



WRP SC with Committee Co-Chair Call

MARCH 2017

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Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Quick Update on Past WRP Webinars
- WRP 2017 Regional Assessment
- DoD Update
- Upcoming WRP Planning Efforts
- Around the Phone Updates

WRP Leadership Changes

WRP SC:

- USACE: Cheree Peterson, Director of Programs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- USGS: Pat Lambert is filling in for Allison Ship who is on on detail (120 days) at the Crustal Geophysics and Geochemistry Science Center
- AF: Colonel David Delmonaco, 12th Air Force (AFSOUTH)/Chief of Staff (replaces Col Garrett)
- BP: Assistant Chief Maria Ibanez, National Public Lands Liaison, Headquarters, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security (replacing Rafael Cano)
- NPS: Patrick Walsh, Associate Regional Director, Resources Stewardship and Science, Intermountain Region, NPS (replacing Rick Frost)
- FEMA: Stephanie Poore, NPD Analyst, FEMA Region VIII (replacing Pete Bakersky)

Committee Changes:

- Ms. Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Resources, BLM Utah is our newest WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair (replacing Shelley Smith)
- Lucas Lucero, Deputy State Director, Lands, Minerals & Energy, BLM, AZ State Office as the newest WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair (replacing Becky Heick)



Quick Update on Past WRP Webinars

Jan 25th WRP Energy Committee webinar on BLM RE Program & New Rule Governing Solar & Wind Energy Development on Public Lands

- Presented by John R. Kalish, Program Manager, Office of Renewable Energy Coordination (WO-301), Bureau of Land Management, Washington Office and Jayme Lopez, Program Lead, BLM Renewable Energy Coordination Office
- Presentation covered:
 - Final Rule Milestones
 - General Rule Overview
 - Principal Changes between Prior Policy and Final Rule
 - Competitive Process
 - General Application and Lease Comparison
 - Terms and Conditions of Grant and Lease
 - Next Steps
- Mapping Tools:
 - Solar Mapper - <http://solarmapper.anl.gov/>
 - Wind Mapper – Pending Release, 2017
 - Corridor Mapping Tool - <http://bogi.evs.anl.gov/section368/portal/>



Feb 28 WRP Natural Resources Committee Webinar on the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program

- Presented by Sherry Barrett, Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- From 7 founding wolves, developed binational captive breeding population of 240- 300 wolves for release into the wild
- First wolves released in U.S. in 1998 and in México in 2011
- In 2016, there were a minimum of 113 wolves in wild in U.S.; fewer than 30 in México
- Proposing 2017 release of Mexican wolves from captivity into wild to reduce relatedness
- Mexican Wolf/Livestock Council providing depredation compensation and payments for presence to address economic effects of Mexican wolves on livestock; funding for proactive conflict avoidance
- Final recovery plan due November 2017
- For more information please see: www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/ and www.azgfd.gov/wolf



WRP 2017 Regional Assessment



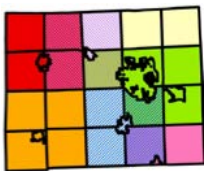
2017 Regional Assessment



Survey WRP Partners:



- Top 3 WRP-relevant issues within the region
 - e.g. land use issues, airspace, water, etc.
- Top 3 needs
 - e.g. better awareness of upcoming agency changes or efforts, 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

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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 the Ninth WRP Principals’ meeting on identified gaps and possible focus areas that would lead to possible solutions

Survey Timeline

- November-December 2016: Interviews to seek input on survey questions
- December 2016: WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs finalize survey questions on their Dec call
- January 26, 2017: Survey was sent to WRP SC & Committee Co-Chairs for their action (per December direction)
 - Input requested by February 10; follow up occurred throughout Feb
- March 9: Provided six weeks for response; survey "closed" in order to begin tabulating responses
- Responses provided by 33 WRP SC & Committee Co-Chairs from the following agencies:
 - States (Gov's Offices and agencies): AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, UT
 - Federal Agencies: Army, BIA, BLM, BuREC, DOE, EPA, FAA, FEMA, FHWA, NPS, NRCS, NOAA, USAF, USFWS, USFS, USGS, USMC
 - NASAO, The Hopi Tribe

