



WRP Steering Committee with Committee Co-Chair Call

FEBRUARY 2018



Today's Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Approval of WRP SC November Meeting Call Notes

3. Follow up from 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting

- Approval of 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting Notes
- Brief Recap of Decisions Made at WRP Principals' Meeting

4. Results of Principals' Meeting Survey (Input on 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting and recommendations for 2018)

Presentation, Discussion and Potential Action

5. WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS Update by Colonel Johnston, Chair

Presentation, Discussion and Potential Action

- Form for Committees to use to request GIS/data support
- Form for an agency to complete if it has GIS/data resources to share with WRP
- Five WRP GIS Working Agreements
- WRP Website Resources

6. WRP 2018 Year

Presentation, Discussion and Potential Action

- WRP SC Schedule for the Year
- Draft WRP Planning Milestones
- New WRP Working Groups Update:
 - Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group
 - BLM Planning Temporary Working Group

7. Around the Phone Updates

Please Welcome to WRP



New WRP SC Members:

- Mr. Gregory C. Mehojah, Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Region (replaced Mr. Bill Walker)
- Ms. Deborah L. Lawler, Special Assistant, Bureau of Reclamation (replaced Ms. Becky Fulkerson)
- Mr. Martin Lowenfish, Team Leader, USDA/NRCS (replaced Mr. Astor Boozer/Ms. Luana Kiger)
- Ms. Lori Arakawa, Sustainability Program Manager, South Pacific Division - US Army Corps of Engineers (replaced Ms. Josephine Axt)

New WRP GIS Liaison:

- Mike Dick (GIS Liaison to the Natural Resources Committee), Biologist (IT), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 2, Regional Office

Current WRP Vacancies Under Coordination:

WRP NM SC Member and WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair (Tribal)

Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting

November 29-30, 2017
Phoenix, AZ

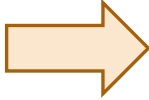
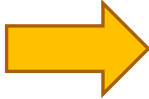



Ninth WRP Principals' Meeting


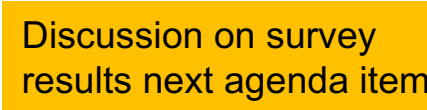
- **137 senior policy-level leaders** (and their staff) in attendance
- Agenda:
 - **Remarks by 2017 WRP Co-Chairs:**
 - **Mr. Justin Harding**, Chief of Staff (for Utah Governor Gary Herbert)
 - **Mr. Tad Davis**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment (for Mr. Lucian Niemeyer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment)
 - **Mr. Brian Steed**, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, BLM (for Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, DOI)
 - **WRP Overview and WRP SC Recommendations**
 - **Updates by WRP Committees**
 - **Tribal Blessing**
 - **AZ Remarks:** by Mr. Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff for AZ Governor Doug Ducey
 - **Four Plenary Sessions:**
 - 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
 - **WRP Business Session**
 - Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership
 - Adoption of WRP 2017/2018 Strategic Priorities and Recommendations

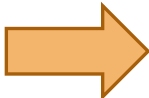
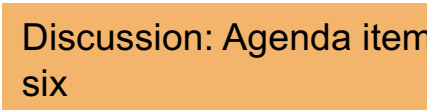
Seeking approval of the **WRP Principals' Meeting Notes** so that they may be posted to the WRP website (on password-protected side). The notes have been sent to all speakers for their review.

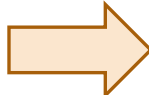
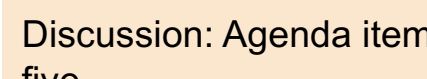
Brief Recap of Decisions Made: WRP Charter

- WRP Goals and WRP Mission Statement modified to include **cultural resources**
- Changed the **GIS-related goal** to reflect current WRP focus  Discussion: Agenda item five
- Changed **WRP SC leadership** from a Chair and Vice-Chair to three Co-Chairs, one of whom is designated Lead Co-Chair 
 - Aligns WRP SC leadership to WRP Principal Co-Chair leadership
 - Lead WRP SC Co-Chair serves for one year**2017-2018 WRP SC Co-Chairs:**
 - **State:** Ryan McGinness (Lead Co-Chair)
 - **DoD:** Kristin Thomasgard-Spence
 - **DOI:** Casey Hammond
- 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. 
 - The working group activities are to be limited in time and scope
 - SC will apprise the Principals of their activities at the following annual meeting**Two Working Groups Established**
- Added **WGA to the list of WRP Principal Organizations** (an oversight) and makes some minor administrative changes

Brief Recap of Decisions Made

- 1. Reaffirmed WRP Vision Statement; No Changes**
- 2. WRP Vision/Mission document Modified** to reflect WRP no longer has WRP WMA or RPD
- 3. Recognition of Leadership in WRP**
 - 2017 WRP Hanson Scott Award Recipients: Kim Stevens; Scott Morgan and Jim Ogsbury
 - Mike Mower
- 4. Empowered WRP SC to evaluate best timing and location of Tenth WRP Principals' Meeting**  

Discussion on survey results next agenda item
- 5. Adopted 2017-2018 Committee Priorities with the theme of "Advancing Regional Strategies"**  

Discussion: Agenda item six
- 6. Adopted WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and WRP GIS Support Group purpose statements**  

Discussion: Agenda item five

Survey sent to
all WRP
Principals'
Meeting
attendees.

