

WRP Steering Committee Call with Committee Co-Chairs

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March 2015

Today's Agenda

- **Updates in WRP SC Membership**
- **WRP Updates (on past efforts, upcoming and some requests/actions):**
 - Energy Committee
 - Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness & Homeland Security and Aviation (MRHSDP&A) Committee
 - Natural Resources Committee
 - Steering Committee
 - Planning Updates for in-person June/July SC meeting and WRP Principals' Meeting
 - WRP Outreach/Collaboration Action/efforts
- **WRP State Updates**
- **Around the Phone Updates**

Updates in WRP SC Membership

- **Nan Christianson** (Deputy Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, USFS) is our new WRP SC FS member (replacing Gilbert Zepeda; retired in January)
- **Joe Cuffari** now works for Governor Ducey (previously with the Brewer Administration) and remains WRP SC Arizona member
- **Colonel Patrick A. Gramuglia** (Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Installations West) is our new WRP SC USMC member (replacing Colonel Gates)
- **Eric Kivi** (Director, Office of NM Military Base Planning and Support) is our new WRP NM SC member (replacing Hanson Scott; retired in January)



WRP Energy Committee

(Updates since last SC Call)

- Completed Monthly webinars:
 - December 2014: **WGA RAPID toolkit**
 - January 2015: **DRECP** with Commissioner Douglas and CA BLM State Director Kenna
 - February 2015: **West-wide Wind mapping Project (WWMP)** by Ray Brady, Manager, BLM National Renewable Energy Coordination Office and Karen Smith, Argonne National Laboratory
- Upcoming Webinars
 - March 27th at 11 am Pacific: Southwest Area Transmission (SWAT)
 - Date TBD:
 - Argonne National Laboratory to demo/update: Solar Energy Development PEIS; BLM solar energy program; BLM wind energy PEIS; Activities related to the Section 368 Corridors, including the current settlement agreement work; Ecorisk Calculator
 - CAL ISO Plan
 - 2015 WestConnect Ten-Year Transmission Plan
 - US Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs
 - Highlighting WRP States' interest/involvement in energy-related efforts
 - Overview of WRP document titled, "*RE and Transmission Siting Coordination and Potential Impacts to the Military Mission*" (document in draft; sent to Committee for input)

WRP Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation Committee

(Updates since last SC Call)

- Updating WRP Guide to Working with DoD (with Committee input)
- Completing/Finalizing Military Asset Listing (MAL)
 - Identified 71 Military assets (installations, ranges, etc.): 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
- Outlining scope for paper on how WRP Partner agencies are building resilience (fire, natural disasters, cyber-security, energy security, fuse communication platform) to assist with disaster response and develop a complex adaptive system. Assist with collaboration and information sharing on members' respective missions to foster awareness of the interdependence among Partners
- Upcoming:
 - March 25: Lt Col Callahan briefing Western Region Aviation Suitability Conference on WRP and WRP's Airspace Sustainability Overview document and accompanying MET Tower fact Sheet
 - April 10th at 1 PM Pacific: Association of Bay Area Governments webinar on their recently completed infrastructure vulnerability and interdependencies study. This report maps airports, passenger rail, roadways, fuel, electric, and water systems, and highlights their interaction with seismic hazards. Publicly available information was used to describe how each system operates, and the consequence of system damage.
 - May: Webinar by Army Corps of Engineers on their Tribal Relations efforts in WRP region

WRP Natural Resources Committee

(Updates since last SC Call)

- WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico (SoAZ/NM) project Team Update
 - December and February SoAZ/NM project Team Calls
 - Provided recap of: WRP SoAZ/NM GIS Suitability Analysis Efforts and Report; 2014 REPI Challenge Successful Proposal within WRP SoAZ/NM Project; Sentinel Landscapes Partnership
 - Updates by Partners: BLM Healthy Lands Initiative; OEA Southern New Mexico /El Paso Joint Land Use Study; BLM Conservation Easement Acquisitions; FWS ES Recovery Initiative; Southeastern Arizona Natural Resources Coordinating Committee (SEA NRCC) efforts
 - **REQUEST:** Review and consideration of attached WRP letter of support for ALWT application for AZ MIF funding (consistent with previous support letter for REPI Challenge; assists with implementation in WRP SoAZ/NM focus area #1)
 - Upcoming: April Call; May 8 in person meeting

WRP Natural Resources Committee

(continued; updates since last SC Call)

- WRP Mojave Project
 - Meetings in SAC regarding WRP Mojave project coordination
 - USMC presentation on WRP and Mojave project to DMG
 - **UPCOMING REQUEST:** WRP support letter for CA State REPI Challenge application for implementation in WRP Mojave project area; also consistent with DRECP findings.
 - REPI Challenge 2015 is not out yet
- Upcoming:
 - April 17 at 11 Mountain: West-wide CHAT, NM CHAT and NM DSS demo
 - Date TBD (last week of May): Desert LCC

WRP Natural Resources Committee

Priority #1

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

- **REQUEST:** Please review attached document on potential candidate species and provide your top three species of concern to be listed; as much as possible please coordinate within your agency in providing this information
 - Please consider if WRP can add value and geographic region
- Past: USFWS SC member provided MDL update at Principals' meeting. Much coordination with USFWS offices in WRP Region and HQ, DOI HQ, BLM, state Fish and Wildlife offices to best scope out next steps
- Action Plan:
 - Webinar(s) with USFWS (Joy Nicholopoulos)
 - Input from SC and NR Committee will be consolidated to come up with the top 5-7 species of concern within WRP region
 - Develop short document outlining current efforts, lessons learned, best practices and gaps with accompanying maps to highlight geographic areas of concern in WRP region along with land ownership. Work with other WRP Committees to learn of mission footprint and energy development within highlighted areas of concern
 - Compare with State Wildlife Action Plans, INRMPs within WRP region and other documentation, as appropriate
 - Identify pilot projects to foster sustainability of necessary habitat