Top issues, as ranked, for which WRP may assist to facilitate a solution

Issue	Details	Aggregate Score	Members ranking this item as #1
General partnering/relationship building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Planning/Fire Response; • Tribal Engagement; • Cybersecurity; • Data Sharing; • Federal-State Relations 	4.45	18
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; • Land use issues/encroachment concerns (e.g. future range issues, potential land expansions, new weapons footprint, minimizing conflicts); • Infrastructure 	3.87	6
Airspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future military airspace requirements; • Better coordination among users; • Unmanned aircraft/RPA/drone; • Connecting land use planning with impacts to airspace; • Awareness of changes in airspace designations and policy) 	2.93	4
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought resilience, water availability; • Water resources planning, sharing of water-related information 	2.90	2

Top needs, as ranked. (Related to top issues; efforts that could be assisted by WRP Partners)

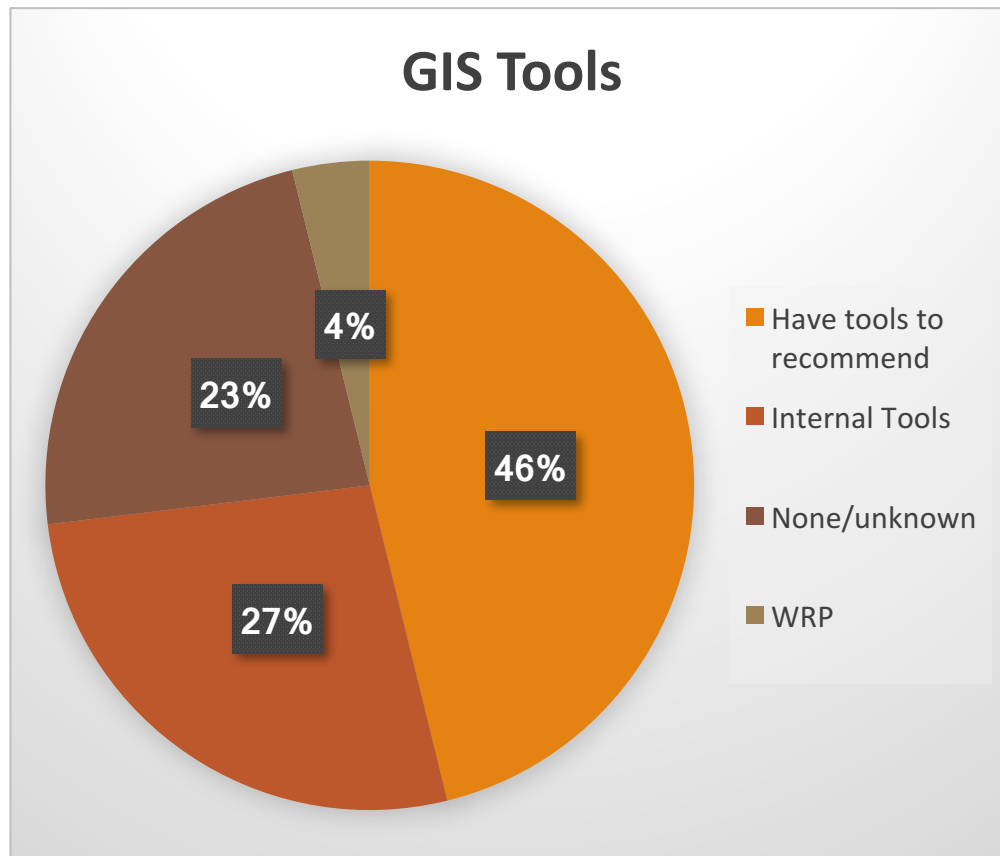
Issue	Details	Aggregate Score	Members ranking this item as #1
Better coordination and communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRP to provide forum, help to expedite efforts, etc. • Sharing best practices; • Sometimes issues from DC do not get communicated well or in a timely fashion; • Better understanding of agencies' missions and structure. 	4.67	9
Assistance with "e-harmony"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to find 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) 	4.47	10
Better situational awareness of upcoming agency changes or efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as a clearinghouse on planning and policy issues; • Providing more information on grants/how to partner/technical assistance. 	3.86	3
Better information from DoD on issues of concern to them in a prioritized fashion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of land use areas of most concern/focus areas; • Facilitate increased DoD engagement in planning efforts 	3.69	7
Data information exchange/facilitating data collaboration		3.54	2

