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**December 2018 Updates**

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# WRP Updates

* A great article on the November 2018 WRP Principals’ Meeting can be found on this site: [State Aviation Journal](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=232196b6f7&e=6edabe5e85)
* **Upcoming WRP Activities:**
  + NLT Jan 31, 2019: Requesting WRP SC Members to coordinate within their respective agency to complete brief survey to assist with efforts with this year’s WRP Priority of “*Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.”*
  + June 19 in Denver: Meeting of the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group
  + June 20 in Denver: Meeting of the WRP Steering Committee, Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons
  + November 19-20: WRP Principals’ Meeting in San Diego, CA
  + Coming Soon: WRP Webinars and working calls for 2019

# Energy

## **Federal Updates**

* [U.S. coal consumption hits a 39-year low, coal-fired power plant closures continue](http://www.euci.com/u-s-coal-consumption-hits-a-39-year-low-coal-fired-power-plant-closures-continue/?x=33687k385813Bc&utm_campaign=121218_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Critical Infrastructure Protection: Protecting the Electric Grid from Geomagnetic Disturbances](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjE5Ljk5MjkzNjgxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxOS45OTI5MzY4MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3NDE4ODQ1JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&102&&&https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-98?utm_campaign=usgao_email&utm_content=topic_energy&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), GAO-19-98, December 19
* [Trump tariffs take a bite out of U.S. solar market, but future prospects still appear bright](http://www.euci.com/trump-tariffs-take-a-bite-out-of-u-s-solar-market-but-future-prospects-still-appear-bright/?x=33855u385813Bc&utm_campaign=121918_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Oil prices and demand forecast to be soft in 2019 as economy slows and U.S. production grows](http://www.euci.com/oil-prices-and-demand-forecast-to-be-soft-in-2019-as-economy-slows-and-u-s-production-grows/?x=33855u385813Bc&utm_campaign=121918_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

**DOI Update**

* [BLM approves Ormat, Tungsten Mountain Solar Project](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-ormat-tungsten-mountain-solar-project)
* Call for Information and Nominations Offshore California. In what could result in the first West Coast offshore wind auction, BOEM will publish a Call for Information and Nominations (Call) to identify companies interested in commercial wind energy leases within three proposed areas off central and northern California. This is the first step towards offering a location for wind leasing. The three Call Areas include 85 whole Outer Continental Shelf blocks and 573 partial blocks and together comprise approximately 1,073 square miles (687,823 acres). The Call will be published in the Federal Register on Oct. 19 and will have a 100-day public comment period closing on Jan. 27, 2019. For more information on the Call, including a map of the Call Areas and how to comment, please visit: <https://www.boem.gov/California/>
* [BLM rejects massive wind farm along California-Nevada border](https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/blm-rejects-massive-wind-farm-along-california-nevada-border-1539541/)

**DOE Update**

* [DOE Releases Year in Review](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-releases-year-review)
* [NREL Details Great Potential for Floating PV Systems](https://nrel.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfb46c07f566f9a82b5fa0488&id=bdefad44c3&e=0351f58cce)

**EPA:** [EPA Updates Key Tool for Communities to Use in Turning Current and Formerly Contaminated Lands into Renewable Energy Assets](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-updates-key-tool-communities-use-turning-current-and-formerly-contaminated-lands)

## **State Updates**

* [Governors Ducey, Martinez, Pavlovich Sign Joint Agreement Supporting Natural Gas Industry, Economic Development](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2018/12/governors-ducey-martinez-pavlovich-sign-joint-agreement-supporting-natural-gas)
* [States begin to allow utilities to included energy efficiency programs in their rate base](http://www.euci.com/states-begin-to-allow-utilities-to-included-energy-efficiency-programs-in-their-rate-base/?x=33987s385813Bc&utm_campaign=122618_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize" \t "_blank)

AZ:

* [Arizona regulators adopt electric-vehicle policy, but don't take vote on TEP energy-efficiency plan](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=33987s385813Bc&utm_campaign=122618_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://tucson.com/business/arizona-regulators-adopt-electric-vehicle-policy-but-don-t-take/article_b2f59e70-4e1c-5df3-ad14-22fa0d113903.html)
* [This plan could shape your electric bill for years, and few are talking about it](https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2018/12/10/arizona-corporation-commission-back-renewable-energy-plan/2262598002/)
* [Corp Comm may take another look at deregulation](https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2018/08/14/arizona-corporation-commission-may-take-another-look-at-deregulation/)

CA:

* [Energy Commissioner Discusses The Future of Clean Energy At Symposium](http://calenergycommission.blogspot.com/2018/11/energy-commissioner-discusses-future-of.html)
* [California to mandate solar power for new homes](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=355d07bb21a15f562743efdda9ad5138671cd12e9cbbdb07f0f6ef094eff2a0b9684730d2ebf2fcf5896e215835f3ced56a663a4eb1dd838)
* [California turning its back on wind energy](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=33564x385813Bc&utm_campaign=120518_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.smdailyjournal.com/opinion/other_voices/california-turning-its-back-on-wind-energy/article_374b1768-f767-11e8-a636-63d8e9480d2e.html)

CO: [State launches Colorado Clean Energy Fund](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/state-launches-colorado-clean-energy-fund)

NV:

* [Regulators poised to accept NV Energy plan for six new solar power plants, doubling renewable capacity](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=33987s385813Bc&utm_campaign=122618_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/regulators-poised-to-accept-nv-energy-plan-for-six-new-solar-power-plants-doubling-renewable-capacity)
* [Global coal consumption rises, division grows between coal-free and coal-burning regions](http://www.euci.com/global-coal-consumption-rises-division-grows-between-coal-free-and-coal-burning-regions/?x=33987s385813Bc&utm_campaign=122618_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Ormat plans solar PV field to support production at Tungsten Mountain geothermal plant in Nevada](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=33564x385813Bc&utm_campaign=120518_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=http://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/ormat-plans-solar-pv-field-to-support-production-at-tungsten-mountain-geothermal-plant-in-nevada/)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [President Begaye Commends Passage of Tribal Energy Bill](https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=0bf367cc7bf787cb9b02b21c8&id=c5d3e88d40)
* DOE Announces Intent to Issue New Funding Opportunity for Tribal Energy Infrastructure Development. See the Office of Indian Energy [website](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjEyLjk5MDEwNjIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxMi45OTAxMDYyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE4MDI4NDg0JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlkdWZmeUB3ZXN0ZXJucmVnaW9uYWxwYXJ0bmVyc2hpcC5vcmcmZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&100&&&http://energy.gov/indianenergy/maps/tribal-energy-projects-map) for a map and summaries of previous competitively funded projects. Download the [Notice of Intent (DE-FOA-0002031)](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjEyLjk5MDEwNjIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxMi45OTAxMDYyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE4MDI4NDg0JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlkdWZmeUB3ZXN0ZXJucmVnaW9uYWxwYXJ0bmVyc2hpcC5vcmcmZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&101&&&https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#FoaId0ca7096c-6685-48e4-a080-ed4d35de836a). Find information about [past funding opportunities](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjEyLjk5MDEwNjIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxMi45OTAxMDYyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE4MDI4NDg0JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlkdWZmeUB3ZXN0ZXJucmVnaW9uYWxwYXJ0bmVyc2hpcC5vcmcmZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&102&&&https://energy.gov/indianenergy/funding/past-funding-opportunities).
* [Navajo Transitional Energy Company contributes $3 million to the Navajo Nation](News%20Releases/NNCouncil/2018/dec/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Navajo%20Transitional%20Energy%20Company%20contributes%203%20million%20to%20the%20Navajo%20Nation.pdf)

## **Regional**

* [PacifiCorp says it could save money closing 13 of its 22 coal-fired generating units](http://www.euci.com/pacificorp-says-it-could-save-money-closing-13-of-its-22-coal-fired-generating-units/?x=33687k385813Bc&utm_campaign=121218_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [U.S. grid unprepared for a catastrophic power outage, says federal infrastructure panel](http://www.euci.com/u-s-grid-unprepared-for-a-catastrophic-power-outage-says-federal-infrastructure-panel/?x=33855u385813Bc&utm_campaign=121918_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

# Natural Resources

## **Federal Updates**

* [EO on Promoting Active Management of America’s Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/eo-promoting-active-management-americas-forests-rangelands-federal-lands-improve-conditions-reduce-wildfire-risk/)
* [U.S. President Trump signs 2018 Farm Bill](https://stateforesters.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06c384d90c91720901353e8bf&id=b3f2b75373&e=be712403a1)
* [Webinar: Unmanned Systems (UxS): Transforming How We Study and Manage the Marine Environment](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l4bARAavSjmiCV85_5_dgQ); Presenter: John McDonough of NOAA; Date/Time: Thursday, January 10, 1 pm US EST/10 am US PST/6 pm UTC Description: Unmanned Systems (UxS) are transforming how we study and manage the marine environment. This presentation will provide an overview of unmanned aerial systems, unmanned surface vehicles, unmanned underwater vehicles, buoyancy gliders, and remotely operated vehicles. Emphasis will be placed on their contributions to establishing and managing marine protected areas. Register: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l4bARAavSjmiCV85_5_dgQ>

