



Western Regional Partnership

November Update



WRP Principals' Meeting

Salt Lake City, UT ❖ August 2016

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

WRP Goals

(Per WRP Charter)

- 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

Highlights of Past Efforts

- 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
- Reports and Fact Sheets:
 - 2016 WRP Regional Strengths, Areas of Commonality and Emerging Issues
 - 2015 WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview and accompanying MET Tower Fact
 - 2015 WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
 - 2015 WRP Guide to Working with DoD
 - 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
- Military Asset Listing Summaries; WRP Outreach

WRP Region's Uniqueness

- **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 amounts of Federally managed land**

- In WRP states the amount of Federal land ranges from 34.1% - 84.9% of total state land

- **Significant State Trust Landholdings**

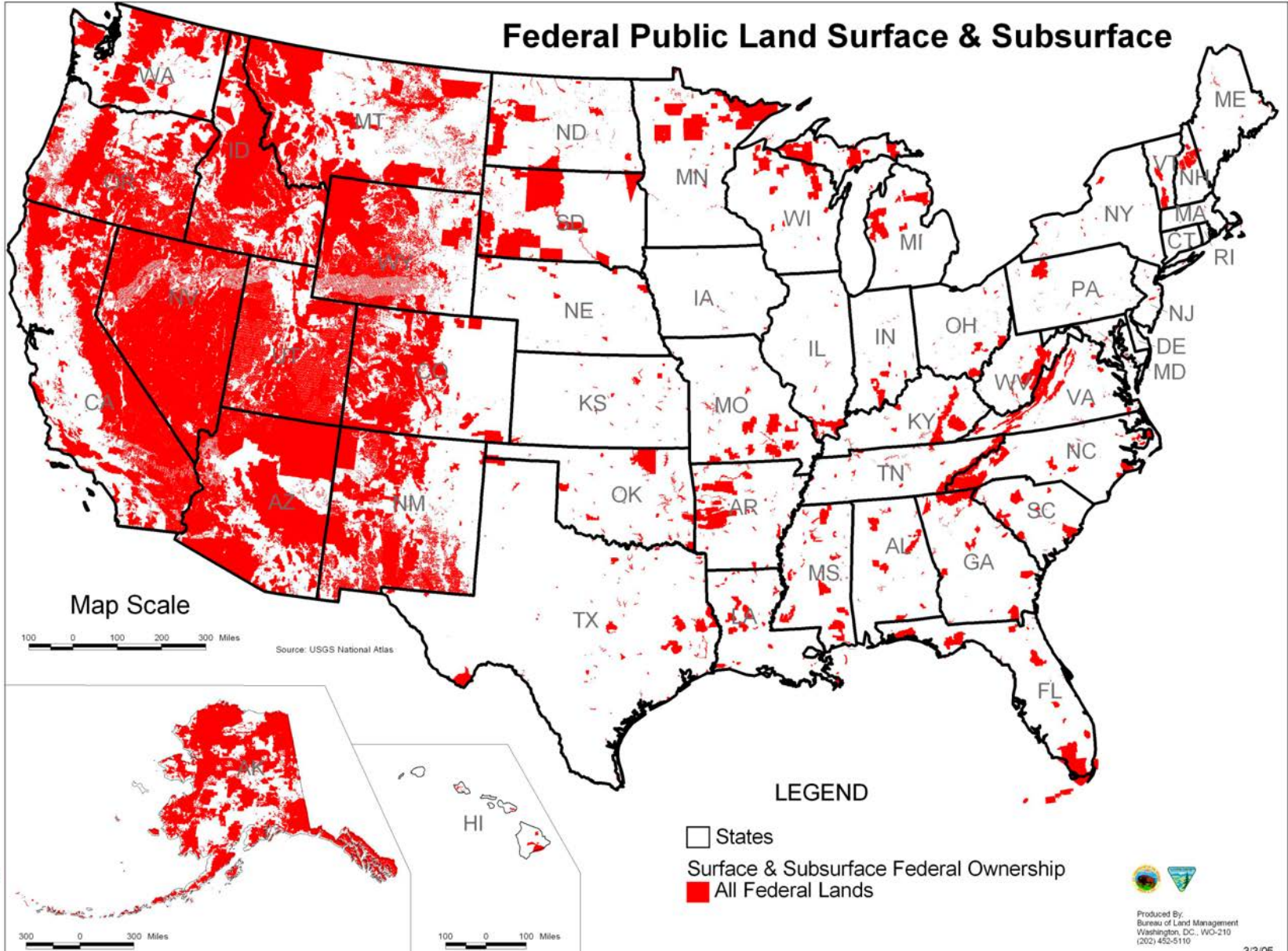
- **Approximately 172 Federally recognized Tribes**