Expected Federal/state/Regional planning efforts to take place in 2017-2020



Please review list of planning efforts in attached report (pages 6-7) and provide your input on next steps in order to ensure list is useful to your agency. Also need to identify ways WRP Partners can participate.

Existing web mapping tools or GIS data used in regional/planning efforts



Please review list of GIS resources provided in attached report (pages 7-9). For Principals' meeting report, need to identify authoritative data layers/web mapping services that might assist with Partners' efforts and for use in regional planning.

Words that describe **WRP**

coordination

collaboration

partnership communication information military

effective sharing Amy Duffy planning awareness regional western results policy strategic

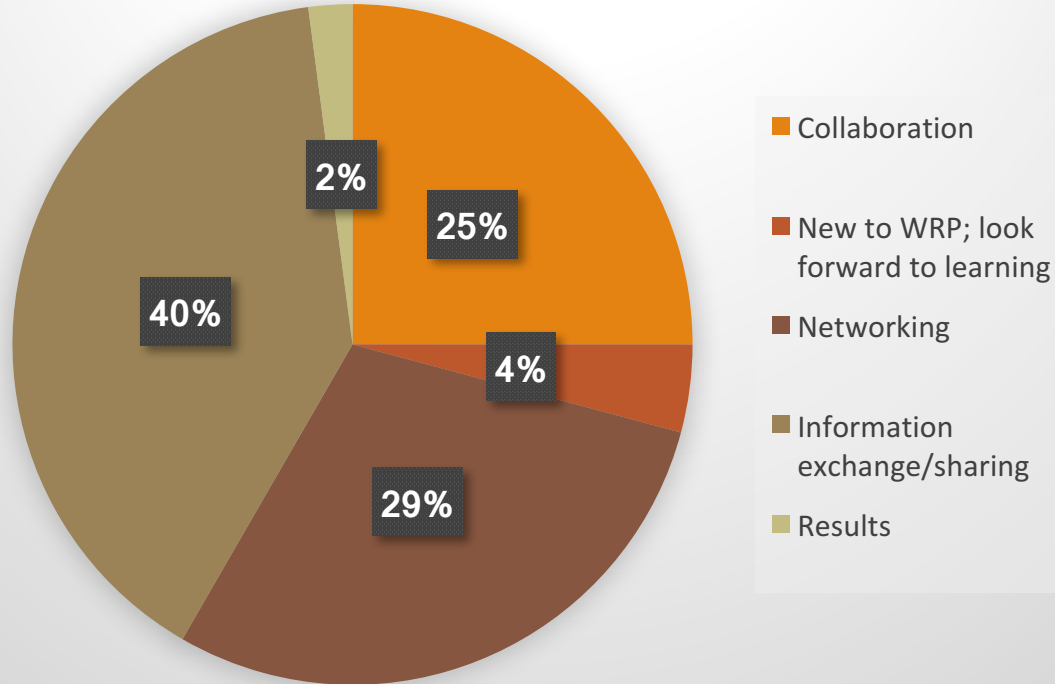
leadership knowledge facilitation southwest transparency solutions experienced professional people