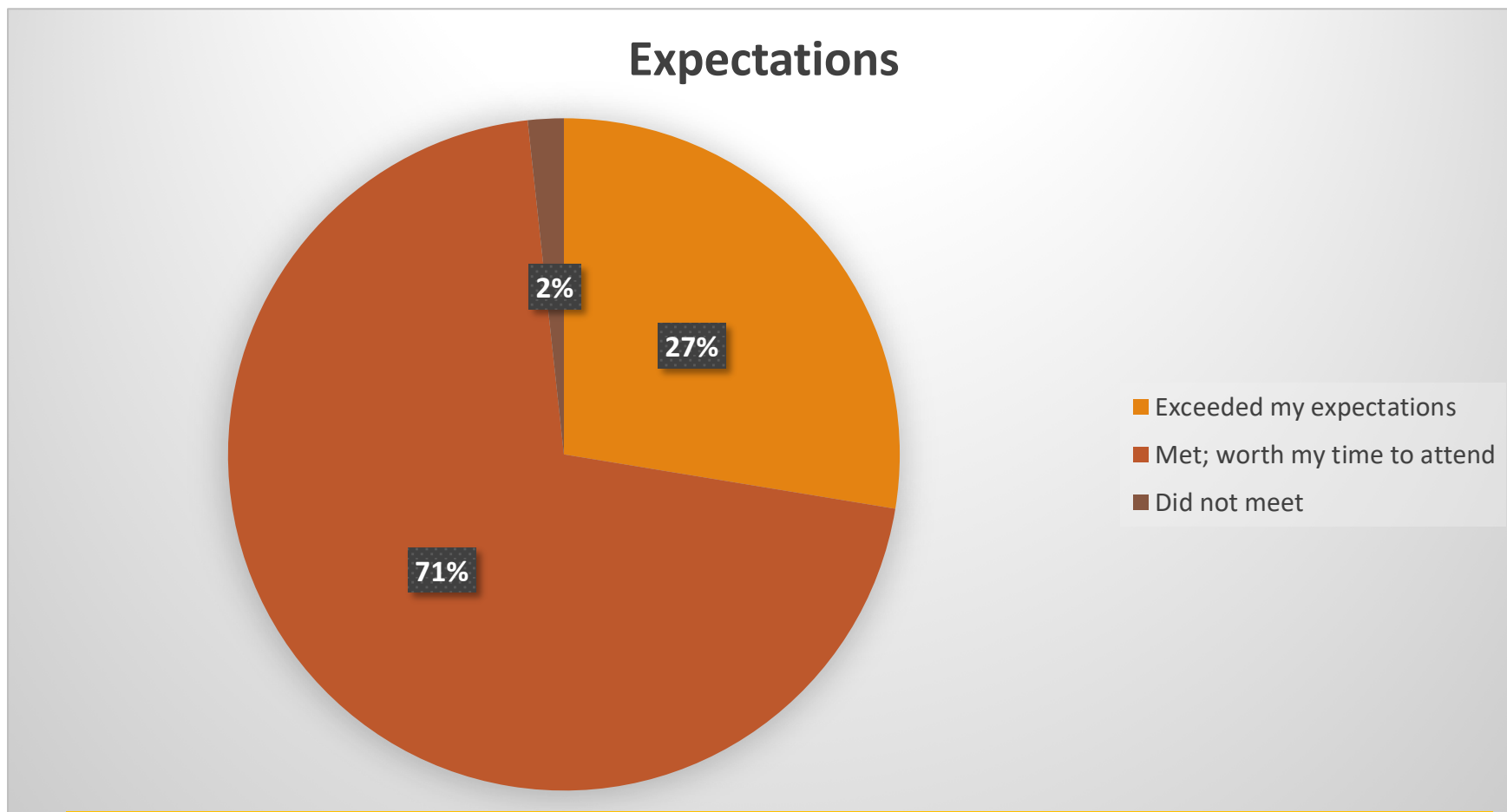
The following
slides reflect
input
PROVIDED
through the
survey plus one
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Results of Principals' Meeting Survey

Input on 2017 WRP Principals'
Meeting and recommendations for
2018

*Presentation, Discussion and
Potential Action*

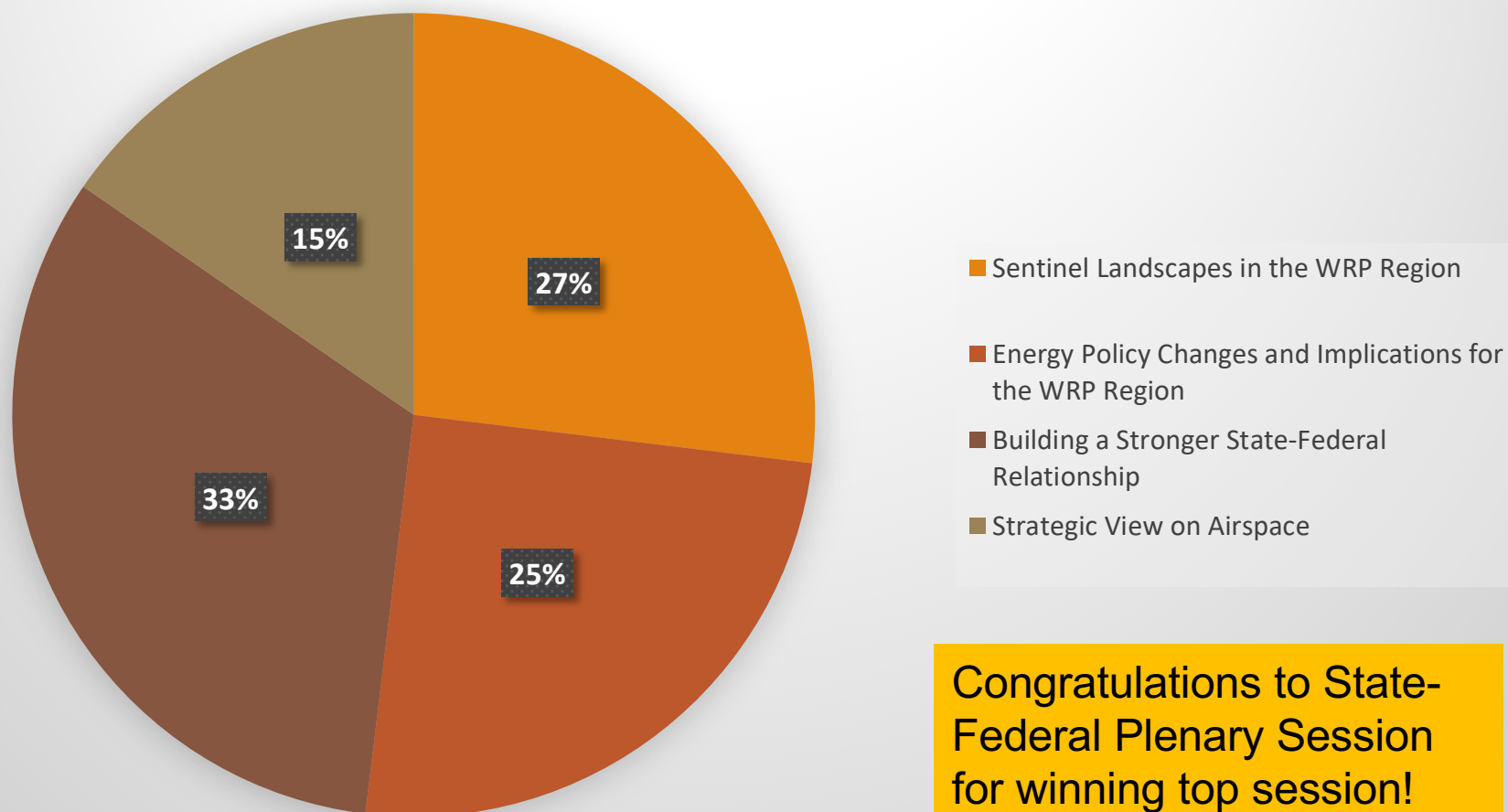
Q1. Did the 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting meet your **expectations**?