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

THESE SIX STATES ARE HOME TO 18% OF THE U.S. POPULATION AND CONSTITUTE 19% OF THE TOTAL LAND MASS

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

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WRP Structure

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WRP Co-Chairs:

Honorable Gary Herbert

Governor of Utah



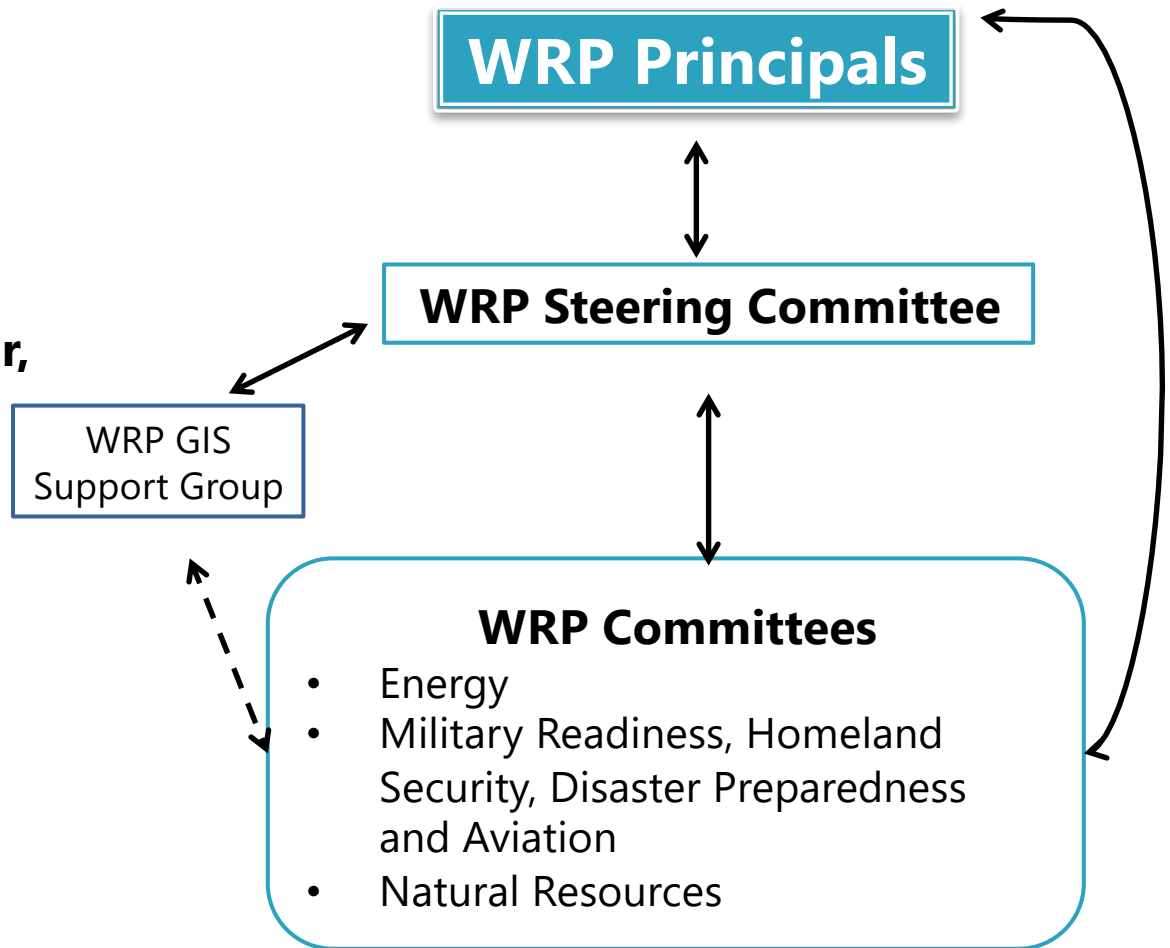
Ms. Janice Schneider,

Assistant Secretary,
Land & Minerals
Management, DOI



Mr. Dave Duma

Principal Deputy
Director, Operational
Test & Evaluation,
DoD



WRP Steering Committee



- Representatives of each of the six WRP States:
 - Arizona, California, Colorado, 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 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 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



2017 Regional Assessment



Survey WRP Partners:

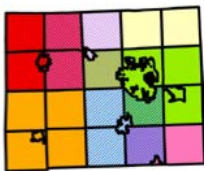


- Top 3 WRP-relevant issues within the region
 - e.g. land use issues, ecological goals, change in mission, etc.



