



Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting

November 29-30, 2017 • Phoenix, AZ

[Wednesday, November 29, 2017](#)

8:00-10:00 am	Registration
10:00 - 10:15 am	Welcome to Arizona and Opening Remarks
10:15 - 10:55 am	Remarks by WRP Co-Chairs
10:55 - 11:10 am	WRP Overview and WRP Steering Committee Recommendations
11:10 - 11:40 am	Updates by WRP Committees on 2016-2017 Efforts and Recommendations for 2017-2018 Actions
11:40 - 12 pm	Networking Break
12 noon - 1 pm	Working Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invocation (Tribal)• Presentation on WRP Success over the Past 10 years
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Networking Break
1:15 - 2:35 pm	Plenary Session #1: Sentinel Landscapes in the WRP Region- Success and Opportunity <p>The U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA), Defense (DoD), and the Interior (DOI) established the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership (Partnership) through a Memorandum of Understanding in 2013. The Partnership is a nationwide collaboration among Federal, state, and local governments and private landowners dedicated to promoting natural resource sustainability and the preservation of agricultural and conservation land uses in the critical landscapes that support and sustain key military installations and ranges. This panel will highlight: the purpose and value of a Sentinel Landscape and identify the fundamental components necessary for designation; the success to date of the Fort Huachuca (AZ) Sentinel Landscape; NRCS partnership efforts around NAS Fallon (NV) to protect working lands and habitat for greater sage grouse that protect critical military training; and how a coalition around Camp Williams (UT) is taking an innovative approach to provide a buffer to support national security and species. WRP's Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico Project efforts helped position Fort Huachuca to be named a Sentinel Landscape and WRP has assisted in bringing partners together to support natural resources, working lands and military operations. Session panelists will also share their thoughts on how WRP Partners might assist in supporting other landscape level efforts within the WRP region</p>
2:35 - 3:00 pm	Networking Break

3:00 - 4:30 pm	<p>Plenary Session #2: Strategic View on Airspace</p> <p>This panel will discuss current airspace projects and predictions for changes in the National Airspace over the next decade. The panel will highlight the importance of airspace availability for all users, potential challenges to expected growth, and possible solutions. Access to airspace is critically important for continued economic growth in the west and must support civil, commercial and military aviation while also integrating unmanned aircraft. Some of the nation's busiest airports (Los Angeles, Denver, San Francisco, Las Vegas and Phoenix Sky Harbor) are located within the WRP region. In addition to these major commercial airports, there are numerous airstrips and small airports on sovereign Native American lands that have plans for future growth, as well as vital military aviation test and training ranges. Significant changes are occurring within the region's airspace such as: exponential increase in the use of private and commercial unmanned aircraft; implementation of new technology (such as NextGen and commercial space operations); introduction of new aircraft such as the F-35; and an expected increase in passenger aircraft.</p>
4:30 pm	Adjourn Meeting Day #1
4:35 pm	Principals' Photo
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Dinner Reception

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7:30 - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 9:20 am	<p>Plenary Session #3: Building a Stronger State-Federal Relationship</p> <p>In the recent WRP Regional Assessment, members noted the importance of having healthy Federal-State-Tribal relations and a need to better understand agency alignment (areas of interest and opportunities to leverage efforts). This panel will highlight Western Governors Association (WGA) partnership work with other western policy organizations to promote collaborative relationships between state and federal government and tribes. This panel will share the various contexts in which the state-federal relationship plays out and specific opportunities to improve the relationship. WRP will take this opportunity to reaffirm its long-standing working relationship with WGA.</p>
9:20 - 9:40 am	Networking Break
9:40 - 10:00 am	Arizona Remarks
10:00 - 11:20 am	<p>Plenary Session #4: Energy Policy Changes and Implications for the WRP Region</p> <p>This panel will highlight recent energy-related policy changes concerning energy production and generation, including: recent DOI Secretarial Orders regarding expediting energy, infrastructure and NEPA reviews; changes in DOE policies; state perspectives on changing energy resources; and efforts related to the Regional Periodic Reviews of previously designated energy corridors pursuant to Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.</p>
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	<p>WRP Business Session and Wrap Up Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confer <i>Hanson Scott</i> Award for Outstanding Leadership • Adoption of WRP 2017/2018 Strategic Priorities and Recommendations • Discussion and Action by WRP Principals