**WRP Strategic Priority for 2018-2019**

The 2018-2019 WRP Year is focused on “*Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.”*

**Background:**

In the West, there are significant military assets, varied wildlife ecosystems and extensive infrastructure such as energy and transportation. The WRP Region represents 19% of the U.S. land mass and includes 18% of the U.S. population. Leveraging of resources and inter-agency coordination are required to avoid duplication of efforts, minimize mission impacts and encourage sharing of best practices. The WRP Region land management breakout is:

* Federal (non-DoD) Managed: 46.7%
* Private Land: 35.3%
* Indian Trust Land: 7.4%
* State Trust Land: 6.3%
* DoD Managed: 4.3%

**Statement of Purpose:**

Agencies are streamlining planning processes (including environmental reviews and permits), making it even more imperative to have a keen understanding of the new processes and collaborative engagement practices. By working together, WRP Partners will develop best practices and models for more efficient and consistent planning collaboration.

**Expected Product:**

*Note: This effort will be completed to the extent feasible subject to the availability of WRP partner input and WRP dedicated resources:*

* Identification of specific projects, policies and plans on which WRP collective efforts may be focused and establishment of mutually agreed upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
* Strategies (narrative) on processes to encourage planning efforts that avoid mission conflict; highlighting best practices and models.
* Map product highlighting areas of overlap of mission interests that could drive greater collaboration among Partners

**Project Phases:**

This priority will be attained through the following steps:

1. November 2018: Priority approved during 2018 WRP Principals’ Meeting.
2. By January 31, 2019: All entities complete and submit answers to questions (Attachment A). To the extent possible, federal agencies are asked to please coordinate across any management regions so that all of the WRP area (AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV and UT) is included.
3. February – October 2019: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committees will review input provided and conduct follow-on analysis, synthesizing of data and developing draft recommendations. Facilitating additional agency coordination to establish mutually agreed upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
4. June 2019: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committee Co-Chairs will review analysis at their meeting on June 20, 2019. SC members will apprise their WRP Principal on current progress.
5. October 2019: Final report with analysis and recommendations to be circulated in preparation for presentation and review at the 2019 WRP Principals’ Meeting.
6. November 2019: Presentation and review of findings at the November 19-20th WRP Principals’ Meeting to be held in San Diego, CA.

**Guiding Principles:**

* Project will highlight WRP Partners’ missions and long-term goals
* Recognizing the inherent, differentiated authority of federal, state and tribal entities, encouraging communication and cooperation among those entities and avoiding interference with any entity’s distinct rights and responsibilities
* Leverage efforts; not duplicate
* Information will be publicly available and highlight:
	+ Energy Development
	+ Military Mission Footprint or Weapon System Changes and any upcoming Military Land Withdrawals
	+ Ecological Goals and large landscape-level conservation (looking for opportunities to assist with activities over key habitat and species)
	+ Aviation and unmanned mission changes
	+ Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness efforts
	+ Regional and state-wide plans

**\*\* FORM FOR TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITY RESPONSE \*\***

Western Regional Partnership 2018-2019 WRP Priority

*Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities Please complete the following by January 31, 2019 and submit to* *amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org* *All input will be consolidated and circulated among WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committee Co-Chairs for action.*

1. **Submitted by (Entity Name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Contact Information:**

Person Completing this Form/Point of Contact for Questions or Follow Up (Name, Title, Email and Phone Number):

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1. **Planning factors that impact your entity’s mission:**

Please indicate what compatible planning means for your entity – what might impact your mission? What would you like other agencies to know about your mission so that they can more effectively collaborate with your organization on planning? Do you have any recommendations on how best to solve these challenges? Do you have any maps/GIS resources that help to illustrate areas of importance to your entity? What changes in planning policies (administrative or statutory) is your entity contemplating?

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1. **Agency’s Upcoming Planning Efforts**

Please provide information on your entity’s major planning efforts that will be initiated by 2023 and associated timelines? What is the best way to learn of your entity’s planning efforts in advance?

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1. **Agency’s Infrastructure Efforts**

What are the top (please list at least 2-3) infrastructure projects your entity is engaged with currently and any relevant information (project website, etc.).

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1. **Tribal Engagement:**

Please share examples of successful instances of Tribal consultation or best practices. Do you have any recommended areas of focus for the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group? Please indicate your contact to be part of the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group (name, title, email and phone number).

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*If you have any questions on this document, please contact:*

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