More (71%) felt the WRP Principals' Meeting Met their expectations; was worth their time to attend

Q2. Which of the following plenary sessions was of most interest to you/your agency:

Plenary Session



Congratulations to State-Federal Plenary Session for winning top session!

Q3. Is there a person or agency missing at the WRP Principals' Meeting that you **recommend we invite** next year:

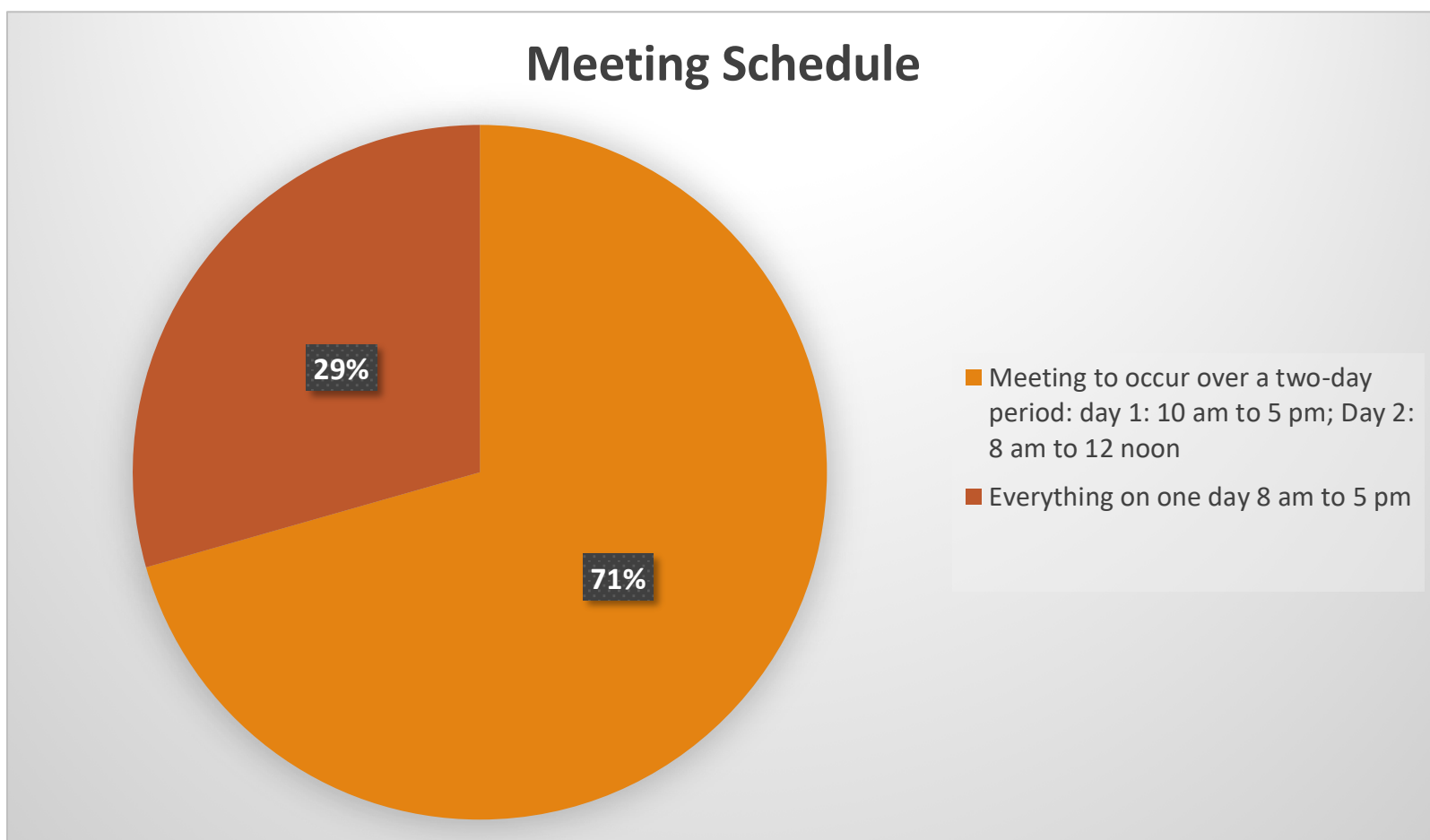
- **68.6%: No; representation was good**
- Federal:
 - Coast Guard; More DOI HQ Representatives
 - Can't think of any. FEMA?
 - More senior representatives from USFS
 - Consider having OASD(EIE) encourage counterparts from the Services to participate as well...hard sell to get all there
 - DHS/CBP Air and Marine Operations
- There are three principals, but I think we might want to consider a 4th with the tribes.
- State:
 - Arizona Department of Health Services
 - Conservation Districts and State Department of Agriculture
 - More state representatives
 - People from Colorado
 - More state land management agencies and wildlife management agencies

TAKEAWAY:
WRP does a very good job of getting the right people/mix of agencies to the WRP Principals' Meetings

Q4. What did you like about the **WRP Principals' meeting** (location, agenda, speakers, etc.)

<p>33% Noted the Location of the Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional, convenient to downtown, easy to get to, Good location in proximity to hotel; • Arizona is easy to get to, central location
<p>22.5% Noted the Speakers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality of panel members; breadth of knowledge of presenters; engaging; represented diverse audiences • Plenary Sessions were very beneficial and informative.
<p>18.5% Noted the Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agenda was well coordinated and executed. Agenda flowed well and was pertinent • Number of plenary sessions allowed for a diversity of issues to be presented and discussed
<p>13% Noted Attendees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement by DoD leadership is great. • The wide variety and high level of attendees; senior leaders as well as staff • Opportunity to network
<p>13% Noted Meeting was Well-run/ executed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was very efficient and run very well. • Open, productive dialogue. • Very well organized

Q5. Which **meeting schedule** do you prefer?