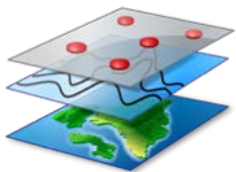
Top 3 needs

- e.g. resources, need to work across political boundaries, etc.



- Significant state/regional planning efforts

- Expected to commence in 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 (continued)



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

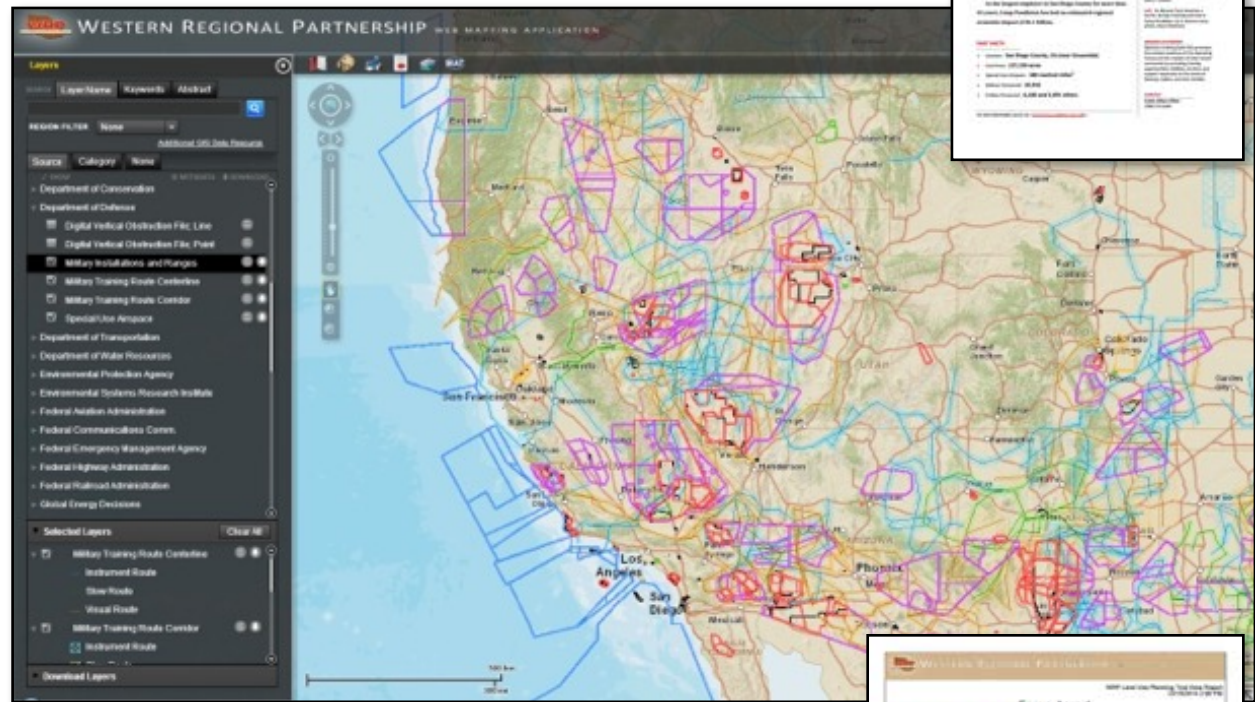
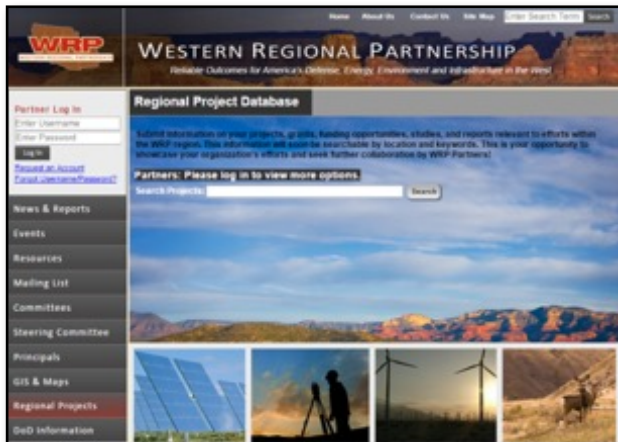
In Sum, Value of WRP

- **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)

WRP Web Mapping Application

- Query and download spatial data
- Export maps
- Search data from over 50 sources
- Consumable mapping services
- Secured/sensitive data access

**Military
Asset
Tool**



Regional Project Database

- Input project location and information
- Identify needs
- Search for projects
- Reduce redundancies

Land Use Planning Tool

- Spatial data
- Critical habitat
- Regional project database
- Energy point of contact database
- Generate reports