**DOI**

* [Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Sonoyta Mud Turtle](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/12/06/2018-26388/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-designation-of-critical-habitat-for-sonoyta-mud-turtle)
* [Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 12-Month Findings on Petitions to List 13 Species as Endangered or Threatened Species](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/12/19/2018-27467/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-12-month-findings-on-petitions-to-list-13-species-as)
* Revised List of Migratory Birds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to revise the list of migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) by both adding and removing species ([83 FR 61288](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-11-28/html/2018-25634.htm)). Revisions include adding species based on new taxonomy and new evidence of natural occurrence in the U.S. or U.S. territories, removing species no longer known to occur within the U.S. or U.S. territories, and changing names to conform to accepted use. The net increase of 59 species (66 added and seven removed) would bring the total number of species protected by the MBTA to 1,085. See the Federal Register notice for the full list. Comments are due by 28 JAN 19.
* [Updated Plans for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Reflect Wishes of States, Governors](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/updated-plans-greater-sage-grouse-conservation-reflect-wishes-states-governors)
* [Reclamation Releases Colorado River Basin Ten Tribes Partnership Tribal Water Study](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=63923)
* BuRec provides funding opportunity for established watershed groups for on-the-ground watershed management projects. Reclamation anticipates awarding between six and 10 projects through this funding opportunity. To view the funding opportunity, please visit [grants.gov](http://grants.gov/) and search for opportunity number BOR-DO-18-F013. Applications are due on January 30, 2019. For more info: <https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/cwmp/>
* [USGS Identifies Largest Continuous Oil and Gas Resource Potential Ever Assessed](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjEzLjk5MDc0MzUxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxMy45OTA3NDM1MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzQyOTUyJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&117&&&https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/usgs-identifies-largest-continuous-oil-and-gas-resource-potential-ever-assessed)
* [BLM is Accepting Applications for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Area Subgroup](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjEzLjk5MDc0MzUxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxMy45OTA3NDM1MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzQyOTUyJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&111&&&https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-accepting-applications-imperial-sand-dunes-recreational-area-subgroup)
* [BLM Accepting Applications for Special Recreation Permit Subgroup of the California Desert Advisory Council](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjEzLjk5MDc0MzUxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxMy45OTA3NDM1MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzQyOTUyJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&110&&&https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-accepting-applications-special-recreation-permit-subgroup-california-desert)
* [BLM Bakersfield Releases Hydraulic Fracturing Environmental Analysis Scoping Report](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjEzLjk5MDc0MzUxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIxMy45OTA3NDM1MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzQyOTUyJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&109&&&https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-bakersfield-releases-hydraulic-fracturing-environmental-analysis-scoping-report)
* [BLM California Proposes Increased Flexibility and Access in Sage-Grouse Plans](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzI0ODQxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcyNDg0MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NjE0JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&102&&&https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-california-proposes-increased-flexibility-and-access-sage-grouse-plans-2)

**NOAA:** [November 2018 was cooler, wetter for U.S., as deadly wildfires torched California](https://www.noaa.gov/news/november-2018-was-cooler-wetter-for-us-as-deadly-wildfires-torched-california)

**EPA:**

* [EPA and Army Propose New "Waters of the United States" Definition](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-army-propose-new-waters-united-states-definition)
* EPA [published](http://trk.cp20.com/click/8rol-vp8pf-hllsn6-ovds274/) the final state implementation plan (SIP) Requirements Rule for implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. The rule is intended to assist states in developing implementation plans to meet the 2015 NAAQS for ozone, and requirements apply to states with nonattainment areas as well as states that comprise the Ozone Transport Region. The rule does not take final action on EPA’s proposed approach for revoking prior NAAQS for ozone, and the EPA plans to address any revocation of the 2008 NAAQS for ozone in a future rulemaking. Primary implementers of the NAAQS are states, as well as local agencies and tribes in some cases. They are responsible for submitting implementation plans that meet nonattainment planning requirements to EPA. The final rule goes into effect on February 4, 2019.
* [EPA Issues 'Conformity Guidance' in Air Quality Court Decision](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001E1elzIfbQ3_WFzqOZ8NGXlZ3l70yOXt6PjUzjoouj8bSAJ2h-WdU8KjGiFClfF-IsuhfT0IvOxnP6Yv7PhkvyfuB5RPJwVIDOwgIEpezKIBmiVk-cNZK98RYaDbkfwjxTbqbU2NOoYlMsQIBI_pbK4ykhK1Z2GPjf1ERx4osVrSD5SjhKiQPGKmyx8Ppl8y-R0MwrC_1EayCmxz99I8SWBrAkAZM7s5JEuRXo60rlyTbzMIw-kpCbIoxpECwk0Z6GhBca8IRmetcPaI18XLhdeYOtqCUIcVW&c=_06rTOSWQSy23skYs7HzAphNvN6jMDnBO9S-ZKj3ANsDCYlz_9iJmQ==&ch=0wtcvM5RamczP02JziWZ5aW7s_NdCuYrC7CdB1V7ec76_hkzAOJcaA==)