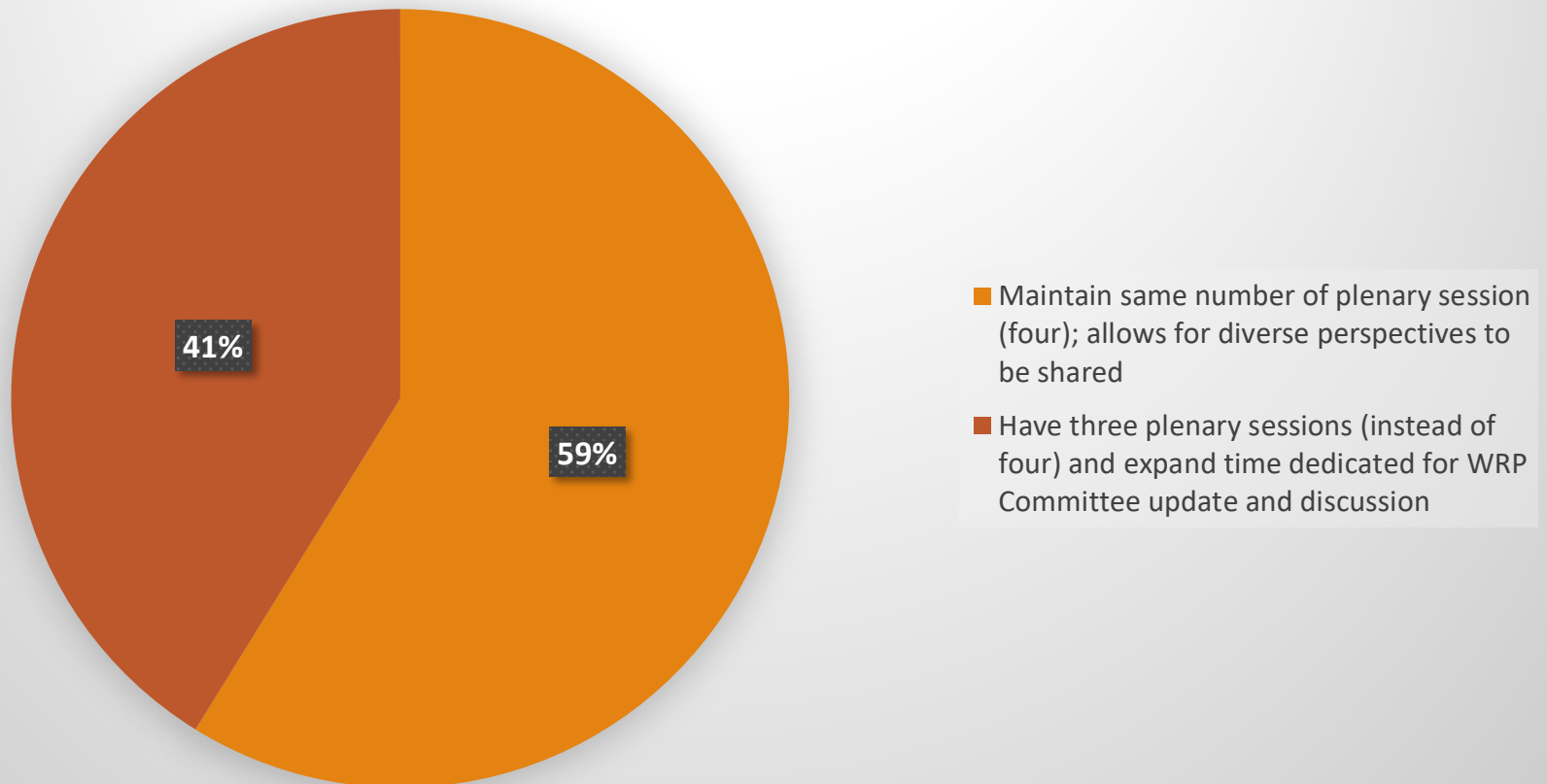


More (71%) Support having the Meeting occur over a two-day period:
Day 1: 10 am to 5 pm; Day 2: 8 am to 12 noon

Q6. Plenary Sessions

Which of the following do you recommend for the 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting:

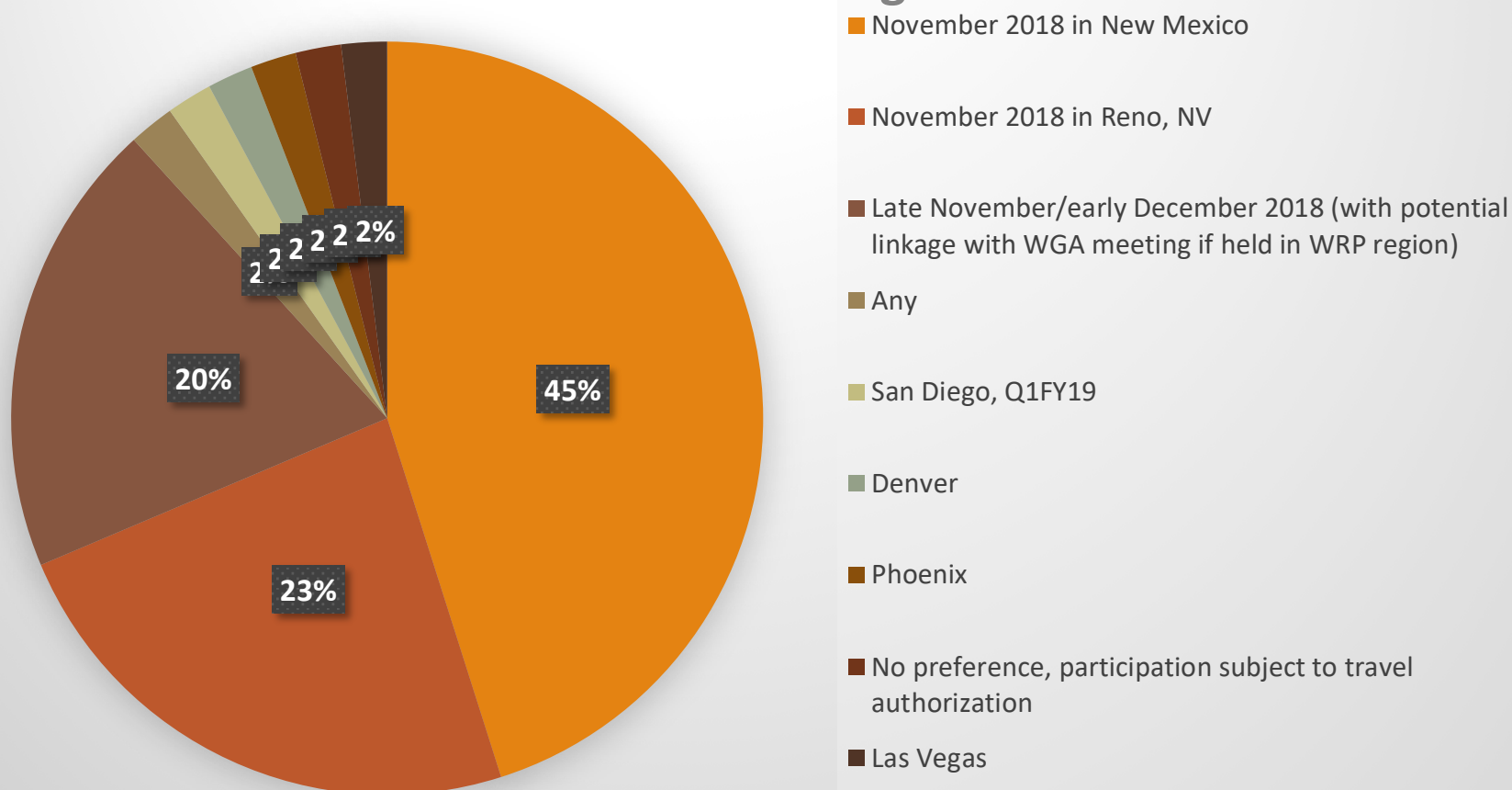
Number of Plenary Sessions



More (59%) support having the same number of Plenary Sessions (four)

