



Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting Notes

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Western Regional Partnership Ninth Principals' Meeting Brief Meeting Summary

Senior leaders from state, federal and tribal agencies gathered November 29-30 for the Ninth Western Regional Partnership's Principals' Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

WRP Co-Chairs 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); and 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) welcomed the 137 senior policy-level leaders (and their staff) in attendance, noting their interest in a productive meeting for the attendees. Arizona welcoming remarks were provided by Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff for Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.

Mr. Ryan McGinness, Director, Washington, DC Office, State of Nevada, and WRP Steering Committee (SC) Vice Chair, provided an overview of WRP, including significant events since its formation in 2007, presented the WRP Steering Committee Recommendations on the WRP formation documents, leadership, priorities and focus areas, and summarized the Regional Assessment completed as part of WRP's 2016-2017 priorities.

Mr. McGinness and Mr. Mike Mower discussed the importance of Collaboration in the West. Insights about WRP of senior leaders past and present were shared. Brig Gen Kevin Killea discussed the value of WRP. The Hanson Scott award recipients were announced as (and later presented) to Scott Morgan, Jim Ogsbury and Kim Stevens.

The three Committees and the Steering Committee subcommittee on GIS provided updates, including the numerous webinars they held on a variety of topics, and made recommendations for the 2017-2018 year.

The bulk of the meeting consisted of four Plenary Sessions on:

- Sentinel Landscapes in the WRP Region- Success and Opportunity
- Energy Policy Changes and Implications for the WRP Region
- Building a Stronger State-Federal Relationship
- Strategic View on Airspace

At the business session, the Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership was conferred on Scott Morgan, Jim Ogsbury and Kim Stevens, and the efforts of Mr. Mower were recognized. Changes to the WRP Charter and Mission Statement were approved, 2017-2018 leadership was selected and priorities were adopted, and two working groups were established.

Following the business session and some additional remarks, the meeting was adjourned.

Brief Highlight of Key Principals' Decisions and Associated Action Items

Topic Area	Description and Principal Action
WRP Charter Updates and WRP Mission and Vision Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reaffirmed WRP Vision Statement no Changes 2. Modified WRP Mission statement to include the words "and cultural." New Mission statement: <i>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 and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.</i> 3. Made the following changes to the WRP Charter (in addition to mission change above) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Changed the GIS-related goal to reflect current WRP focus and added cultural resources to second bullet b. Changed WRP Steering Committee (SC) leadership from a Chair and Vice-Chair to three Co-Chairs, one of whom is designated Lead Co-Chair c. Enabled the WRP SC to establish working groups to address strategic priorities adopted at a Principals' meeting that fall outside of existing committee structure or overlap committee jurisdiction. d. Adds WGA to the list of WRP Principal Organizations (an oversight) and makes some minor administrative changes 4. In WRP Vision/Mission document, removed reference of WRP Web Mapping Application, Regional Project Database, under "Access to Tools and WRP Deliverables" <p><i>ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC</i></p>
WRP Steering Committee Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the following members to be the three WRP Steering Committee Co-Chairs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State: Ryan McGinness (Lead Co-Chair) b. DoD: Kristin Thomasgard-Spence c. DOI: Casey Hammond 2. Empowered WRP Steering Committee to evaluate best timing and location of Tenth WRP Principals' meeting and evaluate the potential for a military installation/range or Tribal/Cultural Site Visit <p><i>ACTION: To be completed by WRP SC and updates provided to Principals</i></p>
WRP Priority	<p>Adopted 2017-2018 WRP Priorities with the theme of "Advancing Regional Strategies" to guide Committee efforts for the year.</p> <p><i>ACTION: above effort to be implemented by WRP SC and Committees and</i></p>

	<i>reported at next WRP Principals' Meeting; WRP agencies are encouraged to participate in WRP SC and Committees.</i>
WRP GIS focus	<p>Adopted WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and WRP GIS Support Group purpose statements.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC, WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and GIS Support Group</i></p>
Special Recognitions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awarded the Hanson Scott award for Outstanding Leadership to Kim Stevens, Scott Morgan and Jim Ogsbury. 2. Recognized the significant contributions by Mike Mower. <p><i>ACTION: Completed</i></p>
Creation of WRP Working Groups	<p>Two requests were made to the WRP SC for consideration for working groups. Both working groups are to provide more details and scope of effort to the WRP SC to best determine next steps.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group. Within the WRP Region there are 172 Federally Recognized Tribes. The percentage of Indian Trust land within each of the WRP States ranges from .5 to 27.6%. This working group will develop tools and strategies to support outreach and engagement of tribal governments to support the goals and objectives of the WRP; encourage increased inclusion of tribal perspectives; and improve the working relationships with federal and state entities on WRP initiatives. 2. BLM Planning Temporary Working Group. Within the WRP Region, BLM manages a significant amount of land. This work group will assist WRP members in better understanding BLM processes and proactively addressing land issues. The primary purpose of this work group is to enhance coordination with key DoD members to identify best practices in addressing DoD issues of concern with BLM RMP efforts in the WRP Region and provide key information on how DoD can best collaborate with BLM. Additionally, this work group will seek to engage state perspectives, with a goal of identifying opportunities for mutual support to advance common interests associated with BLM and DoD planning processes. <p><i>ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC; reports to be provided to Principals at next meeting</i></p>

Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting

Meeting Notes

I. **Opening Remarks by Mr. Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office and WRP Steering Committee Chair**

Mr. Mower welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time out of their schedules to attend. He noted the importance of the efforts of the Western Regional Partnership and introduced the three acting WRP Co-Chairs.

II. **Welcoming Remarks by WRP Acting Co-Chairs:** 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) and 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).