7 generations coaching innovative engagement science cooperation needed opportunity

diverse open-minded education progressive open participation webinar network

Benefits you derive from WRP

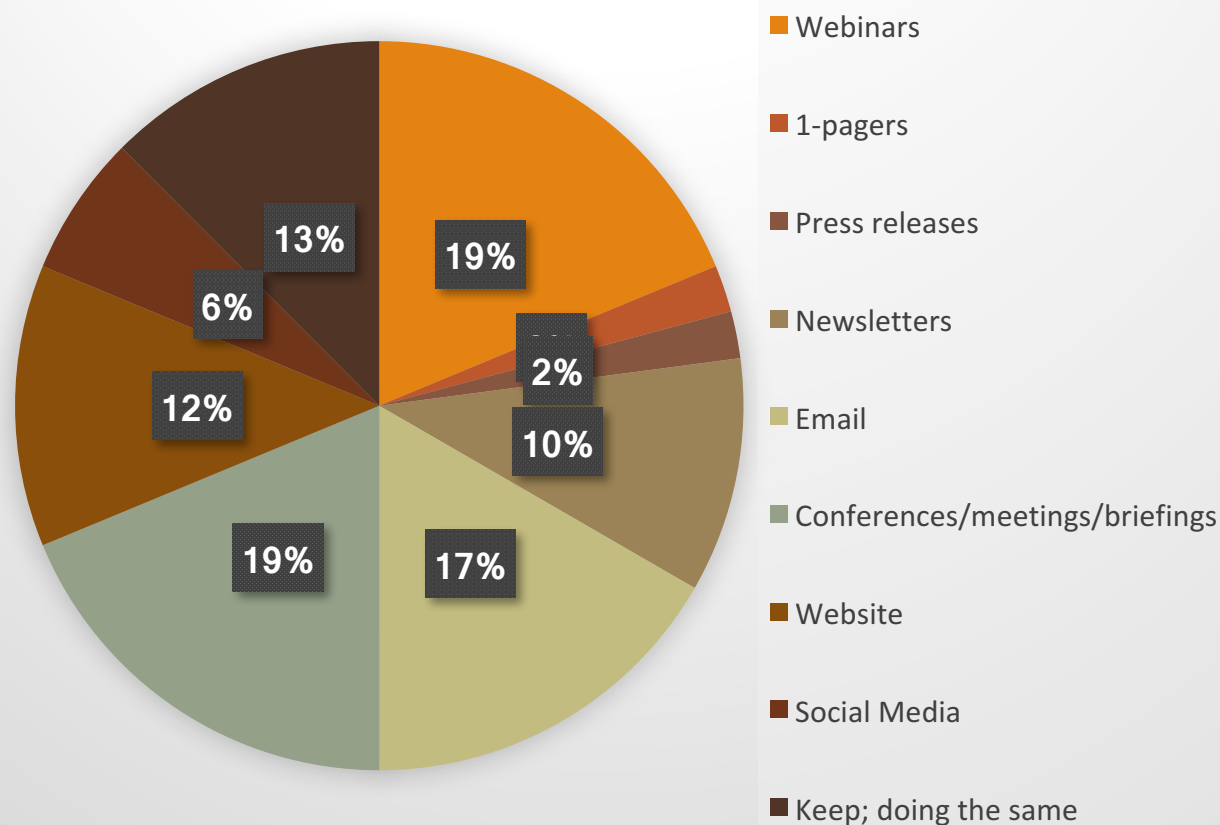
WRP benefits



- Top Three Benefits:**
- 40%: Information Exchange/Sharing
 - 29%: Networking
 - 25%: Collaboration