**USDA**

* [Secretary Perdue Names NRCS Chief](file:///\\wps\portal\nrcs\detail\national\newsroom\releases\%3fcid=NRCSEPRD1432017%20)
* [USDA Updates Wetland Determination Guidance to Increase Consistency, Timeliness](file:///\\wps\portal\nrcs\detail\national\newsroom\releases\%3fcid=NRCSEPRD1432631%20)
* [USDA, WGA Collaborative to Address Land Management Challenges](https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2018/12/12/usda-wga-collaborative-address-land-management-challenges)
* [Statement of Secretary Perdue on President Trump’s Signing of the Farm Bill](https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2018/12/20/statement-secretary-perdue-president-trumps-signing-farm-bill)
* [U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Reflects On Past Year’s Progress](https://www.fs.fed.us/news/releases/us-department-agriculture-forest-service-reflects-past-years-progress)
* [A Statement from Forest Service Chief on Executive Order Promoting Active Management](https://www.fs.fed.us/news/releases/statement-forest-service-chief-executive-order-promoting-active-management)
* [Perdue Applauds USDA’s 2018 Accomplishments](https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2018/12/21/perdue-applauds-usdas-2018-accomplishments)
* [Statement of Secretary Perdue on President Trump’s Forest Management Executive Order](https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2018/12/21/statement-secretary-perdue-president-trumps-forest-management)

## **State Updates**

* AZ: [Why I put $30 Million Toward Arizona's Drought Contingency Plan](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2018/12/why-i-put-30-million-toward-arizonas-drought-contingency-plan)
* CA: Bumble Bee. The California Fish and Game Commission [announced](http://services.statescape.com/ssu/Regs/ss_8586595542620821507.pdf#page=22) that it has received a [petition](http://services.statescape.com/ssu/Regs/ss_8586595542620821507.pdf#page=22) to list the Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin’s bumble bee (*Bombus franklini*), Suckley cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis occidentalis*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.
* NV: [Order Establishing Use of the Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan and Credit System](http://gov.nv.gov/News-and-Media/Executive-Orders/2018/2018-32-Order-Establishing-Use-of-the-Nevada-Greater-Sage-Grouse-Conservation-Plan-and-Credit-System/)

## **Regional Updates**

* The WSWC Spring (189th) Meeting will be held in Chandler, Arizona on March 20-22, 2019. For further information, please see: <http://www.westernstateswater.org/upcoming-meetings/>
* Unlocking the West’s Inaccessible Public Lands. More than [9.2 million acres of public lands](http://www.trcp.org/unlocking-public-lands/) in western states sit landlocked and can only be accessed with the permission of neighboring property owners, according to a study by the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) and Montana-based GPS mapping company onX.
* WAWF [Mid-Winter Meeting - Jan. 3-6, 2019](https://wafwa.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4b44750d42b4b11bae76c60b&id=8cdf3c2396&e=a357a905ae)
* NASF weighs in on 2018 Forestry Title, expresses disappointment in LSR language [[NASF Newsroom](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=c9e79516a0&e=e56d7a4004)
* Last month, the NWCC held the 12th biennial [Wind Wildlife Research Meeting](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=59e6ece7b8&e=e72b21abd3) at the InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel in Saint Paul, Minn., where an audience of more than 400 wind and wildlife researchers, regulators, conservationists, and industry experts gathered to share science and solutions for making wind energy safer for wildlife.  [Read more](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=7355f6899a&e=e72b21abd3)

WGA:

* [Western Governors, U.S. Department of Agriculture sign MOU to address land management collaboratively](http://westgov.org/news/western-governors-u.s.-department-of-agriculture-agree-to-collaboratively-address-land-management-challenges)
* [WGA launches Task Force on Collaborative Conservation to lead proactive work in the West](http://westgov.org/news/wga-launches-task-force-on-collaborative-conservation-to-lead-proactive-work-in-the-west)

# Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation

## **Military Readiness**

**DoD Update**

* [Text of a Memorandum from the President to the Secretary of Defense Regarding the Establishment of the United States Space Command](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/text-memorandum-president-secretary-defense-regarding-establishment-united-states-space-command/)
* [‘Fix-it’ man Shanahan working to streamline defense spending](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15523432.67981/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1pbGl0YXJ5LzIwMTgvMTIvMjQvZml4LWl0LW1hbi1zaGFuYWhhbi13b3JraW5nLXRvLXN0cmVhbWxpbmUtZGVmZW5zZS1zcGVuZGluZy8/57588738498e574579743a61Bdba79d59)
* [How the new acting Pentagon chief views cybersecurity](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15523432.67981/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmlmdGhkb21haW4uY29tL2RvZC8yMDE4LzEyLzI0L2hvdy10aGUtbmV3LWFjdGluZy1wZW50YWdvbi1jaGllZi12aWV3cy1jeWJlcnNlY3VyaXR5Lw/57588738498e574579743a61B7fcb8e49)
* [Trump fires Mattis early, Shanahan to take over Jan. 1](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15506841.66476/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy9wZW50YWdvbi1jb25ncmVzcy8yMDE4LzEyLzIzL3RydW1wLWZpcmVzLW1hdHRpcy1lYXJseS1zaGFuYWhhbi10by10YWtlLW92ZXItamFuLTEv/57588738498e574579743a61B34ec843b)
* Strengthening Military Capabilities Through Energy Resilience Partnerships. The Association of Defense Communities released a [report](https://www.defensecommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Beyond-The-Fence-Line.pdf) on DoD actions to leverage partnerships to improve DOD installation energy security and resilience.
* Operational Range Assessments. In November, DOD reissued [Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 4715.14, Operational Range Assessments](https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/471514p.pdf?ver=2018-11-15-112409-813). DODI 4715.14 establishes policy, assigns responsibility, and prescribes procedures to assess the potential human health and environmental impacts to off-range receptors from the use of military munitions on operational ranges in the U.S. It augments the guidance in [Department of Defense Directive 3200.15](https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodd/320015p.pdf) and the Defense Planning/Program Guidance to sustain the use and management of operational ranges.
* DoD Natural Resources Program Newsletter - [Winter 2019-Management Tools and Strategies](https://www.denix.osd.mil/nr/resources/program-information/newsletters1/newsletter/2019/winter-2019-natural-selections-newsletter/). This issue highlights management tools and strategies that DoD Natural Resources Managers use to enhance mission flexibility and conserve natural resources on DoD lands. The newsletter recognizes the innovative research, partnerships, and methods that directly support military readiness activities and protect the unique resources found on DoD lands.
* [Read Defense Secretary Mattis’ resignation letter](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15483525.67996/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy9wZW50YWdvbi1jb25ncmVzcy8yMDE4LzEyLzIwL3JlYWQtZGVmZW5zZS1zZWNyZXRhcnktbWF0dGlzLXJlc2lnbmF0aW9uLWxldHRlci8/57588738498e574579743a61B9ec6b7c2)
* [DOD to Propose Placing Space Force under Air Force](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=8c67676066&e=822f95e226)
* The Department of Defense’s Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) is seeking environmental research and development proposals for funding beginning in FY 2020. All Core Solicitation pre-proposals are due by January 8, 2019, and SEED Solicitation proposals are due by March 5, 2019. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.serdp-estcp.org/Funding-Opportunities/SERDP-Solicitations>
* [US deputy defense secretary: A look at missiles, space and cyber in next year’s national strategy](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15375668.70768/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL291dGxvb2svMjAxOC8xMi8xMC91cy1kZXB1dHktZGVmZW5zZS1zZWNyZXRhcnktYS1sb29rLWF0LW1pc3NpbGVzLXNwYWNlLWFuZC1jeWJlci1pbi1uZXh0LXllYXJzLW5hdGlvbmFsLXN0cmF0ZWd5Lw/57588738498e574579743a61B4a98bc22)
* [On Capitol Hill: Democrats Warn Pentagon against Using Milcon Funds for Border Wall along Bombing Range; Smith Set to Lead House Armed Services](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=0732a72089&e=822f95e226)
* [The Changing Race to Space](https://link.defenseone.com/click/15448181.104556/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vYXNzZXRzL2NoYW5naW5nLXJhY2Utc3BhY2UvcG9ydGFsLz9vcmVmPWQxLWRpZ2VzdA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Cca8734c3)
* [Military Times' best books of 2018: 10 can’t-miss military reads](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15411798.67978/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vb2ZmLWR1dHkvbWlsaXRhcnktY3VsdHVyZS8yMDE4LzEyLzEzL21pbGl0YXJ5LXRpbWVzLWJlc3QtYm9va3Mtb2YtMjAxOC0xMC1jYW50LW1pc3MtbWlsaXRhcnktcmVhZHMv/57588738498e574579743a61Bf39d2c77)
* [Modernization top priority in FY20 budget, Pentagon’s No. 2 official says](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15434730.71223/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2NvbmdyZXNzL2J1ZGdldC8yMDE4LzEyLzE0L21vZGVybml6YXRpb24tdG9wLXByaW9yaXR5LWluLWZ5MjAtYnVkZ2V0LXBlbnRhZ29ucy1uby0yLW9mZmljaWFsLXNheXMv/57588738498e574579743a61Bddb79c2e)
* [Modernization to Outweigh Growing the Force in FY’20 Budget Request, Shanahan Says](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=a4542a94b8&e=822f95e226)
* [Trump plans to create unified US Space Command](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15445186.78912/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1pbGl0YXJ5LzIwMTgvMTIvMTcvdHJ1bXAtcGxhbnMtdG8tY3JlYXRlLXVuaWZpZWQtdXMtc3BhY2UtY29tbWFuZC8/57588738498e574579743a61B70321af3)
* [DoD gets request for 4,000 troops to stay on Mexico border through Jan. 31](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15290438.67467/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1pbGl0YXJ5LzIwMTgvMTEvMzAvZG9kLTQwMDAtdHJvb3BzLXJlcXVlc3RlZC10by1zdGF5LW9uLWJvcmRlci10aHJvdWdoLWphbi0zMS8/57588738498e574579743a61Bb6f648af)