Mr. Harding welcomed everyone on behalf of Utah Governor Herbert. He acknowledged Mr. Mower's leadership and the incredible collaborative partnering process WRP has undertaken. Within the WRP area are the crown jewels of DoD testing and training including the Utah Test and Training Range, which is vital to the nation's defense. A map was shown of the Utah military installations and Mr. Harding noted that the Governor has regular meetings with military Commanders. There are several entities in Utah that support related efforts such as the Military Installations Development Authority (encourages public-private partnerships) and the Utah Defense Alliance. There are significant amounts of federally managed lands in the WRP region; in Utah only 21% of the land is privately owned. Mr. Harding noted Governor Herbert's continued focus on collaboration and cooperation, the importance of strengthening close federal and state working relationships and the role that WRP plays in helping with this. He emphasized Utah wants to continue to have a strong relationship with the federal government, for example, the importance of working with the DOI Secretary, and looks forward to supporting western states in efforts to rebalance the federal-state relationship. (*Reference PP slides 3-10*).

Mr. Davis thanked the co-chairs for attending, and passed along greetings from the DoD SECDEF and Mr. Niemeyer. He observed that he is new in his role as the PDASD(EI&E), but is no stranger to partnerships. Prior to serving as PDASD(EI&E), he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) and was involved in the effort to recover the red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) at Fort Bragg, NC. Mr. Davis shared Secretary Mattis's priorities to the group: (1) increase lethality and military readiness of the force, (2) enhance partnerships, and (3) reform and identify efficiencies within the government. He provided an overview of DoD statistics for the region, and offered he

would like for people in DC to have a better understanding of the significance of DoD assets in the region and the importance of the western states' efforts to enhance military readiness. DoD's priorities for the region were highlighted, including the following: land use, threatened and endangered species, airspace and spectrum/frequency needs. He noted the importance of partnerships, and with so many challenges, working issues can be done effectively through good partnering: pooling of information, knowledge and resources that none could achieve individually. He looks forward to being part of this WRP meeting and working with everyone to move the group's efforts forward.

Mr. Steed, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He is new in his role as Deputy Director for BLM, noted his experience working with public lands and defense issues, including working for Congressman Stewart, who provided the keynote at the 2016 WRP Principals' Meeting. Ms. Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, was unable to attend this meeting due to a budget meeting, per DOI Secretary request. DOI Secretary Zinke is very concerned about finding the right working balance regarding public lands and explained there are several challenges that arise when balancing interests for competing lands (such as energy development and access to public lands while sustaining military readiness through WRP).

III. WRP Overview and Presentation of WRP Steering Committee Recommendations

Mr. Ryan McGinness, Director, Washington, DC Office, State of Nevada, and WRP Steering Committee (SC) Vice Chair, noted the value of WRP, which helps partners do their day job better, the involvement of senior policy level engagement and that the partnership is truly a partnership. He provided an overview of WRP including overview of significant events since WRP's formation in 2007, WRP Vision, Mission, WRP Goals, WRP Structure and uniqueness of the region: importance to the military, the significant amount of federally managed land, large state trust holdings and over 170 Federally recognized Tribes. Over the past year there has been much change: new President, Administration, WRP Principal Co-Chairs (DoI & DoD) and much turnover. For these reasons, the timing of this meeting was postponed until November (instead of August). Since the start of WRP, there has been much change in key personnel including: 13 Governors, 5 DOI Secretaries, 4 DOA Secretaries, 4 Energy Secretaries and countless agency leads and supporting staff. Despite all this change, WRP continues to have strong leadership. It was noted that around 2013, WRP started to effectively use webinars as a Committee tool since at the time there were so many travel bans or restrictions. These webinars continue to this day and have robust attendance and support.

An important outcome of the annual WRP Principals' Meetings is the adoption of strategic priorities to complete over the next year and review of the WRP Charter. Principals will be asked to decide on WRP SC recommendations (including the priorities) during the business session tomorrow. Details were provided on the recommendations on: 2017 WRP Charter and Vision and Mission Document; 2017-2018 WRP SC leadership; 2017-2018 WRP Priorities; Recommendations on WRP-GIS related focus areas and upcoming WRP Principals' Meeting. (*PP slides 12-27*).

Mr. McGinness provided an overview of findings from the WRP Regional Assessment completed as part of the 2016-2017 WRP priorities; the final report will be available on the WRP website. Some highlights covered included:

- The three phases of the report, and efforts by Committees
 - Details regarding the top three regional issues (partnering/relationship building; land use and airspace) and top three needs (better coordination and communication; assistance with “e-harmony” and better situational awareness of upcoming agency changes or efforts) identified during the survey
 - Words used by leadership to describe WRP (collaboration being the most frequently used word) and identified top benefits
 - Best methods identified for WRP communications
 - Recommendations for next steps
- (PP Slides 28-37).*

IV. WRP Success: Importance of Collaboration in the West

Mr. Mower and Mr. McGinness emphasized that WRP fills a niche that is not duplicative of other entities and provided their perspectives on the value of WRP. An overview of past WRP efforts was detailed. Thirteen senior policy leaders (such as the Utah Governor and past WRP Co-Chairs such as Mr. John Conger and Assistant Secretary Schneider) quotes/perspectives on the value of WRP were shared. Brigadier General Kevin Killea discussed the value of WRP, including the ability to collaborate with partners to protect existing lands as well as look at opportunities to expand ranges and uses needed to facilitate training and readiness of warfighters. He noted successes in working with partners and recognized the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program as an important tool to help remove restrictions on military lands for training, such as the successful project at MCB Camp Pendleton, an installation that hosts over 25 threatened and endangered species. He expressed his continued support of WRP and looks forward to future coordination and collaboration.

Mr. Mower announced this year’s Hanson Scott award recipients: Scott Morgan, Jim Ogsbury, and Kim Stevens. A formal presentation of the awards was held during the business session on day two of the meeting. Mr. Harding and Mr. Mower presented Amy Duffy with a “Friend of Utah” signed by Utah Governor Herbert for her enduring support to WRP and the state. (PP slides 38-55).

Discussion:

- For many years, there was a separate WRP Tribal Affairs Committee. As Tribal participation increased and became more integrated in the other committees, the partnership concluded a separate committee was no longer necessary.

