

WRP SC Call with Committee Co-Chairs

DECEMBER 2015




TODAY'S AGENDA

- Updates since last meeting/call
- Future Action/Efforts
- Around the Phone Updates



Since we last gathered...

Seventh WRP Principals' Meeting

- August 11-12, 2015 in Reno, Nevada
 - ~130 senior members in attendance representing states, federal and tribal entities
 - Five Plenary Sessions with senior subject matter experts:
 - Cybersecurity and Protection of Critical Infrastructure
 - Species Management
 - Aviation
 - Energy
 - Water, Drought Planning and Wildfire Management
 - Military Readiness
 - Presentation on success of WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico Project
 - Tony Parisi, Lee Allison and Tom Finnegan bestowed with the Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership
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2014-2015 WRP Results

- Collaborated on broad-based regional planning in Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave Ecoregion

 - Fort Huachuca won REPI 2014 Challenge & Area designated a Sentinel Landscape
- Delivered 10 Reports and 2 Fact Sheets:
 - 2015 WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
 - 2015 WRP Guide to Working with DoD
 - 2015 WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview and accompanying MET Tower Fact
 - WRP Intro to Federal Partners
 - 2015 WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
 - 2015 WRP Energy Guide
 - Brief Overview of Water-Related Resources Available to WRP Partners
 - WRP Partner Input on Species of Concern
 - 2014-2015 WRP Energy Committee Webinar Series (Highlighting Key Entities Efforts and Identify Opportunities for Multi-Agency Coordination)
 - Renewable Energy and Transmission Siting Coordination and Potential Impacts to the Military Mission
- Updated Military Asset Listing Summaries; WRP Outreach

Recap of decisions made at WRP Principals' Meeting

No Changes to:

- WRP Structure (Including Committees)
- WRP Vision Statement
- WRP Goals

Added Colorado to WRP Charter and
Vision/Mission document

Kept WRP Tagline:

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

Adopted WRP 2015-2016 Priorities

Approved of 2015-2016 WRP Chair: Mike Mower &
Vice Chair: Ryan McGinness

WRP Mission Statement:

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 Region's Uniqueness (Update with Co)

Importance to the Military

- Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space
 - **Army:** ~55% 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 **172** **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

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; 8th 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

These six states are home to 18% of the U.S. population and constitute 19% of the total land mass.

Feedback Received on 2015 Principals' Meeting

- Overall very positive feedback on meeting
- Impressive group; great turnout of state, federal and tribal leaders; high-ranking
 - **Anyone missing at the meeting that you recommend for 2016?**
- Great meeting facility, AV, well-run, etc. Well planned and executed. Recommend continuing to offer on-line registration
- Amazing plenary session presenters and topics
- Refinements for 2016:
 - Ensure speakers stay within allocated time and stay focused on plenary session topic
 - Two speakers went long, despite repeated requests by panel moderator and “pre” calls
 - Shorten presenter introductions
 - Extend networking breaks if possible
 - Continue outreach efforts to ensure HQ and other key policy makers are aware of WRP

Special **THANK YOU** for attending the Seventh WRP Principals' meeting and for **ALL** your involvement to ensure the meeting's success!



WRP Position Updates

- Mr. Simon Tafoya is WRP's first Colorado SC member!
- Energy Committee Co-Chair Updates:
 - Ms. Becky Heick, Deputy State Director, Lands, Minerals & Energy Division (replaces Julie Decker who is now Senior Advisor - SW Border, BLM)
 - Ms. Angie Dykema, Director, NV Governor's Office of Energy (replaces Paul Thomsen who is now the chair the Nevada Public Utilities Commission)
- MRHSDP&A new Co-Chair: Ms. Julie Decker
- BLM Leadership changes (occurred or forthcoming):
 - Ms. Amy Lueders - BLM New Mexico State Director
 - Mr. John Ruhs - BLM Nevada State Director
 - Mr. Jerry Perez - BLM California State Director
- Mr. Francisco Carrillo, is DOE's new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and External Affairs within the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (he was previously with the DOI Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs)
- Kevin Carter is retiring end of year; replacement is: David Ure

WRP SoAZ/NM Project

Background:

- As a direct result of this project's efforts, the area:
 - Won the **2014 REPI Challenge (\$4 million)**
 - **Received funding from the AZ Military Installation Fund** for a conservation easement/deed restriction of 908 acres within Project priority Focus Area 1
 - Fort Huachuca was designated a **Sentinel Landscape**
 - Heightened awareness of the region's importance for natural resources and military operations

Current Efforts/Upcoming:

- Fort Huachuca is setting up the Sentinel Landscape Team
- AZ Land & Water Trust submitted for:
 - NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding (WRP supported)
 - 23 supporters/partners
 - Seeking ~\$6 million for conservation easements and restoration
 - REPI Challenge 2015 pre-proposal
 - If successful, seeking WRP letter of support (similar to past support)

Other Updates...