**REPI**

* The 2019 REPI Challenge Request for Pre-Proposals and the downloadable PDF pre-proposal form are now available through the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities website: [<http://www.usendowment.org/rfps/repi.html>].The 2019 REPI Challenge seeks to leverage public and private funds that enhance installations and ranges that host key capabilities identified in the National Defense Strategy. The 2019 REPI Challenge is open to all eligible partners at DoD installations and will award up to $15 million in funds by July 2019. All REPI Challenge pre-proposals will be coordinated with the Military Services and are due by 8 p.m. EST, January 25, 2019. Pre-proposals that are approved will then be invited to submit full proposals. Applicants will be notified of their pre-proposal status by no later than Friday, February 22, 2019.

Competitive proposals will demonstrate actions that improve military readiness and build a more lethal joint force by protecting assets that support one or more of the following capabilities:

* + Fifth-generation aircraft training and development (e.g., F-35 mission sustainment)
  + Space and cyberspace as warfighting domains
  + Intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (e.g., view angles of satellite terminals, effects on radar and sensing equipment)
  + Missile defense
  + Forward force maneuver and posture resilience (e.g., smaller, dispersed, resilient, adaptive basing that include active and passive defenses)
  + Advanced autonomous systems (e.g., testing of deployment of unmanned aerial and underwater vehicles)
  + Marine Air-Ground Task Forces, Amphibious Ready Groups, Marine Expeditionary Units, and Special Operations

Proposals will also be evaluated based on the following traditional REPI Challenge criteria:

* + Protect large parcels of land in priority areas already targeted by DoD installations in a manner that benefits the mission of the installation by protecting, sustaining, enhancing, or facilitating optimum range and installation operations.
  + Attract at least a 1:1 match, with preference given to higher ratios, to include other federal, state, local, or private funds, in-kind contributions, bargain sales, technical assistance, land management and restoration activities, outreach and engagement, planning, etc.
  + Attract multiple and diverse partners who bring financial support and an increased constituency for REPI, including federal and state resources and assistance programs.
  + Coordinate with multiple levels of government to foster effective delivery of local, state, and federal initiatives or programs focused on maintaining compatible land use, land or habitat management or conservation, sustainable management of working lands, or other such interests.
  + Model promising strategies to finance conservation, including market-based incentives, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revolving funds, and partnerships with private investors and landowners that could be extended to other locations.
  + Leverage land protection or conservation programs managed by the Departments of Agriculture (primarily NRCS and USFS) and the Interior (primarily USFWS) to achieve large-scale land protection with significant conservation and working lands benefits to support the goals and objectives of the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership.

