session
 - ▶ Conferment of Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership
 - ▶ Recap of WRP 2015/2016 Strategic Priorities and Recommendations
 - ▶ Discussion and Action by WRP Principals
- ▶ Two Plenary Sessions (next slide)

Plenary Session #5: Water and Drought Planning

70 minute session

- ▶ This past year has seen a significant focus on water issues such as drought and fire management. This panel will discuss ways that water is managed in the WRP Region including water rights (allocation), water management (water laws and regulations) and water supply and availability.
 - ▶ Recommended Plenary Leads: Jim Ogsbury, WGA Exec Director; Tony Willardson, WSWC and Under Secretary Ann Mills, Deputy for Natural Resources and Environment

Plenary Session #6: Military Readiness

85 minute session

- ▶ Panel discussion highlighting the DoD mission in the WRP Region, current encroachment issues and best practices.

Discussion of WRP Outreach and Communication Efforts

What is needed
to enhance
communication
within the
region and
headquarters?





Updates by SC and Committee Co-Chairs



Wrap-up, Final Recommendations and Next Steps