- WRP Website updated with content and actions from WRP Principals' meeting
- Held coordinating calls with WRP Committee Co-Chairs to begin planning best efforts to address current priorities
- WRP presentation to Association of Defense Communities' Rocky Mountain Regional Forum (in Colorado)
- Meetings with:
 - WRP CO SC member
 - CO BLM Office
 - State and Federal Leadership in UT: UT Gov's Office (WRP SC Chair); State Lands Director; USFS SC member; UT State Conservationist; UT BLM (and WRP NR Co-Chair) and UT Dept. of Veterans & Military Affairs
- Site visits for potential meeting location for the Eighth WRP Principals' Meeting (working with Utah State Gov's Office)

WRP Co-Chair Update

- Senate Armed Services Committee recently held a confirmation hearing for **Mr. John Conger**, who was nominated by the President in March as Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense. His current title is Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment.
- In November 2015, the President nominated **Vice Admiral Philip Cullom**, for Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of Defense.
 - Background:
 - Since 2012: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics
 - 2010- 2012: Director of the Navy's Energy and Environmental Readiness Division
 - 2008-2010: Director of the Fleet Readiness Division
 - 2007- 2008: Commander of Carrier Strike Group Eight
 - Served as a naval officer for over 30 years; held a number of other command and leadership positions including at Navy headquarters and in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom
 - B.S. from the U.S. Naval Academy and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School





WRP SC Chair
Mike Mower with
Tony Parisi
Leadership Gavel
in front of Hanson
Scott Leadership
Award (2012)

Future Action/Efforts

WRP 2015-2016 Efforts



Energy Committee:

- Highlight new energy generation and transmission planning efforts and projects in WRP region and
- Potential impacts on WRP Partners' missions



MRHSDP&A Committee:

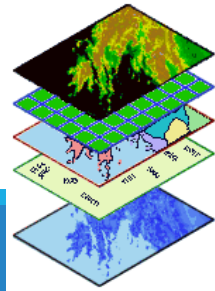
- Highlight DoD mission in the WRP region and identify issues impacting the mission and
- Any changes to airspace use in the WRP region that may impact WRP Partners

**WRP
Regional
Strengths,
Areas of
Commonality
& Emerging
Issues**



Natural Resources Committee:

- Identify the associated range and distribution for high priority species at risk within WRP Region and
- Concerns about the region's water sustainability



GIS Support Group

- Provide the necessary GIS analysis, mapping and data support

Requesting your agency's input

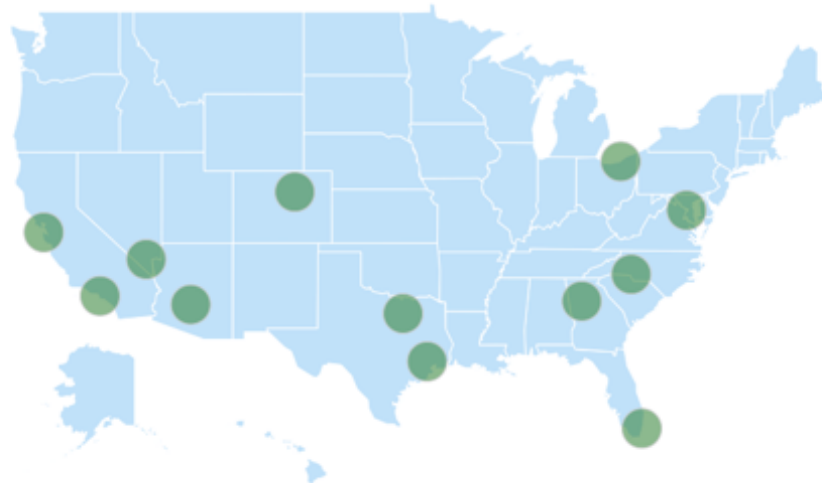
- Amy will be setting up a call with you to learn more of your agency's 2015/2016 efforts with a keen focus on:
 - Major state/regional efforts within the WRP region
 - Good News Sharing: Looking for examples that highlight best practices, available resources (agency efforts, MOUs etc.)
 - Mission Impacts/Emerging Issues:
 - Are there any state, federal or Tribal planning efforts that may have an impact that should be identified as an emerging issue to raise awareness or potential effort for future WRP effort?
 - What is impacting your mission that your agency does not control?
 - Examples:
 - Testing of 84-foot long airborne wind turbines. At 1,400 feet, propellers stop climbing, begin serving as flying wind turbines and the kite starts doing large circles. Turbines on the kite generate up to 600 kilowatts of energy. These kites require less material to make more power by reaching stronger winds at higher altitudes and can be sited in more locations while requiring less ground space
 - Taller wind turbines
 - Regulatory changes

