



WRP STEERING COMMITTEE WITH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS CALL

December 2016

Today's Agenda

1. Discussion on Past WRP Efforts
 - Changes in WRP Leadership
 - WRP Eighth Principals' Meeting & past WRP Webinars
2. WRP 2016-2017 Priority
3. Update on Diversifying WRP Contractor Support
4. Upcoming WRP Planning Efforts
 - Webinars, WRP SC with Committee Co-Chair meeting schedule and Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting
5. Around the Phone Updates

WRP Leadership Changes

Since our last call

WRP SC:

- USACE : Cheree Peterson, Director of Programs, US Army Corps of Engineers
- USBP: Andrew K. Scharnweber, Associate Chief, U.S. Border Patrol
- Army : Elizabeth Hill, Strategic and Long Range Planner, G-5, White Sands Missile Range
- NOAA: Jeffrey R. Zimmerman, Chief, Operations and Decision Support Division, Acting Chief, Program Support Division, NOAA/National Weather Service/Western Region
- AF: Col Laura Garrett, 12 AF (AFSOUTH) Chief of Staff
- DOI: Amanda Leiter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management
- DOE: Assistant Secretary Brad Crowell now with NV; Dep Assistant Sec Carrillo leaving in Jan.

Committee Changes:

- MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair: LtCol J. L. Meeker, Regional Airspace Coordinator, Marine Corps Installations-West
- New Energy Committee GIS Liaison: Jim O'Sullivan, Industry Economist, Office of Petroleum, Natural Gas & Biofuels Analysis, U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

Upcoming:

- Pete Bakersky and Becky Heick are retiring
- Lucas Lucero will be the new WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair

WRP Eighth Principals' Meeting

- August 17-18, 2016 in Salt Lake City, Utah
- 145 senior policy-level leaders in attendance
- WRP Co-Chair remarks provided by:
 - Utah Governor Herbert
 - DOI Assistant Secretary Janice Schneider
 - Frank DiGiovanni, Acting DoD Principal
- Four Plenary Sessions:
 - Immediate Threats to the West: Drought and Wildfires
 - Energy Trends in the WRP Region
 - Endangered Species Act: Challenges, Trends and Efforts
 - Integrating UAS in Airspace: Challenges, Trends and Efforts
- Keynote remarks by Utah Congressman Chris Stewart
- Around the Room Discussion on Land Management Issues
- Delivered WRP Regional Strengths, Areas of Commonality and Emerging Issues 2016 Report

WRP Eighth Principals' Meeting - Actions

- Approved:
 - 2016-2017 WRP Priority
 - 2016-2017 WRP Chair: Mike Mower and Vice Chair: Ryan McGinness
 - Next WRP Principals' Meeting Rotation: 2017 in NM and 2018 in CO
- Bestowed the Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership to Steve Arenson, Jim Bartridge and Joy Nicholopoulos
- Affirmed: WRP Charter and WRP Mission/Vision Document; WRP Structure (Including Committees); and WRP Tagline



WRP Vision, Mission and Tagline

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, 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.

WRP Tagline

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

Nov 1 WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Webinar on the FAA SoCal Metroplex

- Presented by: Mr. Robert (Rob) E. Henry, Manager, SoCal Metroplex, FAA
- Background:
 - A Metroplex is an area containing multiple airports serving a major metropolitan area with diverse stakeholders. Airspace constraints and other factors reduce aviation efficiency in Metroplexes. Metroplex initiatives are underway, or planned in more than a dozen metropolitan areas across the country; within the WRP Region the following areas are under study: NorthCal, SoCal, Phoenix and Denver. The first of these initiatives launched in SoCal on 10 November 2016.
 - The SoCal Metroplex Project is a comprehensive proposal to improve the flow of air traffic into and out of Southern California by making the airspace safer and more efficient. The project encompasses most of SoCal including 21 airports, six of which are major airports (Bob Hope, LAX, Long Beach, Ontario, San Diego and John Wayne-Orange County) and 15 satellite airports.