Additional information on the REPI Challenge, including descriptions of past Challenge projects, is available on the REPI website: [<https://www.repi.mil/Buffer-Projects/REPI-Challenge/>].

**USAF**

* [Luke AFB stands up new F-35A lightning II fighter squadron](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1703703/luke-afb-stands-up-new-f-35a-lightning-ii-fighter-squadron/)
* [How the Air Force got smarter about its aviation fuel use in 2018](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1711969/how-the-air-force-got-smarter-about-its-aviation-fuel-use-in-2018/)
* [Four big questions for the Air Force in 2019](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15545325.67580/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2Fpci8yMDE4LzEyLzI3L2ZvdXItYmlnLXF1ZXN0aW9ucy1mb3ItdGhlLWFpci1mb3JjZS1pbi0yMDE5Lw/57588738498e574579743a61Bf88cd79d)
* [In Other News: Plans Begin to Take Shape for EUL Project at Kirtland AFB](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=5c93acbafa&e=822f95e226)
* How Much It Will Cost to Replace Every Air Force Plane? About an average of $15 billion per year in the 2020s and $23 billion per year in the 2030s, according to a [new report](https://link.govexec.com/click/15461525.25066/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY2JvLmdvdi9zeXN0ZW0vZmlsZXM_ZmlsZT0yMDE4LTEyLzU0NjU3LUFpckZvcmNlQXZpYXRpb25GdW5kaW5nLnBkZg/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B728626d5) from the Congressional Budget Office…
* [US Air Force chief of staff: Our military must harness the potential of multidomain operations](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15375668.70768/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL291dGxvb2svMjAxOC8xMi8xMC91cy1haXItZm9yY2UtY2hpZWYtb2Ytc3RhZmYtb3VyLW1pbGl0YXJ5LW11c3QtaGFybmVzcy10aGUtcG90ZW50aWFsLW9mLW11bHRpZG9tYWluLW9wZXJhdGlvbnMv/57588738498e574579743a61Bd40c3008)
* [Luke Air Force Base Feels Effects of Pilot Shortage](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=da24ef8f6c&e=6edabe5e85)
* [3rd fighter squadron at Hill AFB begins to receive F-35As](https://link.airforcetimes.com/click/15434730.71223/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2V0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLWFpci1mb3JjZS8yMDE4LzEyLzE2LzNyZC1maWdodGVyLXNxdWFkcm9uLWF0LWhpbGwtYWZiLWJlZ2lucy10by1yZWNlaXZlLWYtMzVhcy8/57588738498e574579743a61Bd6b3c763)
* [Budget watchdog warns this fighter could cost three times that of the F-35](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15434730.71223/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2Fpci8yMDE4LzEyLzE0L2J1ZGdldC13YXRjaGRvZ3Mtd2Fybi1vZi1leHBlbnNpdmUtcHJpY2UtdGFnLWZvci1uZXh0LWFpci1mb3JjZS1maWdodGVyLw/57588738498e574579743a61B882f8cd9)
* [Air Force maintainers brace to meet Mattis' 80-percent readiness order](https://link.airforcetimes.com/click/15457511.70372/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2V0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLWFpci1mb3JjZS8yMDE4LzEyLzE5L2Fpci1mb3JjZS1tYWludGFpbmVycy1icmFjZS10by1tZWV0LW1hdHRpcy04MC1wZXJjZW50LXJlYWRpbmVzcy1vcmRlci8/57588738498e574579743a61B20aec035)
* [Air Force cited for groundwater contamination at base in New Mexico](https://link.airforcetimes.com/click/15325367.69958/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2V0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLWFpci1mb3JjZS8yMDE4LzEyLzA1L2Fpci1mb3JjZS1jaXRlZC1mb3ItZ3JvdW5kd2F0ZXItY29udGFtaW5hdGlvbi1hdC1iYXNlLWluLW5ldy1tZXhpY28v/57588738498e574579743a61B68f7d7e4)
* [The U.S. Air Force Has a New War Plan](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15302520.67469/aHR0cHM6Ly93YXJpc2JvcmluZy5jb20vdGhlLXUtcy1haXItZm9yY2UtaGFzLWEtbmV3LXdhci1wbGFuLw/57588738498e574579743a61B5781a9ee)