Looking for state/regional planning efforts such as...FAA Metroplex

• <http://www.faa.gov/nextgen/snapshots/metroplexes/>

- Currently 5 proposed in the WRP region with the goal to “improve regional traffic movement by optimizing airspace and procedures built on precise satellite-based navigation.”
- Perhaps ask FAA to provide a webinar on the Metroplex to WRP in order to raise awareness on the project

Metroplex locations



2015/2016 WRP SC Priorities

The **SC ongoing responsibilities** include:

- Staff their respective WRP Principals
- Outreach
- Bring any relevant issues from their organization to WRP for awareness and potential action
- Review WRP Committee actions and providing input to WRP Committee Chairs as appropriate

In **2015-2016**, the WRP SC will:

- 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
- Advance efforts for Eighth Principals' meeting
- Serve as a resource to ensure WRP effectiveness

Eight WRP Principals' Meeting

- Location: Utah
- Date: Either August 17 & 18 or 18 & 19
 - Please email Amy ASAP if your Principal has conflicts on either set of dates
 - Current preferred date: August 18-19



AROUND THE PHONE UPDATES



WGA Update



**WESTERN
GOVERNORS'
ASSOCIATION**

Serving the Governors of 19 States and 3 US-Flag Pacific Islands

- **2016 Chairman's (Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead) Initiative:**
Species Conservation and Endangered Species Act Initiative
- **Governors' Winter Meeting:** Dec. 4-5, 2015, Las Vegas, NV
 - Issues: Transportation, Healthcare, Cybersecurity, Wildfire Season 2015; 2015 Policy Resolutions
 - Keynotes: US DOI Secretary Jewell; DHS Asst Sec. Andy Ozment
 - Governors attending: WGA Chairman and Wyoming **Gov. Matt Mead**, Gov. **Steve Bullock** (Montana, Vice Chair), **Butch Otter** (Idaho), **Brian Sandoval** (Nevada) and **Gary Herbert** (Utah)
- Recent efforts:
 - Western Governors offer water resource management solutions to Senate ENR committee leadership
 - First-ever Western Governors' Association "Mission to WDC"

Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program FY 16 Buffer Project Proposals

- Expected FY16 REPI budget: \$75M
 - \$60M PB request
 - \$15M Congressional plus-up
- Received 59 proposals from the Military Services requesting \$186.5M in FY16 funds
 - Of which 12 proposals are in WRP region; request for ~\$40.9 Million

Service	Installation	State	FY16 Request
Army	Fort Huachuca	AZ	\$5,000,000
Navy	NO Flagstaff	AZ	\$1,500,000
Army	Camp Roberts	CA	\$2,500,000
Army	Camp San Luis Obispo	CA	\$1,200,000
Navy	NB Coronado	CA	\$3,000,000
Navy	NB Ventura County	CA	\$7,370,000
Navy	R-2508 NAWS China Lake Range Complex	CA	\$3,454,825
USMC	MCAS Miramar	CA	\$634,000
USMC	MCB Camp Pendleton	CA	\$2,000,000
AF	Buckley AFB	CO	\$3,000,000
Navy	NAS Fallon/Fallon Training Range Complex	NV	\$3,300,000
Army	Camp Williams	UT	\$8,000,000
			\$ 40,958,825

FY16 REPI Challenge

FY16 REPI Challenge RFP released on October 9 and Pre-proposals due November 20

- The REPI Challenge seeks to engage the private sector to access and leverage unconventional sources of funding, attract additional philanthropic sources, and take advantage of market-based approaches to secure the most land at the least cost
- Up to **\$10 million** will be made available for the 2016 REPI Challenge
- **Open to all eligible partners at any DoD installation.** Designated Sentinel Landscapes will get priority consideration
- **11 pre-proposals** were received. Promising projects will be asked to submit full proposals and partners will be notified of their proposal status by December 11
 - **Two are within WRP Region: Fort Huachuca, AZ & Camp Williams, UT**
- **Final full proposal submissions due on February 5, 2016 by 8pm EST.** Funds will be awarded to winning projects in April 2016

Washington DC Update



Upcoming State Legislative Sessions Convene Dates

- Arizona
 - January 11
- California
 - January 4
- Colorado
 - January 13
- New Mexico
 - January 19 (30-day session)
- Nevada
 - No Regular 2016 Session
- Utah
 - January 25