Follow up since the webinar: 1.) CA Division of Aeronautics (Aero) re: potential of incorporating DoD in regional transportation plans; meeting held with Aero and USMC 2.) Requested webinar by FAA on strategic view on airspace

Dec 1 WRP Webinar on Immediate Threats to the West: Drought & Wildfires

- For the first time, WRP tailored a webinar to WRP Principals, Steering Committee members, Committee Co-Chairs and other senior-ranking members who attended the 2016 WRP Principals' meeting
- Highlighted the Federal Drought Resilience Partnership and efforts to enhance drought planning and water resource management as well as exploring fire emergency response and restoration
- Presented by:
 - Ann Mills, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, DOA
 - Tom Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, DOI
 - Chief Ken Pimlott, State Forester, CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
- Moderated by Mike Mower, WRP Steering Committee Chair and Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office

Follow up since the webinar: Ms. Mills asked for WRP input on NDRP priorities going forward

Dec 8 WRP Energy Committee Webinar on the Sec 368 regional Review Project

- Conducted by James R. Gazewood, Project Manager, Regional Reviews Project, BLM WO and supported by Argonne National Laboratory staff
- Highlighted:
 - Background on the Section 368 Energy Corridors established under the 2005 Energy Policy Act and the 2012 settlement agreement requirements
 - Information on the six regional reviews to be conducted and timeframe
 - End product – land use recommendations that might be carried out through subsequent land use planning actions
 - Tools to facilitate stakeholder understanding and critical input
 - Opportunities for engagement and information resources

Follow up since the webinar: BLM offered to do a follow up webinar on Section 1 analysis results/outcome

WRP 2016-2017 Priority: Regional Assessment

- Adopted at 2016 WRP Principals' meeting
- Efforts to Date:
 - WRP updates of agency efforts relevant to the WRP Mission grouped by:
 - WRP Updates (past efforts and upcoming)
 - Energy (Federal, State, Tribal and Regional)
 - Natural Resources (Federal, State, Tribal, Regional)
 - MRHSDP&A (Military Readiness, Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness, Aviation, Frequency)
 - GIS
 - Miscellaneous
 - Over 35 interviews with WRP SC, Committee Co-Chairs, WRP Veterans' Group and WRP DoD MGMT Team members re survey
 - Three Webinars

Seeking your input on WRP Updates – please send your updates; and/or suggestions to Amy

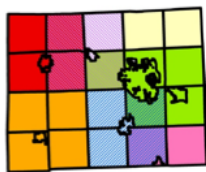
2017 Regional Assessment



Survey WRP Partners:



- Top 3 WRP-relevant issues within the region
 - e.g. land use issues, ecological goals, airspace, water, etc.
- Top 3 needs
 - e.g. better awareness of upcoming agency changes or efforts, finding agencies with similar issues, etc.
- Significant state/regional planning efforts
 - Expected to occur 2017-2020 and potential collaboration opportunities
- Authoritative data layers/web mapping services
 - To assist with Partners' efforts and for use in regional planning



2017 Regional Assessment (continued)



Further Examine:

- More fully explore survey results on Partners' top issues, needs and available resources (e.g. grants, agency actions, planning efforts) to address the issues as well as identify recommendations
- Compile state/regional planning efforts in a user-friendly format and identify ways WRP Partners can participate
- Compile data recommendations



2017 Regional Assessment

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Report:

- Survey results, quantitative in nature, of “top” Partner issues and needs within the WRP Region
- Relevant Committee efforts documenting their exploration of survey results on Partners’ top issues and needs
- Identification of state and regional plans to commence in 2017-2020
- Helpful resources that encourage better collaboration among states, federal agencies and tribes within the WRP Region
- Identification of authoritative GIS data layers or web mapping services supportive of WRP planning efforts and initiatives
- Further recommendations for WRP Principals’ consideration at their 2017 meeting on identified gaps and possible focus areas that would lead to possible solutions

2017 Regional Assessment – Proposed Timing For Review

- Now: Amy to work with WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs on developing draft survey questions
- December 2016: WRP SC and Committee Co-chairs finalize survey questions
- January 2017: Survey is sent to WRP Partners for response
- February 2017: Follow up on survey responses as needed; compile results; present findings to WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs
- March – May 2017: Committees more fully explore survey results to address issues as well as identifying recommendations
- April/May 2017: Committee Co-Chairs to present preliminary results to WRP SC
 - *Results help scope/refine WRP Principals' meeting agenda*
- August 2017: Final results and recommendations presented to WRP Principals
 - *NM Meeting: Targeting weeks of August 14th or 22nd*



DRAFT SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q 1: What are your top three issues for which WRP may help facilitate a solution?