WRP Steering Committee

(Updates since last SC Call)

- **Coordination with the State of Colorado to become involved in WRP**
- **WRP SC meeting with Committee Co-Chairs**
 - Purpose: best prepare for WRP Principals' meeting; review of draft 2015-2016 WRP Priorities and prepare other recommendations for WRP Principals
 - Dates: Either Monday, June 29 or Friday July 10
 - Schedule: 10 am to 4 pm
 - Location: Phoenix, AZ
- **WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS**
 - February coordinating call: Finalized WRP GIS roles and responsibilities (BAH & ManTech support)
 - February: WRP Webinar on WMA/LUPT/RPD/GIS-related tools



WRP Seventh Principals' Meeting

- Date:
 - August 11-12, 2015
- 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

- Important details such as agenda, registration and logistics are forthcoming; for discussion on the next WRP SC call.
- Amy will follow up with each of you individually (as done for past meetings) to confirm: your Principal and list of people to invite to the 2015 meeting

Update on WRP Outreach/Collaboration Action/efforts

(Updates since last SC Call)

- WRP Outreach/Collaboration (not covered in Committee slides):
 - WRP Presentation to California Biodiversity Council Interagency Alignment Team
 - WRP Veterans' Group re-group call
 - Energy Coordination meeting with DoD and AZ State Leaders
 - JMAC (coordinated to coincide with WRP Principals' Meeting for those attending both meetings)
 - Participate in WGA Drought Forum webinar; Desert LCC GIS Data Working Group
- **REQUEST:** Please email Amy with any recommendations of people/agencies to meet with in DC (targeting WRP-related meetings on April 1)

Arizona



- Governor: Doug Ducey (R)
 - Priorities: growing the economy, creating jobs, improving outcomes in K-12 education and balancing the budget
- Legislature:
 - Senate: 17 (R); 13 (D)
 - House: 36 (R); 24 (D)
 - Still in session; April 25th is target adjournment

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



- Governor: Jerry Brown (D)
 - Issues: jobs for CA's future; education; budget; environment; clean energy jobs plan; pension reform; water for the 21st century; fighting to protect civil rights
- Legislature:
 - Senate: 26 (D); 14 (R)
 - House: 52 (D); 28 (R)
 - Still in session; year-round (Sept 11- Jan 4th in recess)

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
California	40.2%	4.0%	.5%	50.3%	2.5%	160,000; 3 rd largest state



Nevada

- Governor: Brian Sandoval (R)
 - Chairman of Western Governors' Association; focus: Drought Forum
- Legislature:
 - Senate: 11 (R); 10 (D)
 - House: 27 (R); 15 (D)
 - Still in session; June 1 adjournment

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
Nevada	78.8%	6.1%	1.42%	13.03%	.15%	110,561; 7 th largest state



New Mexico

- Governor: Susana Martinez (R)
 - Priorities: Educating NM Children; Balancing the Budget; Ensuring Transparency and Ethics in Government; Keeping New Mexicans Safe
- Legislature:
 - Senate: 25 (D); 17 (R)
 - House: 37 (R); 33 (D)
 - Still in session; March 21 adjournment

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
New Mexico	29.7%	4.4%	10.2%	43.9%	11.6%	121, 593; 5 th largest state

Utah



- Governor: Gary Herbert (R)
 - Priorities: Education, jobs, energy, Self-determination
- Legislature:
 - Senate: 24 (R); 5 (D)
 - House: 63 (R); 12 (D)
 - Still in session; March 12 adjournment

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
Utah	63.6%	3.4%	4.5%	21%	7.5%	84,904; 13 th largest state

Around the Phone Updates



Mr. John Conger



- WRP Co-Chair along with Governor Herbert and Ms. Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, DOI
- President Obama nominated Mr. Conger to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense
- Current position: Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment

Secretary Jewell Issues Strategy to Protect, Restore Sagebrush Lands for 2015 Fire Season

- Report advances work with Federal, state, Tribal and non-government partners to protect economic activity and wildlife habitat vital to the Western way of life
- Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today released the first of two reports developed by the Rangeland Fire Task Force. This [initial report](#) includes actions to be implemented by Interior's bureaus to immediately address the threat of rangeland fire to Western sagebrush-steppe landscapes and improve fire management efforts before the start of the 2015 wildfire season.
- For more information please see:
<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-issues-strategy-to-protect-restore-sagebrush-lands-for-2015-fire-season.cfm>

Next WRP SC Call with Committee Co-Chairs



Either:

- May 12 between 10 am – 2 pm Pacific
- May 13 between 9 am – 2 pm Pacific

Agenda items:

- Review of agenda and goals for in person meeting (June 29th or July 10th)
- Latest information on WRP Principals' meeting
- Update on Committee efforts, including report back on the input received on candidate species action item

REQUESTS:

- Please send Amy any updates you would to share on May SC call
- If you haven't yet, please sign up on www.wrpinfo.org under "mailing list" for Committee updates. Please encourage your colleagues to also sign up so that we get maximum participation.
- Send Amy NLT April 15th your input on the candidate species action item