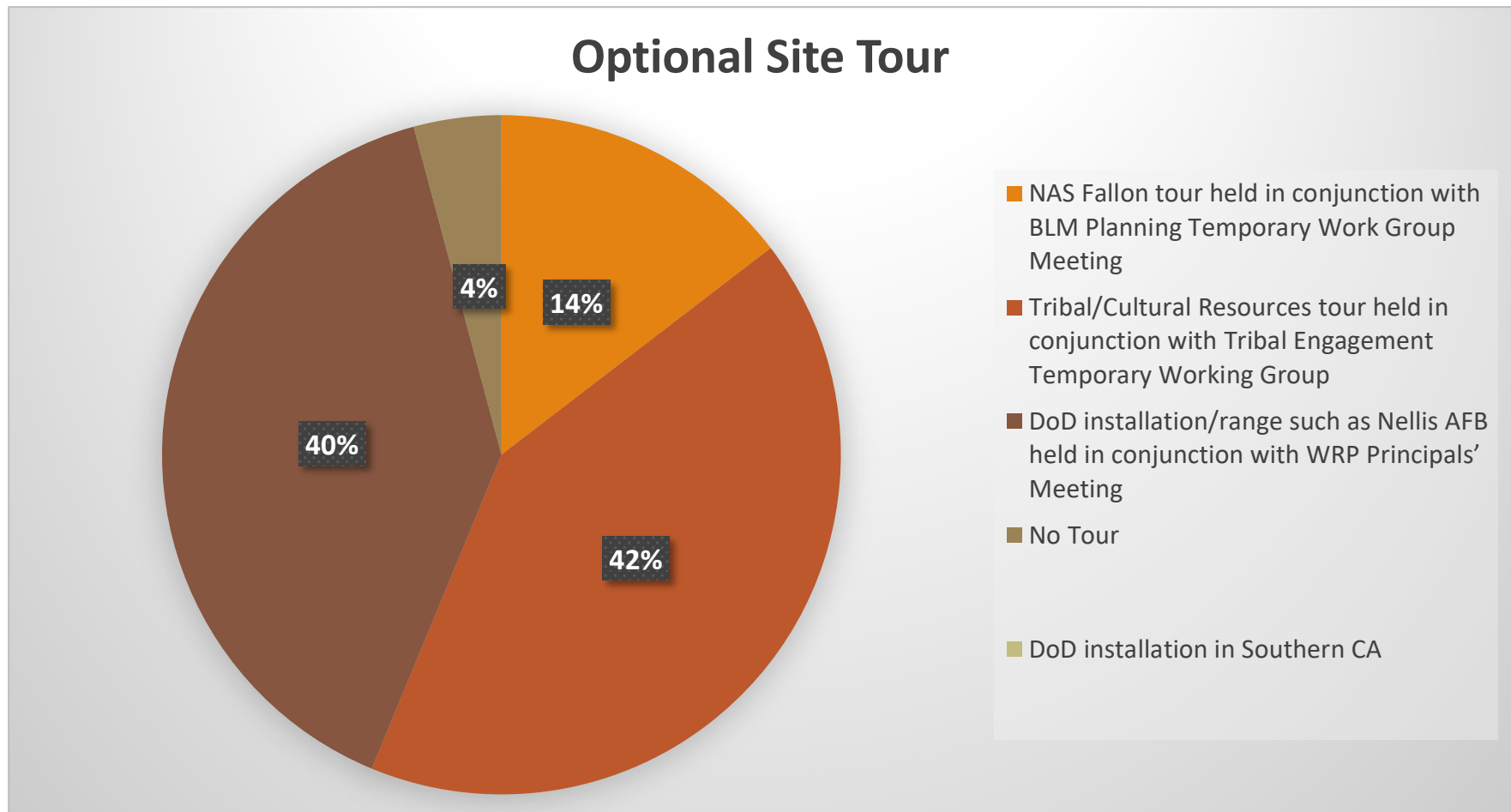
Q7. Which of the following **timing and location** work best for you to attend the next WRP Principals' meeting:

Location and Timing



The Location and Timing Most (45%) Support is: November 2018 in New Mexico

Q8. If an **optional site tour** were to be held, which of the following are you most interested in (trying to assess if there is enough interest in a particular tour):