**Army**

* [WSMR Executive Director named at Honors and Retirement ceremony](https://www.wsmr.army.mil/ranger/Pages/Executive-Director-named-at-Honors-and-Retirement-ceremony.aspx)
* [New in 2019: The Army’s got a big end strength gap to fill this year](https://link.armytimes.com/click/15583251.73055/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYXJteXRpbWVzLmNvbS9uZXdzL3lvdXItYXJteS8yMDE4LzEyLzMxL25ldy1pbi0yMDE5LXRoZS1hcm15cy1nb3QtYS1iaWctZW5kLXN0cmVuZ3RoLWdhcC10by1maWxsLXRoaXMteWVhci8/57588738498e574579743a61Baf9e64e4)
* [The U.S. Army's pivot to energy and water resilience](https://www.army.mil/article/212756/the_us_armys_pivot_to_energy_and_water_resilience)
* [Secretary of the Army visits YPG](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=d391f1baea&e=6edabe5e85)
* [The Future of the Army](https://link.defenseone.com/click/15448181.104556/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vYXNzZXRzL2Z1dHVyZS1hcm15LTIwMTgvcG9ydGFsLz9vcmVmPWQxLWRpZ2VzdA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13C372a39a6)

**Navy**

* [Officials Detail Steps to Improve Navy, Marine Corps Readiness](http://dod.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1711481/officials-detail-steps-to-improve-navy-marine-corps-readiness/)
* [The 19 things you need to watch in 2019](https://link.navytimes.com/click/15583251.73055/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmF2eXRpbWVzLmNvbS9uZXdzL3lvdXItbmF2eS8yMDE4LzEyLzMxL3RoZS0xOS10aGluZ3MteW91LW5lZWQtdG8td2F0Y2gtaW4tMjAxOS8/57588738498e574579743a61Bb11a5ab0)
* [The US Navy’s surface fleet: Here’s what’s ahead in 2019](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15533113.71101/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL25hdmFsLzIwMTgvMTIvMjYvdGhlLXVzLW5hdnlzLXN1cmZhY2UtZmxlZXQtaGVyZXMtd2hhdHMtYWhlYWQtaW4tMjAxOS8/57588738498e574579743a61Bcd04bbed)
* Navy Fallon Modernization Draft EIS: Comment Period Extended and New Files Available. The U.S. Navy has extended the public review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public comments may now be submitted through **Feb. 14, 2019**. The Navy has posted the [comment period extension notices](https://frtcmodernization.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a15c167b01e85293585c92bce&id=9902265198&e=47cd0ca8fe) to the project website. Additionally, per public request, the Navy has posted [Keyhole Markup Language (KML) files](https://frtcmodernization.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a15c167b01e85293585c92bce&id=bb1c08e147&e=47cd0ca8fe), which are location files used to display geographic data in an Earth browser, such as Google Earth, to the project website. The Navy prepared a [Draft EIS](https://frtcmodernization.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a15c167b01e85293585c92bce&id=7640a3282c&e=47cd0ca8fe) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The Draft EIS was released for public review and comment on Nov. 16, 2018.  
  The Navy’s [proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges](https://frtcmodernization.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a15c167b01e85293585c92bce&id=3a816da89d&e=47cd0ca8fe) would include:
  + Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
  + Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
  + Airspace expansion and modifications
  + Upgrades to range infrastructure
  + Proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

Additional information is available at [www.FRTCModernization.com](https://frtcmodernization.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a15c167b01e85293585c92bce&id=890a1c9eee&e=47cd0ca8fe).

* [Conservationists Spearhead Opposition to Navy Bombing Range Expansion](https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2018/12/08/conservationists-spearhead-opposition-to-navy-bombing-range-expansion/)
* [Three attack subs ‘not certified to dive’; Navy F-35s at 15 percent readiness](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/15398305.75445/aHR0cHM6Ly9icmVha2luZ2RlZmVuc2UuY29tLzIwMTgvMTIvdGhyZWUtYXR0YWNrLXN1YnMtbm90LWNlcnRpZmllZC10by1kaXZlLW5hdnktZi0zNXMtYXQtMTUtcGVyY2VudC1yZWFkaW5lc3Mv/57588738498e574579743a61Bd0c9d15f)
* [Future of the Navy](https://link.defenseone.com/click/15448181.104556/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vYXNzZXRzL2Z1dHVyZS1uYXZ5L3BvcnRhbC8_b3JlZj1kMS1pbnRlcm5hbA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13C4cb45a5a)
* [GAO Chronicles Deficiencies in Navy, Marine Corps Readiness](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=34e76e769f&e=822f95e226)
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