V. Invocation by LeRoy Shingoitewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe

VI. Updates by WRP Committees on 2016-2017 Efforts and Recommendations for 2017-2018 Actions

- a. WRP Steering Committee Subcommittee on GIS Update** by Colonel Gary Johnston, MCI-West MCB Camp Pendleton provided:
- Importance of GIS and the timeline/history of the WRP Website & GIS Support
 - At this time, it is recommended that WRP shift from managing in-house tools to identifying GIS requirements across the WRP and determining whether existing partner GIS tools can support these requirements. To best implement this change, it is recommended that the purpose statement of the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and WRP GIS Support Group be modified as well as the GIS Goal in the WRP Charter. *(PP slides 59-69).*
- b. Energy Committee Update** by Jim Bartridge, Committee Co-Chair:
- Introduced his fellow WRP Energy Committee Co-Chairs
 - Provided an overview of the WRP region, noting that each WRP state contains a significant amount of federally-managed public lands, Indian trust lands, and state trust lands that are important to many stakeholders and used in a variety of ways. For example, as over 170 federally recognized Tribes call the WRP Region home and Tribes and Tribal communities possess distinct cultural, spiritual, environmental, economic, and public health interests. The region's natural, historical, and cultural significance cannot be overstated. The WRP Region includes approximately 95 National Parks and Monuments, which provide for recreation and outdoor activities. According to the NPS, in 2016 over 330 million people visited National Parks nationwide, over 80 million in the WRP region. Those visitors contributed almost \$5 billion dollars to the economy in the WRP Region. The region also contains vast natural resources, including mining, oil and natural gas extraction, all sizes and types of renewable energy projects, and major energy infrastructure as well as extensive military Training Ranges, Testing Facilities, and Military Air Space. Given these varied interests, the WRP helps us partner with each other, share information, rely on each other's strengths, educate/inform and collaboratively plan together to address issues of concern such as protecting national security, planning for energy, protecting and being good stewards of the environment, respecting the interests of stakeholders, and maintaining the public trust.
 - Detailed the six webinars the Committee held over the past year and Committee efforts in support of the WRP Regional Assessment including:
 - Agency involvement with energy development and infrastructure and associated challenges
 - Details on energy resources and infrastructure in the WRP Region
 - "Top" Energy or Infrastructure Projects within WRP Region by Energy Type (based on input provided)
 - Agencies' related planning efforts that will be initiated by 2020
 - Changes in policies that agencies are contemplating
 - Energy-GIS related data
 - Recommendations for 2017-2018 Committee Efforts
(PP slides 70-81)
- c. WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Update** by Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Meeker, Committee Co-Chair:

- Introduced his fellow WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chairs
- Detailed the five Committee webinars (topics ranging from state airspace perspectives to wildlife forestry) held over the past year and Committee efforts in support of the WRP Regional Assessment primarily focused on airspace (UAS, future planning efforts, aviation-GIS related data) and the challenges partners are facing. The FAA Metroplex concept was highlighted as a hub system comprised of multiple airports to maximize safety and efficiency of major initiatives as questions of encroachment management arise.
- Recommendations for 2017-2018 Committee Efforts (PP slides 83-93).

d. WRP Natural Resources Committee Update by Abbie Jossie, Committee Co-Chair:

- Introduced her fellow WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chairs
- Highlighted the four webinars throughout the year on topics ranging from water issues to the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program.
- Regional Assessment Efforts, to more fully explore species input:
 - Provided details on the results of the survey of agencies' unofficial review of "top" species that if listed and species already listed that impact mission/increase in regulatory burden
 - Agencies' related planning efforts that will be initiated by 2020
 - Species-GIS related data
 - Developed a spreadsheet highlighting current USFWS efforts to address Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing and critical habitat decisions within WRP region
- Recommendations for 2017-2018 Committee efforts including finalizing criteria on which species to focus on, confirming the species of interest, and confirming partner involvement. The Committee would also like to incorporate more GIS data for environmental planning. (PP slides 94-103)

Discussion on Committee Updates:

- A representative from the Hopi Tribe suggested better communication and inclusion with the Tribes should be factored into ongoing WRP activities, perhaps through standing up a WRP Tribal working group.
- Mr. Tad Davis noted to the Natural Resources Committee that DoD has a list of species of importance and encouraged the Committee to continue efforts to work preempting listings and build upon existing efforts, such as the Collaborative Wildlife Protection and Recovery Initiative (CWPRI). He also noted the importance of working energy issues, which are critical to DoD operations.

VII. Plenary Session #1: Sentinel Landscapes in the WRP Region- Success and Opportunity

Mr. Tad Davis introduced the panel and noted the importance of Sentinel Landscapes and an opportunity moving forward to look for other areas to integrate efforts. Mr. Tom Finnegan, WRP Natural Resources Co-Chair moderated the panel and began by highlighting WRP efforts relevant to this topic: Mojave ecoregion (coordinated with DRECP) and Southeastern

Arizona/New Mexico Region project (now the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape) and coordination on relevant issues in support of WRP Partners.

Kristin Thomasgard-Spence, REPI Program Director provided information regarding:

- A broad background and need for Sentinel Landscapes. Sentinel Landscapes are working on natural lands important to the nation's defense mission and "stand guard" of military installations. The three fundamental components include: at least one anchor military installation, a defined landscape associated with the anchor installation's mission footprint, and articulated goals and desired outcomes.
- How a Sentinel Landscape is implemented
- While there is no Sentinel Landscape funding, the partnership works to align and bring existing agency programs and resources to target areas important to DoD, USDA, and DOI. Pooling tools and resources results in greater success than operating independently and is critical for both the military and safeguarding food security, national security, etc.
- Sentinel Landscape Federal Coordinating committee continues to work together on how to better deliver tools to landowners, and various governmental and local entities.

Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist for the West Region, NRCS:

- Recognized the need for strong national security as well as food security, the inability to do so could pose a risk to homeland security.
- Introduced the State Conservationists from the various WRP states present and emphasized NRCS' role in helping to keep agricultural lands productive.
- Stressed the importance of partnerships to advance each other's different missions and gave an example of opportunities around Fallon NAS as agricultural operations want to stay agricultural, looking at how we all work with what we have and how agency missions can complement one another.
- Emphasized the important role of WRP to date and recommended further efforts to work together to identify any missing opportunities to leverage funding and the value of the scope of this partnership and the Sentinel Landscape program to help leverage resources across all the agencies involved.

