



Western Regional Partnership

CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

ADVANCING REGIONAL STRATEGIES

The 2017-2018 WRP Year has focused on “Advancing Regional Priorities,” following-up on the 2017 WRP Regional Assessment to best understand current priorities of its Partners. Results are available on the WRP website (WRPinfo.org). Advancing Regional Priorities put into practice those actions WRP is particularly suited to perform in assisting Partners to achieve their priorities. WRP Committees met during the 2017-2018 WRP Year to develop the specific actions to be taken. At the Tenth Principals’ Meeting, Principals will be updated on these efforts and will be presented with recommendations for further actions that can and should be taken.

WRP Mission

WRP provides a proactive and collaborative framework for senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership to identify common goals and emerging issues in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

WRP Energy Committee

The Energy Committee is focused on identifying trends in energy policies and projects; sharing information; and assisting coordination regarding potential mission impacts. You are invited to be part of efforts to gather information and analyze:

- Agency recent or anticipated energy policy changes (administrative or statutory) and emerging trends/changes in energy-related focus (large scale energy projects such as transmission corridors, renewable energy, pipelines).
- New energy generation and transmission planning processes or other engagement opportunities to address/mitigate mission impacts, especially those impacts on the military’s ability to test and train, natural and cultural resources, and Tribal lands.

WRP Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation (MRHSDP&A) Committee

The MRHSDP&A Committee is “mission” focused; working to capture emerging issues and identify impacts. You are invited to be part of efforts to:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

WRP Natural Resources Committee

The Committee's main focus this year is assisting efforts to preclude or delist species through coordinating conservation efforts. Within the WRP Region, there are 532 Federally listed species believed to or known to occur. You are invited to be part of efforts to:

- Enhance collaboration among WRP Partners to assist efforts to preclude or delist species through conservation efforts and to relieve the regulatory burden for WRP Partners. Currently the Committee focuses on the Little Brown Bat, Least Bell's Vireo, Sonoran Desert Tortoise and Yellow-Billed Cuckoo.
- Serve as a resource for WRP Partners in their regional/landscape-level conservation efforts (e.g. Sentinel Landscape efforts, etc.).
- Assist WRP Partners in engaging in ongoing dialogue on Western water sustainability.

WRP Steering Committee (SC)

The membership of the SC is composed of senior staff members representing their respective Principal organizations. Membership includes representatives of the Governors' offices in the WRP States, the major federal Agencies within the WRP region, Native American tribes and the WGA. The SC staff their respective WRP Principals and serve as a resource to ensure WRP effectiveness.

WRP TEMPORARY WORKING GROUPS

As a result of actions during the 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting, two temporary working groups were established to address strategic priorities; activities are to be limited in time and scope.

Tribal 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.
- Improve inclusion of tribal perspectives and the working relationships with federal and state entities.

BLM Planning Temporary Working Group

Within the WRP Region, BLM manages a significant amount of land. This work group will:

- Assist WRP members to better understand BLM planning processes and address issues.
- Enhance coordination with key DoD members to identify best practices in addressing DoD issues of concern with BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) efforts in the WRP Region and provide key information on how DoD can best collaborate with BLM.
- Engage state perspectives to advance common interests associated with BLM and DoD planning processes.

WRP WEBINARS, UPDATES AND RESOURCES

To receive timely updates on WRP activities please register for a WRP account at WRPinfo.org. Each WRP Committee holds webinars on the most pressing issues in the WRP Region. WRP sends out monthly updates of publicly available information from WRP Partners and agency news releases, etc. to help create greater awareness of current WRP Partner actions. WRP resources such as fact sheets, reports and webinar recordings are all available on the WRP Website.