(Looking for agency issues relevant to the WRP Mission)

| Categories | Details |
|--|---|
| General partnering/ relationship building | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disaster Planning/Fire Response• Tribal Engagement• Cybersecurity• Data Sharing• Federal-State Relations |
| Airspace | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future military airspace requirements• Better coordination among users• Unmanned aircraft/RPA• Connecting land use planning with impacts to airspace• Awareness of changes in airspace designations and policy |
| Land use (regional, large landscape focus) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land use planning• Streamlining land exchange process (fed/state land exchanges)• ESA, Ecological goals/environmental planning (mitigation efforts, supporting species and critical habitat, resource management, connectivity for habitat, etc.)• Large scale energy projects (transmission corridors, renewable energy, pipelines, etc.) & energy development• Assisting DoD with land use issues/encroachment concerns (e.g. future range issues, potential land expansions, new weapons footprint, minimizing conflicts)• Infrastructure |
| Water | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drought resilience, water availability• Water resources planning, sharing of water-related information |

Q2: What are your top three needs as related to the top issues?

(see earlier question; looking for efforts that might be out of your control that could be assisted by WRP Partners)

- Assistance with “e-harmony” - - finding agencies with similar issues to work on efforts together; looking for those overlaps/leveraging efforts
 - Better understanding of collective agencies’ needs (what do WRP agencies need/areas of alignment)
- Better coordination and communication
 - WRP to provide forum, help to expedite efforts, etc. Sharing best practices.
 - Sometimes issues from DC do not get communicated well or in a timely fashion
 - Better understanding of agencies’ missions and structure
- Better information from DoD on issues of concern to them in a prioritized fashion (land use areas of most concern/focus areas)
 - Help facilitate DoD being a partner in planning efforts (such as conservation, etc.)
- Data information exchange/facilitating data collaboration
- Better situational awareness of upcoming agency changes or efforts (Clearinghouse on planning and policy issues)
 - More information on grants/how to partner/technical assistance

Q3: Does your agency have any federal/state/regional planning efforts that are expected to take place in 2017-2020?

(Looking for releasable information on significant federal/state/regional planning efforts, potential collaboration opportunities, and planned state or federal legislation or policy changes)

- Yes _____ (Please provide any of the following information: date of efforts; geographic area of focus; opportunities for collaboration; links to additional information; relevance to WRP)
- No _____

Q4: What existing web mapping tools or GIS data do you or your agency use in regional/planning efforts that could assist other WRP Partners (Looking for existing data collaboration tools/data appropriate for WRP Partners' planning efforts.)

- N/A _____
- Recommend the following webmapping tools/data:

Q5: Other Questions to Ask?

- What three words come to mind when you think of the Western Regional Partnership?
- What are the benefits you derive from WRP?
- How can WRP best communicate efforts and successes?
- Do you have any recommendations for states, federal agencies or Tribes to better work with your agency? Any recommendations for WRP to enhance this partnership?

Diversifying WRP Contractor Support (working to address SWOT)

Update by Dwight Deakin

Update:

- Still seeking funding to implement concept
- Had anticipated need for additional funding for work beginning in January; but delay in receiving funding
- Have one contract in place (funding ends Dec 2016; POP through June 2017); Working to establish second contract
- **GOOD NEWS: State of Utah has committed \$10,000 to WRP again this year**

Concept:

- Increase number of partners funding the WRP Coordinator contract (Only 4 have contributed: REPI; Navy; State of Utah; USMC)
- Build a plan to target new funding partners & renew existing funding partners
 - Ensure adequate funding is planned to exist for out-years
 - Broaden funding partners across fiscal years to reduce financial strain on partners
- Finalize parallel/off-set contracts using multiple funding sources from various partners
- Increase flexibility with regard to lapse in service, ensures critical support is available when needed
- Use funding plan to ensure contracts are adequately funded
- Presentations to WRP DoD MGMT Team; WRP Veterans; WRP DoD Co-chair (Mr. Duma); WRP SC

Upcoming WRP Planning Efforts: Webinars

- Jan 25: BLM's Renewable Energy Rule – 1 Eastern/10 Pacific
- Other webinars in the works, not finalized:
 - Feb: Mexican Wolf Recovery Efforts by USFWS
 - March: (RECCWG) Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group
 - BLM Planning Rule 2.0
 - Wildland Fire Leadership Council
 - REPI
 - NTIA – need a new contact
 - FAA on strategic view of airspace
 - DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs
 - FS planning efforts