Jeffrey Jennings, Deputy to the Commanding General, Fort Huachuca:

- Emphasized that as threats are changing there is a need to develop capabilities.
- Acknowledged that partners working locally have a lot more common ground than not. At Fort Huachuca, farms and ranches within the Buffalo Soldier Electronic Testing Range (BSETR) are compatible with DoD activities. Described the area around Fort Huachuca including the size of the BSETR and land management, and associated airspace.
- Purpose and success to date of the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership. Electronic warfare is being tested via the Electronic Test Range Expansion onto adjacent USFS Lands. USFS is also allowing the military to conduct some testing operations on their lands, saving resources. Over 66,000 acres of lands are under conservation easement in the Sentinel Landscape and partner contributions have increased substantially. Noted the great collaboration by the City of Sierra Vista in their engagement with landowners and involvement in JLUS/ACUB efforts.

Colonel Tyler Smith, Utah Army National Guard (filled in for Brigadier General Attack) provided details on efforts to establish the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape, described the area and mission of Camp Williams and noted:

- Success of 2011 Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), 2015 ACUB and the development of the West Traverse Community Partnership.
- A bill will be introduced in the 2018 Utah State Legislative session providing a State designation titled the “West Traverse Sentinel Landscape.”
- A video was shared that highlighted partnership efforts showcasing training activities, encroachment issues, and recreational opportunities for residents. Camp Williams faces modern day issues of encroachment and there is a concern of what will happen if DoD fails to protect their military training areas. The West Traverse partnership is focused on protecting training areas and preserving wildlife habitat.

Discussion:

- Mr. Tad Davis provided brief closing remarks and expressed his gratitude for WRP Partners for their efforts, and specifically mentioned Mr. Finnegan for his moderation of the panel and to Mr. Harding and Mr. Steed for their Co-Chairing the meeting and to Mr. Mower and Mr. McGinness for their leadership with the WRP SC. He introduced Mr. Harry Kelso who would take his place in the meeting. He further noted DoD’s continued commitment to WRP, recognized the value of WRP and expressed his regret at not being able to stay for the full meeting and invited partners to stop by and see him when in DC.
- The Director of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs did not see a place in the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape presentation for identifying adjacent cultural landscapes and expressed concern of the state legislature establishing legislation without considering preservation of key cultural resources. Colonel Smith responded that the bill is still in draft form and he would bring this issue up.
- Ms. Thomasgard-Spence explained that REPI provides funding to the Military Services for their allocation to REPI projects; ACUB is the Army’s specific program to implement the REPI authority. This is independent from a Sentinel Landscape designation. Ms. Thomasgard-Spence also noted that REPI is one of many funding sources that can be applied to Sentinel Landscape (as a match); the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program is another significant source of funding. For more information: [REPI Funds Eligible to Match USDA and DoI Grants](#) (PP slides 105-141)

VIII. Plenary Session #2: Energy Policy Changes and Implications for the WRP Region

Mr. Lucas Lucero WRP Energy Co-Chair introduced the presenters and moderated the panel.

Doug Little, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and External Affairs, DOE:

- Noted America’s energy security and the numerous platforms for energy innovation. There is a need to reduce regulatory burden. Explained the US is currently in an energy renaissance with a diverse portfolio. Oil, coal, and natural gas production is at a record level. Nuclear is not given credit for being a form of renewable energy nor does the market recognize its value. Palo Verde is the nation’s largest power producer and is clean and

carbon-free. It is important to find a balance between finding a reliable grid while preserving whole sale markets for energy development. There is a need to explore the differences between price and value, especially when driven by the market.

Karen Douglas, Commissioner, California Energy Commission detailed:

- California's climate policies (greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and Renewables Portfolio Standard) have been a driver for decisions and have resulted in a decline in California's greenhouse gas emissions.
- Installed renewable capacity by resource type since 1983.
- California power mix changes from 2003 to 2015 (total supply increased by 7% and total emissions decreased by 22%).
- California engages in extensive renewable energy planning, such as: Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (landscape level, with many stakeholders); San Joaquin Valley Least Conflict Solar; working with Tribal and Military entities; Offshore Renewable Energy Planning to Support the BOEM-California Task Force; RETI 2.0 and Section 368 Energy Corridors.
- Looking at broader issues and looks forward to continuing collaboration with WRP and DoD members.

Alex Herrgott, Associate Director for Infrastructure, Council on Environmental Quality:

- Observed the value of WRP
- Informed that after tax reform, the President's Infrastructure plan will be released, which will be an extensive package to address core infrastructure, including roads. There is a need to address the extensive cost incurred by permitting delays and there is a need to expedite projects and have agencies work in a more unified manner. Working to create a behavioral and cultural change in infrastructure development and associated budget.
- Explained it is essential to form partnerships where there are members from each agency to approve final permits for energy projects. There is the federal permitting council which is a separate new entity to provide transparency on projects, institutionalize best practices, and allows the executive director to intercede when appropriate.

Brian Steed, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, BLM:

- Provided information on DOI Secretary Zinke's background and 10 goals for the Department and amount of land BLM manages.
- Discussed the significant role of energy security as a part of our national security.
- Detailed recent Secretarial Orders (SO) such as:
 - SO 3349 to strengthen [American Energy Independence](#)
 - SO 3351: [Strengthening the Department of the Interior's Energy Portfolio](#) which establishes the position of Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy to ensure deliberate and active coordination of energy policy in the Department
 - SO 3354: [Streamline Process for Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Permits](#)
 - SO 3355: Department's ongoing efforts to streamline the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Reviewing the 368 energy corridors and how best to connect corridors to get energy to market.