Ways for WRP to best communicate efforts & successes

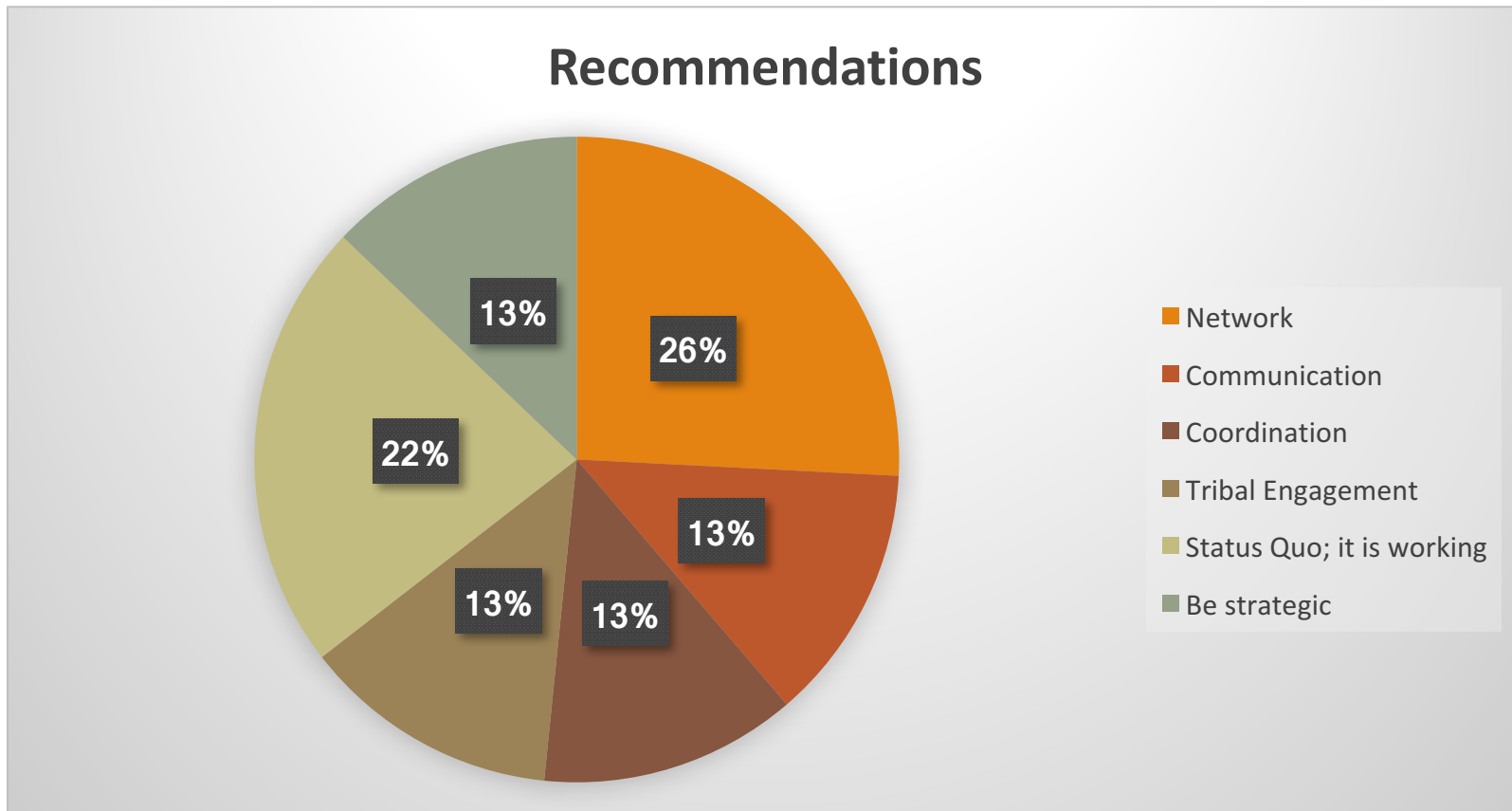
Communication Methods



Top Three Communication Recommendations:

- 19%: Webinars*
 - 19% Conferences/ Meetings/Briefings*
 - 17%: Email*
- * “Keep” doing the same was ranked 4th and also includes these items

Recommendations for states, federal agencies or Tribes to better work with your agency & for WRP



Next steps & Input Needed

1. Please review:
 - Accompanying document and provide your input on anything missing or that should be clarified no later than April 7th
 - List of “issues” and “needs” and email Amy if you are interested in helping Committees work through a particular issue (this would entail a small time commitment at this time, a few calls & emails to ground truth item & determine WRP’s appropriate role)
 - List of planning efforts in the region and list of existing web mapping tools or GIS data provide your thoughts on what details should be included to be useful to your agency
2. WRP Committee Co-Chairs will begin efforts to more fully explore survey results
3. Your input will be sought throughout this process
4. Next WRP SC & Committee Co-Chair call: Targeting May 17, 18 and 19