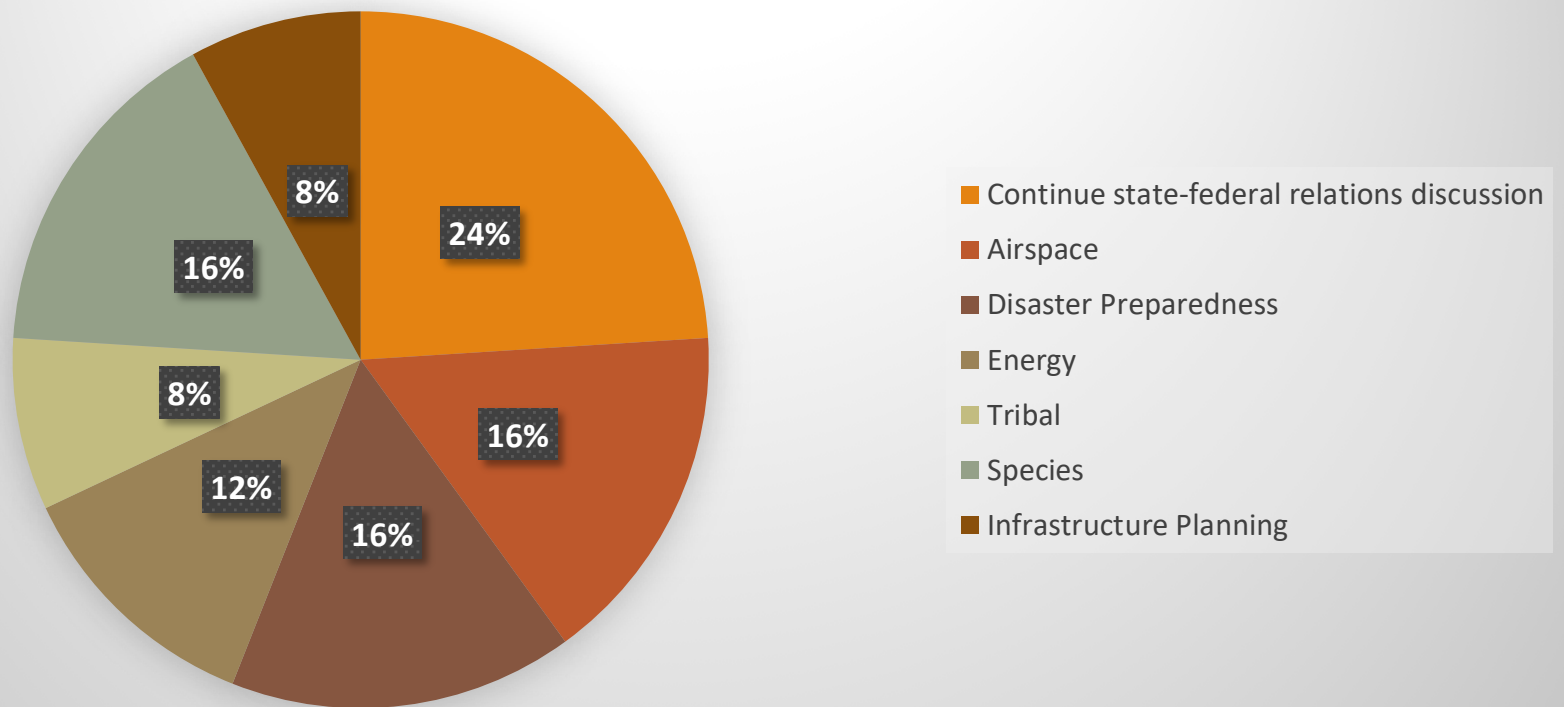


More respondents (42%) recommended a Tribal/Cultural Resources Tour be held in conjunction with the Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

Q9. Please provide 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting **Plenary Session topics** recommendations.

Note: it is helpful if topics align with WRP Mission

Plenary Session Topics



Top topic (24%) recommended is to continue the state-federal relations discussion

Q10. Do you have any other comments for consideration for the 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting:

- The majority did not answer this question
- Input included:
 - Keep up the good work
 - Need to improve the evening reception; previous receptions were better
 - Sharing positive outcomes
 - More structured networking opportunities
 - DOI Executive Leadership needs to engage
 - Like the ease of being able to walk from the hotel to the meeting
 - More engagement by WRP Principals
 - Participation in WRP is valuable and worth the time
 - Nice job this year, Amy and team
 - Great forum, thanks for including me
 - Hold several break-out sessions to be held concurrently dealing w/ critical WRP issues, and to each breakout, assign a diffuse assortment of WRP attendees and report back at the broader meeting

Recommendations from Survey

- Hold Tenth WRP Principals' Meeting in November 2018 in New Mexico
 - **REQUEST:** Please email Amy with any dates in November that do not work for you or your Principal
- Hold the Meeting over a two-day period: Day 1: 10 am to 5 pm; Day 2: 8 am to 12 noon
- Plan on having four plenary sessions
 - One of the sessions should continue state-federal relations discussion
- Continue to coordinate on best approach for site visit
 - Perhaps Tribal/Cultural Resources Tour be held in conjunction with the Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group; DoD installation tour held with MRHSDP&A Committee/WRP Principals' Meeting



WRP STEERING COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

February 2018 Update to WRP SC by Colonel Johnston

WRP SC Subcommittee Members:

- Colonel Johnston, U.S. Marine Corps SC Member & **Chair of the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS**
- Dwight Deakin, SC Chair, Navy SC Member
- Kristin Thomasgard-Spence, Office of Secretary of Defense SC Member

GIS Support Group Co-Leads:

- Jim O'Sullivan (**GIS Liaison to the Energy Committee**), Industry Economist, Office of Petroleum, Natural Gas & Biofuels Analysis, U.S. Energy Information Administration
- Mike Dick, Biologist (IT), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 2, Regional Office, (**GIS Liaison to the Natural Resources Committee**)
- Carol Ostergren, (**GIS Liaison to the MRHSDP&A Committee**), Geospatial Liaison for CA and NV, US Geological Survey National Geospatial Program

Mike – Welcome to WRP!

WRP GIS-Related Actions from 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting

(WRP Principals Approved)

WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS

- Attain geospatial requirements to support WRP priorities, assess whether existing tools and resources can be leveraged to meet these requirements, and coordinate sharing of existing and available tools and resources
- Conduct planning to support WRP GIS-related requirements necessary to fulfill WRP mission
- Provide guidance on key items including ensuring priorities set forth by the WRP Principals are completed

WRP GIS Support Group

- Provide data support to the Committees to assist in collaboration and planning within the WRP area of responsibility
- Provide awareness of data resources available for use by WRP Committees
- Each WRP Committee is supported by a GIS Liaison:
 - Identify opportunities for using GIS to advance the WRP Committees' efforts; and
 - Work with the WRP Steering Committee to identify geospatial opportunities and leverage external tools and existing resources to support WRP priorities

GIS Goal in WRP Charter:

- Identify geospatial requirements and leverage existing tools and resources to support WRP priorities

Decision Items for WRP SC:

Recommend Forms to be available on WRP website

- **Form for Committees to use to request GIS/data support**
 - Purpose: Easy process for Committees to request needed assistance to accomplish WRP Priorities. Request may be for:
 - Map to be developed
 - Map to be printed (such as for a WRP Principals' Meeting)
 - Data analysis to be conducted (to answer a particular question)
 - Other
 - Form asks for a 30-day suspense notice; and notes that requests will be coordinated with the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS
- **Form for an agency to complete if they have GIS/data resources to share with WRP**
 - Purpose: Provide a process for GIS/Data Resources to be shared with WRP. Also asks for GIS recommendations and if the agency has GIS capabilities that could assist WRP in its efforts.

