



Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting

November 29-30, 2017 • Phoenix, AZ

Meeting held in the A.E. England Building, Downtown Phoenix Campus, AZ State University

[Wednesday, November 29, 2017](#)

8:00-10:00 am	Registration
10:00 - 10:15 am	Welcome to Arizona and Opening Remarks
10:15 - 10:45 am	Remarks by WRP Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Justin Harding, Chief of Staff (for Utah Governor Gary Herbert)• Mr. Tad Davis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment (for Mr. Lucian Niemeyer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment)• Mr. Brian Steed, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, Bureau of Land Management (for Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of Interior)
10:45 - 11:25 am	WRP Overview and WRP Steering Committee Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on History of WRP and Past Success
11:25 - 11:45 am	Networking Break* <i>* Principals will be asked to gather for the 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting Photo</i>
11:45 am- 1 pm	Working Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invocation• Updates by WRP Committees on 2016-2017 Efforts and Recommendations for 2017-2018 Actions*<ul style="list-style-type: none">▸ WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS: Colonel G.S. Johnston▸ WRP Energy Committee: Mr. Jim Bartridge▸ WRP Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness & Aviation (MRHSDP&A) Committee: LtCol J.L. Meeker▸ WRP Natural Resources Committee: Ms. Abbie Jossie• Co-Chairs Initial Remarks on WRP 2017-2018 Proposed Actions <p>* Final decision on 2017-2018 WRP Actions to take place during Business Session on November 30th</p>
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Networking Break

1:15 - 2:35 pm	<p>Plenary Session #1: Sentinel Landscapes in the WRP Region- Success and Opportunity</p> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Tom Finnegan, WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair • Confirmed Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Ms. Kristin Thomasgard-Spence, REPI Program Director, ODUSD (I&E) ▸ Mr. Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist for the West Region, NRCS ▸ Mr. Jeffrey Jennings, Deputy to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence, Fort Huachuca ▸ Brigadier General Dallen Atack, Assistant Adjutant General – Army, Utah National Guard
2:35 - 3:00 pm	<p>Networking Break</p>
3:00 - 4:30 pm	<p>Plenary Session #2: 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Lucas Lucero, WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair • Confirmed Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Mr. Doug Little, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and External Affairs, DOE ▸ Ms. Karen Douglas, Commissioner, California Energy Commission ▸ Mr. Alexander Herrgott, Associate Director for Infrastructure, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President ▸ Mr. Brian Steed, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, Bureau of Land Management
4:30 pm	<p>Adjourn Meeting Day #1</p>
6:00 - 8:00 pm	<p>Dinner Reception at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix Valley Overlook (4th Floor), 340 North Third Street</p>

Thursday, November 30, 2017

7:30 - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 9:20 am	Plenary Session #3: Building a Stronger State-Federal Relationship <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Mr. Jim Ogsbury, Executive Director, WGA & WGA Liaison to WRP• Confirmed Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▸ Mr. Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff, New Mexico Governor's Office▸ Mr. Alan Matheson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality▸ Mr. Oramel (O.H.) Skinner, Chief of Government Accountability and Special Litigation Unit, Arizona Attorney General's Office
9:20 - 9:40 am	Networking Break
9:40 - 10:00 am	State of Arizona Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff to Arizona Governor Doug Ducey
10:00 - 11:20 am	Plenary Session #4: Strategic View on Airspace <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Mr. Kim Stevens, MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair• Confirmed Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▸ Mr. Andy Cebula, Vice President, Strategy and Programs, RTCA▸ Mr. Dennis Roberts, Regional Administrator, FAA – Western Pacific Region▸ Mr. Edward J. Chupein, Deputy Chief, Operational Training Infrastructure, HQ USAF▸ Mr. Arlando Teller, Deputy Division Director, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	WRP Business Session and Wrap Up Discussion <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