Discussion:

- RDML Lindsay noted sea based-wind power and its potential impact on DoD operations and inquired on the large cost associated with it as well as implications for storage of renewables. Ms. Douglas' response was that cost is an impediment for offshore wind because solar prices are very low and there is not much need to purchase additional renewable energy to meet current California renewable energy targets. Mr. Little also commented there are several different types of storage available and briefly mentioned some of the associated costs.
- It was noted that the President's Infrastructure efforts are a public and private partnership.
- Ms. Douglas noted the more we collaborate in forums such as WRP, better energy policies will be formed; and noted CA's efforts at good Tribal consultation and to bridge state and federal efforts.
- Mr. Kelso inquired regarding the relationship between DoD and BLM and if there were steps that DoD could take to maximize cooperation to protect the military mission on BLM lands while honoring DOI and BLM priorities. Mr. Steed responded that this is a challenge and having a dialogue is important. Mr. Ray Suazo informed there are several transmission projects in Arizona where BLM has worked with DoD with great success and lessons learned. Additionally, BLM encourages stakeholders to talk early and often long before alternatives are determined which can expedite decisions; this has been effective at supporting both DOI and DoD's mission.
- Mr. Ogsbury noted WGA recently sent a [letter](#) to USDA and DOI to highlight the importance of the corridor reviews for western states and to recommend how BLM and USFS can improve the review process.
- Ms. Douglas, responding to an inquiry, said that California might be interested in wind energy power from New Mexico, but it depends on the cost (efficiencies of markets to reduce costs and increase benefits).
- Mr. Herrgott provided details on the billions of dollars in the backlog of maintenance and the budget shortfall with the highway trust fund and the related infrastructure needs.
- RDML Lindsay thanked WRP for putting together the energy panel and asked WRP to spend more time on this issue especially due to the potential impacts to DoD and the amount of time spent addressing issues. He offered there needs to be more collaboration; more entities to work together on policies.

(PP slides 143- 155)

IX. Opening Remarks for Day Two

Mr. Gordon Larsen, Utah Director of Federal Affairs (filling in for Mr. Harding who had to leave to be in Utah for POTUS arrival) and Mr. Steed both thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to the day's activities. Mr. Kelso offered it was a privilege to attend and offered his gratitude to attendees. Mr. Mower introduced Mr. Ogsbury and the very positive working relationship WRP has with WGA and provided accolades to Mr. Ogsbury for his successful leadership of WGA efforts.

X. Plenary Session #3: Building a Stronger State-Federal Relationship

Mr. Jim Ogsbury Executive Director, Western Governors Association moderated the panel, introduced panel members and provided opening remarks:

- Noted his appreciation to attend, and concurred that WGA has a healthy relationship with WRP.
- Detailed WGA [Policy Resolution 2017-01: Building a Stronger State-Federal Relationship](#)
- Provided an overview of the important roles of state governments. The Governors vision is that federal and state entities work shoulder-to-shoulder at the very beginning of policy development and that states should not be regarded as stakeholders, as they have a vast range of authorities, like the federal government. It is therefore essential for the federal government and states to continue to build a strong relationship, as advanced by organizations such as WGA and WRP. He also mentioned meaningful state engagement will result in legal and defensible policy.
- Provided an overview of Federal-State Relationship Authority Framework, and summarized WGA's efforts to assist with realigning the State-Federal relationship including an agency-by-agency menu of possible reforms.
- WGA's definition of consultation.

Mr. Oramel Skinner, Chief of Government Accountability and Special Litigation Unit, Arizona Attorney General's Office, described:

- Role of State Attorney Generals and their efforts to represent agencies of the state and to assist citizens within a state. AG is not a policy maker; that is the role of Governors and the Legislature.
- States have different voices in addressing legal issues, such as settlements with the EPA, Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States Rule.

Mr. Alan Matheson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, presenting as a member of the ECOS Executive Committee, detailing their "Cooperative Federalism 2.0":

- Provided the background and details on ECOS developing the "Cooperative Federalism 2.0: Achieving and Maintaining a Clean Environment and Protecting Public Health," which was released in June 2017.
- Noted the relationship between state-federal government environmental laws and the importance of having trust with partners and tools to solve problems.
- State environmental programs have matured and gained experience. The federal government should set minimum standards, and enable states to be much more involved. States need to have the flexibility to develop programs/policies to meet the needs of locals, taking into consideration the differences in geography, culture, and resources. EPA has resources that the states do not; states do not like unfunded mandates. Stressed the importance of sharing information while focusing on desired outcomes to protect public health and the environment. Detailed how to be involved and stay informed with this effort.

Mr. Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff, New Mexico Governor's Office, presented:

- Information on his general duties and his background. Noted his appreciation for Brig Gen (ret) role in New Mexico and with WRP to support DoD.
- Importance of DoD installations in New Mexico.
- Significant amount of federal land within New Mexico and importance of having good working relationship with the federal government.
- Implementing a successful state-federal relationship will involve multiple perspectives and need to have trust and relationship before an issue arrives. Detailed examples of successful collaboration with NM and the federal government on various issues (such as addressing nuclear waste, permitting issues with the 23 Pueblos).
- States are all innovative and unique.
- Acronyms hinder communication. At New Mexico Cabinet meetings, if a person uses an acronym but cannot explain it, they are fined \$1. Often many assumptions are made on what a person is thinking which can lead to conflict. There is a need to change communication so that it is more broadly understood (not energy, or environmental speak, etc.)

Discussion:

- Cooperative Federalism 2.0 efforts are still underway; states remain optimistic.
- Brig Gen Killea recommended WGA's definition of consultation be modified to read as, "Each Executive department and agency **must** be required to have a clear and accountable process to provide each state..."
- Mr. Matheson commented that there is value in having minimum federal standards, but the states should have flexibility to meet those standards. EPA should defer to the states unless the states are failing to meet the minimum standards. In general, states and EPA work together better than many people recognize
- There was discussion about Intergovernmental Service Agreements and how states are positioned to help with cities and municipalities partnering with DoD.