UPDATE

DoD Update

By Kristin Thomasgard-Spence,
WRP OSD SC member & Staff
Liaison for Mr. Pete Potochney

- New WRP DoD Co-Chair
- Contracting Update

WRP DoD Co-Chair: Mr. Pete Potochney



- Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment (Acting since Dec 2015 when Mr. Conger departed)
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (EI&E)
- Bio:
 - Began his DoD civilian employment in 1984
 - In 1989, joined Base Closure and Utilization Directorate, and then became the Director
 - In 1996, became the Director of Housing
 - In 2002, became the Director, Base Realignment and Closure, responsible for policy development and oversight of the analysis supporting the BRAC 2005 round
 - In 2008, named Director of the newly-formed Basing Directorate (responsible for completion of the BRAC recommendations, U.S. and overseas basing, and real estate)
 - In 2016, named Principal Deputy ASD(EI&E) (career civilian deputy to the ASD(EI&E))
 - Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and Master of Science degree in Systems Management
 - Served on active duty in the US Navy



Upcoming WRP Planning Efforts

Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting

- **ORIGINAL Plan:** targeting weeks of August 14th or 22nd in NM
- Recommend WRP Principals' meeting be postponed to provide the necessary time to work issues and have key members at the meeting
 - Additional time will allow key members to be appointed/confirmed and to coordinate with them and their key staff on issues.
- Recommend the meeting take place on November 29-30 in Phoenix, AZ
 - Allows for meeting to be co-located with WGA Winter meeting which takes place on December 1-2 in Phoenix.
- Recommend the 2018 Principals' Meeting take place in NM & in 2019 in CO.

Seeking your input on these recommendations please

2017 WRP SC with Committee Co-Chair in-person Meeting

- Recommend this meeting take place on August 17-18 in New Mexico.
- Meeting would run from 1 pm on August 17th and conclude by 12 noon on August 18

Seeking your input please

WRP Website & On-Line Registration for WRP Principals' meeting

- Preliminary efforts are underway to develop a new WRP website (the current version is quite old and in need of revamping)
- In the future, a call will be coordinated with the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS to obtain their input on website concept
- Updates will be provided at the May WRP SC call and a demo at the in-person WRP SC meeting with Committee Co-Chairs

WRP Webinars

(Discussed in December, not yet scheduled)

- (RECCWG) Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group
- Wildfire & Forestry Panel:
 - Wildland Fire Leadership Council, CALFIRE & Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF)/Western Forestry Leadership Coalition
- REPI
- NTIA – need a new contact
- FAA on strategic view of airspace
- DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs
- FS planning efforts

Seeking input on webinars of interest please

Around the Phone Updates

- **DC Update**
 - Ryan McGinness, Director, Washington DC Office, State of Nevada & WRP SC Vice Chair
- **WGA Update**
 - Jim Ogsbury, WGA Executive Director & WRP WGA Liaison (SC)
- **Collaboration on Expediting Infrastructure Projects per Executive Order 13766**
 - Lucas Lucero, Dep State Director, Lands, Minerals & Energy, AZ BLM & WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair
- **Update on Metroplex Projects**
 - Tamara A. Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator, AWP-2, Western Pacific Region & FAA WRP SC Member
- **NOAA Update**
 - Jeff Zimmerman, Chief, Operations and Decision Support Division, Acting Chief, Program Support Division, NOAA/National Weather Service/Western Region & NOAA WRP Member
 - Spring outlook, 3/16: <http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/spring-outlook-risk-of-major-flooding-in-north-dakota-moderate-flooding-in-idaho>
 - Flood potential and water supply forecasts: <http://nws.noaa.gov/oh/2017NHAD.html>
- **OEA Update**
 - Sig Csicsery, Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, Sacramento Office, OEA Liaison to WRP