Upcoming WRP Planning Efforts: SC with Committee Co-Chair Calls and Meeting

- Targeting 2017 calls to take place in Feb, April and June
 - Feb:
 - Overview of survey and committee efforts for “deep dive”
 - Update on WRP Principals’ Meeting planning efforts
 - April:
 - Update on Regional Assessment efforts and seek input
 - Discuss WRP Principals’ Meeting Agenda (linkage to the assessment)
 - June:
 - Draft Regional Assessment report update
 - Discussion on WRP SC recommendations for Principals’ Meeting
 - Finalize July WRP meeting agenda
- Targeting 2017 in person meeting to take place in July on Phoenix
 - Finalize WRP SC Recommendations for Principals’ meeting

Requests:

- Please update Amy on your agency’s WRP Principal
- Input regarding communications to Principals

Upcoming WRP Planning Efforts: WRP Principals' Meeting

- Researched over 30 hotels and government locations
- Site Visits:
 - Hyatt Tamaya Hotel
 - Crowne Plaza
 - ABQ Marriott
 - Hyatt Regency ABQ
 - UNM Student Union Building
 - Embassy Suites
- Currently working to get final price from:
 - Hyatt Tamaya, Crowne Plaza and ABQ Marriott
- Targeting weeks of August 14th or 22nd
- Meetings with Key NM WRP Leadership



Around the Phone Updates

- WGA Winter Meeting (December 13-14, 2016 in San Diego, CA)
- Sentinel Landscapes
- State of NM Update by Eric Kivi
- State of CA Update by Scott Morgan
- NOAA Update by Jeff Zimmerman
 - NIDIS activities related to developing strategic plans for Drought Early Warning Systems across CA/NV and the inter-mountain west
- FAA Update by Tamara Swann
 - SoCal, NorCal and Las Vegas Metroplex projects
- WaterSMART Progress Report
- Update on DoD Legacy Project in WRP Area

Western Governors' Association Winter Meeting

- 9 Governors in attendance:
 - WGA Chair Steve Bullock, (**Montana**), WGA Vice Chair Dennis Daugaard (**South Dakota**), Edmund G. Brown (**California**), John Hickenlooper (**Colorado**), C.L. "Butch" Otter (**Idaho**), Susana Martinez (**New Mexico**), Ralph Torres (**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**), Gary Herbert (**Utah**), and Matt Mead (**Wyoming**)
- Keynotes:
 - Building a Better Presidential Transition – David Eagles, Director of the Center for Presidential Transition, Partnership for Public Service
 - Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. David MacNaughton
- Roundtables:
 - Opportunities to improve the State-Federal Relationship
 - Life After the Governor's Mansion
 - Rural Healthcare Challenges and Solutions
 - "My Brilliant Failure"
- Adopted 7 Western Governors' Policy Resolutions

Sentinel Landscapes update

- The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is now accepting applications for designation in 2017.
- The Request for Applications is open to all eligible entities interested in promoting natural resource conservation and the sustainability of working lands in areas surrounding military installations and ranges.
- To be considered for a Sentinel Landscape designation in 2017, applications must be submitted via www.SentinelLandscapes.org/apply-now/ by 8:00pm EDT on **Thursday, March 30, 2017**.
- Please visit www.SentinelLandscapes.org for more information on the requirements, evaluative criteria, and timeline for 2017 designations as well as the benefits that come along with becoming a Sentinel Landscape.

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*Please note this effort is focused on species that are currently NOT listed; looking to preclude additional listing

- Two focus Areas: Arizona and New Mexico on 7 species
- **Pls provide any information you would like to have reviewed for potential inclusion with the management plans**
- Arizona: on / near Fort Huachuca
 - **Ft. Huachuca treefrog, Ft. Huachuca springsnail, Huachuca skipper, and Lupinus huachucanus (Huachuca Mountain Lupine)**
 - Status: a draft multi-species management report will be ready – Dec 15



Agathymus evansi

Huachuca skipper



Arizona Treefrog

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- New Mexico: Piñon-juniper habitats
 - **Pinyon Jay** and the **Organ Mts. Colorado chipmunk**
 - The chipmunk occurs in the Organ Mountains, on Ft. Bliss and near White Sands Missile Range. Another subspecies of the CO chipmunk, the **Oscuro Mts. CO chipmunk** occurs at White Sands. Pinyon Jay occurs at White Sands and Kirtland AFB. Management would be similar for the two chipmunk subspecies, so the plan would be useful for three installations.
 - Status: To be completed by June 2017
- Phase Two:
 - Funding to apply NatureServe’s climate change vulnerability assessment to these species