(PP day 2 slides 2 -26)

XI. State of Arizona Remarks – Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff for Arizona Governor Doug Ducey

Mr. Gardner introduced Mr. Adams, complimenting him on his business-friendly mindset and noting that New Mexico works with Arizona on many items. Mr. Adams noted he was pleased and proud to be at this meeting and welcomed attendees to the State of Arizona on behalf of the Governor. Arizona's mix of federal, tribal, state and private land requires collaboration. He detailed:

- Arizona has unique military assets such as six military installations, National Guard units, Barry M. Goldwater Range, Buffalo Soldier Electronic Testing Range. A recent [report](#) shows that military installations in Arizona continue to be major economic drivers. Arizona has long supported the DoD mission. The first state law on planning around a military installation was enacted almost thirty years ago; collectively these laws provide workable plans for communities, landowners, stake holders, etc. Recognized City of Sierra Vista and the West Valley for their recent receipt of awards for their support of DoD installations.
- It is critical that Arizona continues to work with their 22 Tribal communities which possess lands representing more than 25 percent of the state. Tribes have been essential partners

in national defense as well as issues pertaining to water, energy, airspace, and infrastructure.

- Arizona remains proud of its veterans and summarized supporting efforts.
- Arizona is becoming the destination for self-driving vehicles, and just signed a MOU with governors of seven other states to facilitate and expand the use of electric vehicles.
- Water, energy, airspace and infrastructure needs will grow; Arizona remains dedicated to addressing these issues as well as supporting the national defense.
- Thanked everyone for attending and looks forward to working with everyone.

XII. Plenary Session #4: Strategic View on Airspace

Mr. Kim Stevens, MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair, moderated the panel and briefly talked about the importance of airspace and its value to the region.

Mr. Andy Cebula, Vice President, Strategy and Programs, RTCA, discussed:

- Background and efforts by RTCA and how it brings together different views of airspace aviation and focuses on policy issues to provide recommendations for the FAA, i.e. working out communication issues for Next Gen.
- Their involvement with working UAV issues. Noted how respective agencies interact on an issue like this where there are regulations at federal, state and local levels. Work continues with the Drone Advisory Committee.
- Work with the commercial airspace industry where the FAA and users are working to determine how they are all going to integrate in the National Airspace System.

Mr. Dennis Roberts, Regional Administrator, FAA – Western Pacific Region, provided:

- Information on his background, and his appreciation for the federal-state panel discussion
- Explained how commercial airspace is a growing area with growing competition for the limited resource. He also provided a broad overview of the FAA's metroplex concept being implemented across the country to improve airspace management. He also noted work being done on UAS issues including the President's [Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program](#)

Mr. Edward Chupein, Deputy Chief, Operational Training Infrastructure, HQ USAF, provided:

- Air Force perspective on DoD's changing airspace requirements. It is not that DoD necessarily always needs more airspace versus different kinds of airspace to accommodate changing training requirements. There are often not enough resources to develop a truly realistic live environment; therefore, the Air Force continues to expand its virtual training. Noted the importance of having sufficient spectrum and determining what a live environment might look in the future. Much of the current airspace configurations were designed in the 1960s with different planes. There is currently a 1,000-pilot shortfall in the Air Force which is predicted to get worse.
- Details on AF Operational Training Infrastructure and Regional SUA Optimization Plan. The Air Force is focusing on optimizing, instead of growing, the existing airspace. As missions are changing the AF is working with NEPA informed decisions and new approaches to public

engagement, i.e., begin public scoping earlier to learn of all perspectives and work to address concerns. Highlighted some recent collaborative efforts in the west.

Mr. Arlando Teller, Deputy Division Director, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation provided:

- Navajo Nation Airport System is comprised of seven airports included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and more than 15 airstrips spread across the boundaries of three FAA regions and three states.
- Navajo DOT – Dept. of Airports Mgmt. Organizational, Mission and Vision Statements.
- An overview of the many successful Departmental efforts, such as working with the Arizona Legislature to secure amendment to allow publicly-owned airports on Indian reservations to be eligible for grants from the Arizona Aviation Fund.
- Importance of dialogue with BIA and BLM.
- Navajo Nation is developing a drone policy. They are concerned with drones flying over sacred sites.

Discussion:

- Mr. Cebula provided background on pilot complaints on UAVs and efforts to avoid any issues/accidents. FAA recently released a report that a strike from a drone is more significant than from a bird.
- Addressed the feasibility of large drones' integration into the National Airspace System to connect them across ranges. Technical recommendations are being developed to detect these drones and allow pilots to communicate with them.

(PP day 2 slides 29 -45)

XIII. WRP Business Session

- The Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership was conferred on Mr. Kim Stevens, Mr. Scott Morgan and Mr. Jim Ogsbury.
- Mr. Mower was recognized for his leadership in the WRP since 2010, including his current role as the Steering Committee Chair since 2015.
- Mr. McGinness led the Principals through the WRP SC recommendations for 2017 actions requiring their approval with their actions stated below:
 - WRP Charter and WRP Mission Statement: Approved recommended changes as presented with the addition of adding "and cultural" resources to the Mission and the second goal in the WRP Charter.
 - Affirmed WRP Vision Statement; no changes for 2017
 - The following items were approved as presented:
 - WRP Vision/Mission document
 - 2017-2018 WRP SC leadership
 - 2017-2018 WRP Priorities including WRP SC responsibilities
 - WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and WRP GIS Support Group Purpose Statements
- Approved empowering the Steering Committee to explore opportunities to tour a military installation (e.g., Fallon) or Tribal site visit as part of the next Principals' meeting. One Principal noted that having the meeting in August was problematic and another

recommended consideration of the weather for any timing of a site visit. BLM observed a site tour of NAS Fallon might help with communication efforts.