Decision Items for WRP SC:

Recommend Five WRP GIS Working Agreements be Terminated

Parties	Authorized Representatives	Date
Geoscience Information Network (GIN)	GIN: Dr. Lee Allison WRP: Brig Gen (ret) Hanson Scott*	2011
CA Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the WGA Southwest States Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT)	CA: Tom Lupo WRP: Kevin Carter*	2011
NV Department of Wildlife (NDOW), in cooperation with the WGA Southwest States CHAT	NV: Laura Richards WRP: Kevin Carter*	2011
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources	UT: Carmen Bailey WRP: Kevin Carter*	2011
NM Department of Game and Fish	NM: James S. Lane Jr. WRP: Kevin Carter*	2012

* WRP SC Chair at the time

- **Main Purpose of Working Agreements:**
 - Provide framework for mutually beneficial cooperative and productive relationship
 - Improve coordination and collaboration
 - Share information
- **Working Agreements have the Following Main Sections:**
 - Purposes
 - Responsibilities
 - General Agreements (language to indicate agreement may be modified, does not commit either party to expend resources, does not supersede authorities, etc.)
 - Authorized Representatives
 - Effective Date
 - Termination (**may terminate after providing other party 30 days written notice.** Parties must agree in writing to any changes, modifications and amendments.)
 - Signatures

WRP GIS Working Agreements

Continued

- **Analysis:**
 - These working agreements were fundamental in the formative stages of GIS data sharing. They helped position WRP to share data via map service.
 - **WRP Responsibilities in Agreement are No Longer Feasible:**
 - WRP Web Mapping Application does not exist
 - WRP GIS goals/focus areas have changed
 - Resources
 - 3 of the agreements state WRP will establish and maintain www.westernwildlifemap
 - WRP to provide relevant mapping services and training
- **Next Steps/Recommendations:**
 - **WRP SC to accept recommendation to terminate all five working agreements (sample language attached); update to be provided on May 2018 call.**
 - Contact the four remaining agencies to ensure acceptance to terminate
 - Determine appropriate data sets to consume for WRP use (either on WRP website via link or to a WRP Partner (REPImap.org to access via a WRP “button”))
 - Focus on ensuring data needed to meet WRP Priorities is accessible

Update on WRP Website Resources

- Since the last call:
 - WRPinfo.org has gone live, many refinements over the past months
 - Asked for SC input on website and working on:
 - GIS resources captured thematically (energy, etc.) and include a search function
 - Recommended exploring if the resources could be tagged by various attributes (agency, thematic, date, etc.) Include publicly available download for special use airspace maps.
- Requests Made at the SC Meeting:
 - Please provide any further recommendations on the site, such as content management (public vs password protected information)
 - Please share any photos, maps and web mapping applications to include on the site. It was recommended that maps should include date, legend and source (agency information for follow up).
 - Provide your WRP success stories to include on the site.
 - Committee Co-Chairs/GIS Liaisons to identify static maps to include on the WRP website and provide this list to the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS for action.

WRP 2018 Year

- WRP SC Schedule for the Year
- Overview of WRP Priorities and Upcoming Efforts
- New WRP Working Groups Update:
 - Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group
 - BLM Planning Temporary Working Group

Presentation, Discussion and Potential Action

WRP SC Schedule for the Year

Based on input provided, it appears the best date and times are:

- **WRP SC Calls with Committee Co-Chairs:**
 - May 18: 10-11 am Pacific
 - July 25: 10-11 am Pacific
- **WRP SC in-person meeting with Committee Co-Chairs:**
 - Friday, September 21 (8:30 am to 3 pm)
 - Potential Locations: Denver, Phoenix, Sacramento, Reno, Salt Lake City

WRP Schedule

Fields: Date, Location, Name of Meeting, Who is invited and Notes/Details. Color-coded to delineate event has ended, not confirmed or a partner-event and notes/details

	Date	Location	Meeting	Who is invited	Notes/Details
3	January 5, 2018	call	WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair Call	WRP Energy Committee Co-Chairs	
4	January 10, 2018	call	WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair Call	WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chairs	
5	January 19, 2018	call	WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair Call	WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chairs	
6	February 12, 2018	call	WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair Call	WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chairs	
7	February 15: 2-3 MST	webinar	WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS call	Col Johnston (Chair); Ms. Thomasgard-Spence; Mr. Deakin; WRP GIS Liaisons (Ms. Ostergren, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Dick) and their staff	
8	February 16, 2018	San Diego	WRP DoD Core Team Meeting	WRP DoD Core Team Members	
9	February 20: 130-230 MST	webinar	WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs	WRP SC members, WRP Committee Co-Chairs & WRP GIS Liaisons	
10	March 9: 12 pm to 1 pm MST	Webinar	WRP Energy Committee Webinar featuring Sec 368 Regional Review Project	All	
11	May XX 2018	Webinar	WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs	WRP SC members, WRP Committee Co-Chairs & WRP GIS Liaisons	
12	June 25-27, 2018	Rapid City, S.D.	WGA Annual Meeting	All	http://westgov.org
13	July XX, 2018	webinar	WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs	WRP SC members, WRP Committee Co-Chairs & WRP GIS Liaisons	
14	August 13-16, 2018	St Louis, MO	SMR Conference	All	http://www.smrconference.org
15	September XX 2018	TBD	WRP SC Meeting with Committee Co-Chairs	WRP SC Members, WRP Committee Co-Chairs & WRP GIS Liaisons	
16	November XX 2018	TBD	WRP Principals' Meeting	WRP Principals, WRP SC members, WRP Committee Co-Chairs & WRP GIS Liaisons & invited key agency staff members	
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WRP Schedule

WRP 2017-2018 Priorities

WRP SC

WRP GIS

Working Group Updates

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2017-2018 Priority: Advancing Regional Strategies

Advance the identified priorities from the 2017 WRP Regional Assessment by actions such as:

- Further summarize policy changes, upcoming trends, and energy projects in WRP Region
- Enhance Partner awareness of energy generation and transmission planning processes and opportunities to address/mitigate mission impacts, especially those on the military's ability to test and train, natural and cultural resources, and Tribal lands
- Continue to assist in precluding or delisting species through coordinated conservation efforts. Identify potential gaps and leverage ongoing efforts
- Enhance awareness of DoD mission in the WRP region by enhancing awareness and serving as a forum on compatible land uses in the vicinity of military operations
- Assist WRP Partners' homeland security/disaster preparedness missions to foster awareness of interdependence among Partners. Capture emerging issues and recommendations on disaster recovery and address instabilities and vulnerabilities such as cyber security. Highlight existing tools to assist WRP Partners.
- Serve as a forum for aviation users sharing information on changes to airspace use within the WRP region, including developments in new technology and the integration of UAS into the National Airspace System.

WRP SC

Fields: WRP SC Ongoing responsibilities and 2017-2018 Tasks with notes/status & hurdles

The SC ongoing responsibilities include:		
Task	Notes/status	Hurdles
Staff their respective WRP Principals and conduct outreach internally within each WRP SC member organization		
Bring any relevant issues from their organization to WRP for awareness and potential action		
Conduct WRP outreach with an emphasis on: Encouraging State, Federal and Tribal participation in WRP Committees; and Enhancing working relationships with other entities to support leveraging of efforts and reducing redundancies		
Review WRP Committee actions and provide input to WRP Committee Chairs as appropriate		
Serve as a resource to ensure WRP effectiveness		
Work with WRP Committees and GIS Support Group to ensure each has a strategic plan for the year that aligns with available resources and does not overcommit WRP Partners or WRP contract support		
In 2017-2018, the WRP Steering Committee will:		
Task	Notes/status	Hurdles
Work with WRP Committees and GIS Support Group to develop the Advancing Regional Strategies Report. This report will outline key regional priorities and actions.		
Advance efforts for the 2018 Principals' meeting	Action from 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting: 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	
<i>Note: The WRP Mission Statement changed at the 2017 Principals' Meeting to include cultural resources</i>		



GIS Tab

Fields: WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and WRP GIS Support Group (tasks) with notes/status and hurdles along with identified WRP Committee GIS Needs

1			
2	WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS Purpose (adopted at 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting)		
3	<u>Task</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>	<u>Hurdles</u>
4	Attain geospatial requirements to support WRP priorities, assess whether existing tools and resources can be leveraged to meet these requirements, and coordinate sharing of existing and available tools and resources		
5	Conduct planning to support WRP GIS-related requirements necessary to fulfill WRP mission		
6	Provide guidance on key items including ensuring priorities set forth by the WRP Principals are completed		
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8	WRP GIS Support Group Purpose (adopted at 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting)		
9	<u>Task</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>	<u>Hurdles</u>
10	Provide awareness of data resources and assist WRP with GIS and other data-related support		
11	Each WRP Committee is supported by a GIS Liaison to: Identify opportunities for using GIS to advance the WRP Committees' efforts; and Work with the WRP Steering Committee to identify geospatial opportunities and leverage existing tools and resources to support WRP priorities		
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13	Identified WRP Committee GIS Needs		
14	<u>Requests</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>	<u>Hurdles</u>
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Working Groups

Fields: Task, Notes/Status and Hurdles

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2	Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group		
3	<p><i>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.</i></p>		
4	<u>Task</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>	<u>Hurdles</u>
5	WRP MRHSDP&A Committee related request: Need input on if Tribes have any aviation-related issues		
6	Tribal WG will review and update WRP Tribal Communication Plan		
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8	BLM Planning Temporary Working Group		
9	<p><i>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.</i></p>		
10	<u>Task</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>	<u>Hurdles</u>
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WRP Energy Committee
will also list any hurdles

<u>ADOPTED Priority</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>
Further explore energy-related findings from the 2017 WRP Regional Assessment and further summarize changes in policy, upcoming trends, and top energy projects within WRP Region	Committee Co-Chairs reviewing for additional follow up items
Continue to share information on new renewable energy projects and transmission lines and highlight State, Federal and Tribal energy planning efforts and resources in the WRP Region	<p>Step 1: Facilitating webinars for additional information sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed: Section 368 Regional Review Project (March 9) • Coordinating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliability coordination, energy imbalance market (EIM) & how they work together/process • Tribal Energy Webinar
Enhance WRP Partner awareness of new energy generation and transmission planning processes and opportunities for engagement to address/mitigate mission impacts, especially those impacts on the military's ability to test and train, natural and cultural resources, and Tribal lands	Taking above information, working through Committee and draft information to be in the Advancing Regional Strategies Report

WRP MRHSDP&A Committee
will also list any hurdles

<u>ADOPTED Priority</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>
Further explore related findings from the 2017 WRP Regional Assessment	Committee Co-Chairs reviewing for additional follow up items
Support military readiness by enhancing awareness of the DoD mission in the WRP region and serving as a forum to address compatible land uses in the vicinity of military operations	Exploring having a meeting/tour of a military installation/range to highlight mission requirements; and having a webinar dedicated to highlighted state military efforts (AMAC, JMAC, etc.)
Assist WRP Partners' respective homeland security/disaster preparedness missions to foster awareness of the interdependence among Partners. Capture emerging issues and recommendations that foster disaster recovery as well as address instabilities and vulnerabilities such as cyber security. Highlight existing resources and tools to assist WRP Partners.	Webinar highlighting: Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG) liaisons and an opportunity to discuss communication interoperability issues and solutions sets
Serve as a forum for aviation users by sharing information on changes to airspace use within the WRP region, including developments in new technology and the integration of UAS into the National Airspace System and highlighting potential impacts.	Developing two related webinars: 1. UAS 2. DoD Aviation. Exploring: 1. Updating 2015 WRP Aviation Sustainability document (or including relevant portions in Advancing Regional Priorities report) 2. Having a WRP aviation-NASAO meeting 3. Reviewing WRP website for additional aviation-resources to include

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WRP Natural Resources Committee will also list any hurdles

<u>ADOPTED Priority</u>	<u>Notes/Status</u>
Further explore related findings from the 2017 WRP Regional Assessment	Committee Co-Chairs reviewing for additional follow up items; most follow up items relate to action item below
Continue to assist efforts to preclude or delist species through coordinated conservation efforts in order to mitigate regulatory restrictions. Identify potential gaps and leverage existing ongoing efforts to maximize efficiencies	<p>This is the main Committee effort for the year. Holding relevant webinars to more fully explore, along with working calls to develop best plan to leverage existing efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 2018: Send out update to NR Committee for review and input; seek Partner interest/resources to assist • March 2018: Finalize Committee criteria on which species/habitats to address and confirm species of interest and Partner involvement • April 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop draft action plan and send out to WRP NR Committee • Invite DoD Natural Resource Program representative to brief efforts & Collaborative Wildlife Protection and Recovery Initiative (CWPRI) • May/June: State Wildlife Webinar
Serve as a resource for WRP Partners in their regional/landscape-level conservation efforts (e.g. Sentinel Landscape efforts, etc.)	Holding a webinar on federal-planning efforts to learn more of their focus areas (targeting July/August). Continue to serve as a resource to WRP Partners
Assist WRP Partners in engaging in ongoing dialogue on Western water sustainability	Facilitate another water-related webinar; coordinate with WSWC (targeting Sept/Oct).

Working Group Updates:

1. Tribal Engagement
2. BLM Planning

Per 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting WRP SC is enabled to **establish working groups** to address strategic priorities adopted at a Principals' meeting that fall outside of existing committee structure or overlap committee jurisdiction.

- The working group activities are to be limited in time and scope
- SC will apprise the Principals of their activities at the following annual meeting

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
 - Support WRP Committee efforts by addressing such issues as: species/habitat, energy development and policy emergency/disaster planning
 - Encourage increased inclusion of tribal perspectives
 - Improve the working relationships with federal and state entities on WRP initiatives
- Seeking input:
 - Contacts: Tribal Members and Agency Tribal Liaisons to include
 - Sharing of Resources: Existing agency Tribal efforts (outreach, funding etc.) that could be leveraged/built upon

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.



Around the Phone Updates