- Two work groups (using the new changes to the WRP Charter) were approved:
 - Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group. This working group will develop tools and strategies to support outreach and engagement of tribal governments to support the goals and objectives of the WRP; encourage increased inclusion of tribal perspectives; and improve the working relationships with federal and state entities on WRP initiatives.
 - BLM Planning Temporary Working Group. This work group will assist WRP members in better understanding BLM processes and proactively addressing land issues. The primary purpose of this work group is to enhance coordination with key DoD members to identify best practices in addressing DoD issues of concern with BLM RMP efforts in the WRP Region and provide key information on how DoD can best collaborate with BLM. Additionally, this work group will seek to engage state perspectives, with a goal of identifying opportunities for mutual support to advance common interests associated with BLM and DoD planning processes.
- BLM recommended establishing an additional working group focused on ESA issues, which was deferred to the WRP Natural Resources Committee.
(PP day 2 slides 46 -66)

XIV. Wrap-up Discussion and Adjournment

- Mr. Kelso thanked everyone for attending this meeting and observed it was a great forum to solve problems. He asked for interest in additional communication throughout the year, given the importance of the upcoming Committee and work group efforts.
- Mr. Suazo suggested the topic of BLM planning requirements specifically related to realty actions as an action for a WRP Committee or working group. He also offered thanks to Department of Defense for their support as BLM stood up the Aravaipa (soon to be certified) HotShot Crew. He cited this firefighting crew as a good example of how we share resources with our partners in times of decreasing resources to get work done on the ground.
- Mr. Steed thanked everyone for attending, he learned a lot and looks forward to next steps.
- Mr. Kelso asked everyone to save the date for the DoD hosted Sustaining Military Readiness Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on August 13-16, 2018. WRP members are encouraged to attend and information will be provided as plans are finalized.
- Mr. McGinness provided final appreciation to everyone and looks forward to working with them over the next WRP year.

Agenda and Attendee Listing



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 by Mr. Ryan McGinness WRP SC Vice Chair and Mr Mike Mower, WRP SC Chair.
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 by LeRoy Shingoitewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe• 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 <i>* Final decision on 2017-2018 WRP Actions to take place during Business Session on November 30th</i>
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 • 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 ▸ Colonel Tyler Smith, Legislative Liaison, Utah Army 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 • 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• Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▸ Mr. Oramel (O.H.) Skinner, Chief of Government Accountability and Special Litigation Unit, Arizona Attorney General's Office▸ Mr. Alan Matheson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality▸ Mr. Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff, New Mexico Governor'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• 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

Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting

Listing by entity

Final

Executive Office of the President

- Alexander Herrgott, Associate Director for Infrastructure, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist, West USDA-NRCS
- Xavier Montoya, New Mexico State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- Ray Dotson, Acting California State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- Emily Fife, Acting Arizona State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- Gary Roeder, Acting Nevada State Conservationist, USDA NRCS
- Pedro Ramos, Assistant State Conservationist-Programs, Utah USDA-NRCS
- Tim Macklin, Western Governors' Association Liaison, NRCS

U.S. Forest Service

- Rita Skinner, Chief of Staff, Southwestern Region, U.S. Forest Service
- Linda Lind, AZ State Liaison, Southwestern Region, U.S. Forest Service
- Jennifer Nelson, Regional Partnership Program, Southwestern Region, U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Department of Commerce

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- Grant Cooper, Western Regional Director, NOAA/National Weather Service

U.S. Department of Defense

Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)

- Addison "Tad" Davis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment
- Harry Kelso, Deputy General Counsel (Environment, Energy and Installations)
- Kristin Thomasgard-Spence, Program Director, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations and Environment) (WRP SC Member)
- Amy Caramanica, Lead Associate, REPI Program Contract Support, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program

- Mike Shaw, Lead Associate, REPI Program Contract Support, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program
- Jewell Porter, Consultant, REPI Program Contract Support, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program

U.S. Air Force

- Colonel Brett Howard, 12th Air Force Advisor, 12th Air Force
- Edward J. Chupein, Deputy Chief, Operational Training Infrastructure, HQ USAF
- Lieutenant Colonel Lenore Marentette, Air Force Representative to FAA, Headquarters Air Force
- Steven Arenson, Deputy Director, Strategic Plans and Programs, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)
- Chas Buchanan, Director, 56th Fighter Wing/Range Management Office, Luke Air Force Base
- Kacey Carter, Community Planner, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
- James Spell, AF Regional Environmental Coordinator, AF Western Regional Environmental Office
- Victor Rodriguez, Encroachment Director, Nellis Air Force Base

U.S. Army

- Colonel Dave Brown, Garrison Commander, U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range
- Colonel Ross C. Poppenberger, Commander, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground
- Colonel James "Whit" Wright, Garrison Commander, IMCOM
- Jeffrey Jennings, Deputy to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence, Fort Huachuca
- Ann Wood, Chief, Environmental Service and Support Division, West Region, U.S. Army Environmental Command
- Matthew Walsh, Executive Liaison Assistant, HQ USAICoE & Ft. Huachuca
- Edward Dunn, Senior Environmental Protection Officer, Office of the G4, Environmental Support and Range Sustainment Division, US Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC)
- Carl Krause, Master Planning/Real Estate, White Sands Missile Range
- Joel Giblin, White Sands Missile Range Garrison Sustainability, White Sands Garrison
- Elizabeth Hill, Strategic Planning and Sustainability, White Sands Missile Range (WRP SC member)

U.S. Marine Corps

- Brigadier General Kevin J. Killea, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton
- Colonel Gary Johnston, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (WRP SC Member)
- Colonel Chris Richie, Director G-7, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

- Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Meeker, Regional Airspace Coordinator, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)
- Captain Anthony Suh, Aide De Camp, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton
- Charles (Mike) Hamilton, Environmental Planner (G7 GEA REC), MCI West (WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair)
- Zachery H. Likins, Western Regional Environmental Planner, Marine Corps Installation - WEST

U.S. Navy

- Rear Admiral Yancy Lindsey, Commander, Navy Region Southwest
- Chris Stathos, Fleet Environmental Coordinator, Navy Region Southwest
- Dwight Deakin, Head, Sustainability Office, Naval Air Systems Command (WRP SC member)
- Commander Anthony Smith, U.S. Navy MILREP to the FAA Northwest Mountain Region
- LT Thomas Lane, USN, Flag Aide to RDML Yancy Lindsey, Commander, Navy Region Southwest
- Deb Smith Ormsbee, Program Analyst, Department of Navy, Naval Air System Command
- Steve Pennix, Supervisory Range Specialist, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Cheree Peterson, Programs Director, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division
- Josephine Axt, Chief, Planning, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division (WRP SC Member)

U.S. Department of Energy

- Doug Little, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Energy

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- Shelly Lubin, Assistant Chief, U.S. Border Patrol (WRP SC Member)
- Christopher Geoffroy, Associate Chief, U.S. Border Patrol
- Javier Gurrola, Executive Officer, U.S. Border Patrol, Tucson Sector
- Michael Crelia, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Lee dePalo, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VIII
- Stephanie Poore, NPD Analyst, FEMA Region VIII (WRP SC member and WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)

- Margeau Valteau, Tribal Affairs Specialist, DHS/FEMA

U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

- Gregory Mehojah, Deputy Regional Director, Southwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

- Brian Steed, Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management
- Raymond Suazo, State Director, Arizona, Bureau of Land Management
- Jerome Perez, State Director, California, Bureau of Land Management
- Marci Todd, Acting State Director, Nevada, Bureau of Land Management
- Aden Seidlitz, Acting State Director, New Mexico, Bureau of Land Management
- Greg Shoop, Acting State Director, Colorado, Bureau of Land Management
- Raul Morales, Deputy State Director, Nevada, Bureau of Land Management (WRP SC member)
- Lucas Lucero, Deputy State Director, Arizona, Bureau of Land Management (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)
- Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Utah, Bureau of Land Management (WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair)
- Julie Valentine, SW Border Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management (WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)

Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec)

- Andy Wood, Safety, Security, and Dam Safety Division, Upper Colorado Regional Office

National Park Service (NPS)

- Patrick Walsh, Associate Regional Director, Resource Stewardship and Science, Intermountain Region, NPS (WRP SC Member)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Joy Nicholopoulos, Ph.D., Deputy Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (WRP SC member)

U.S. Geological Survey

- Max Ethridge, Regional Director, USGS Southwest Region
- Allison Shipp, Deputy Regional Director, USGS Southwest Region (WRP SC Member)

U.S. Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary

- Lori Urban, Government Affairs Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

- Dennis Roberts, Regional Administrator, FAA – Western Pacific Region
- Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator, FAA Western-Pacific Region (WRP SC member)

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

- Kevin Moody, Team Leader, FHWA (WRP SC member and MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Kathleen Johnson, Director, Enforcement Division, U.S. EPA - Region 9

Native American Leadership

Additionally, noted under state and federal agency listings.

- Bill Lopez, Councilman, Tohono O’odham Nation
- Craig Andrews, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe
- Lamar Keevama, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe
- Dale Siquah, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe
- Nada Talayumptewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe
- LeRoy Shingoitewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe
- Wallace Youvella Sr., Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe
- Clayton Honyumptewa, Director, The Hopi Tribe (WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair)
- Connie Reitman, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. (WRP SC member and MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)
- Garret Silversmith, Division Director, Navajo Division of Transportation
- Arlando Teller, Deputy Division Director, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation
- Carl Slater, Program Manager, Department of Airports Management, Navajo DOT

States

Arizona

- Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff to Arizona Governor Doug Ducey
- Joseph Cuffari, Ph.D., Policy Advisor for Military and Veteran Affairs, Office of Arizona Governor Doug Ducey (WRP SC Member)
- Brigadier General Andrew J. MacDonald, Commander, 162nd Wing, Arizona Air National Guard
- Brigadier General John Hoefert, Land Component Commander, Arizona Army National Guard
- Sue Black, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails
- Oramel (O.H.) Skinner, Chief of Government Accountability and Special Litigation Unit, Arizona Attorney General's Office
- Colonel Charles Durfee, Director of Operations, Arizona Air National Guard

- Matt Heckard, Technological Hazards Branch Manager, Arizona Department of Emergency & Military Affairs
- Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Kuzinski, Operations Officer, Arizona Army National Guard
- Thomas M. Finnegan, Colonel (Retired), Arizona Military Affairs Commission (WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair)
- Fred Breedlove, Director, Natural Resources Division, Arizona State Land Department
- Jacqueline Holm, NRD Director, Arizona State Land Department
- Jerald Payne, Planner, Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape
- Jennifer Papworth, Federal Relations Coordinator, Arizona State University
- Stephanie Salazar, Executive Director State Relations, Arizona State University
- Shawna Moore, Administrative Specialist, State Relations & Office Manager, Arizona State University

California

- Karen Douglas, Commissioner, California Energy Commission
- Scott Morgan, Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Planning & Research
- Jim Bartridge, Senior Transmission Program and Policy Specialist, California Energy Commission (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)
- Colonel Victor Teal, Jr., Commander, Civil Support Task Force California Military Department
- Gareth Smythe, Assistant Policy Advisor and Military Land Use Planner, California Governor's Office of Planning & Research, (WRP SC member)

Colorado

- Colonel William Orton, Chief of Staff, Air Staff/JFHQ, Colorado Air National Guard

New Mexico

- Aubrey Dunn, New Mexico State Land Commissioner, State Land Office
- Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office of New Mexico
- Major General Kenneth Nava, Adjutant General New Mexico National Guard
- Clyde Ward, Assistant Commissioner for Commercial Resources, NM State Land Office
- Lieutenant Colonel Ryan McGuire, Operations Group Commander, New Mexico Air National Guard

Nevada

- Ryan McGinness, Director, Washington DC Office, State of Nevada (WRP SC Vice Chair)
- Angela Dykema, Director, Nevada Governor's Office of Energy (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)

Utah

- Justin Harding, Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office
- Michael Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office (WRP SC Chair)
- Gordon Larsen, Director of Federal Affairs, Utah Governor's Office

- Alan Matheson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality
- Shirlee Silversmith, Director, Utah Division of Indian Affairs
- Colonel Tyler Smith, CFMO/Legislative Liaison, Army, Utah National Guard
- Shawna Gabriela Cuan, Managing Director of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development
- Tim Donaldson, Coordinator of Special Projects and Strategic Planning, State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Regional

Aviation

- Andrew Cebula, Vice President, Strategy and Programs, RTCA
- Kim Stevens, Director of Operations/Communications, National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) (WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)

City:

- Gordon Haight, Assistant City Manager, Economic Development Director, Herriman City

States

- James Ogsbury, Executive Director, Western Governors' Association (WRP SC Member)

Energy

- Maury Galbraith, Executive Director, Western Interstate Energy Board

Water

- Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council

WRP

- Amy Duffy, Consultant/WRP Coordinator, Duffy Consulting