Western Regional Partnership

**February 2019 Updates**

WRP sends out monthly updates on agency efforts relevant to the WRP Mission. This includes publicly available information from WRP Partners and agency news releases, etc. to assist to create greater awareness of current WRP Partner actions. If you have any updates you would like to share, please email that information to [amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org).

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# WRP Updates

* **Upcoming WRP Activities** (please contact amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org for more information):
  + March 14 from 10 am to 11 am Pacific: WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group Call
  + March 20: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons
  + March 22 from 10-11 am Pacific: WRP Energy Committee Webinar on DoD Energy (Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse and DoD Energy Resilience)
  + April 9th from 8 -10 am Pacific: WRP Natural Resources Committee webinar on SWAPs/State perspectives on species management.
  + April 25th from 10:30 to 12:30 noon Pacific: WRP MRHSDP&A Webinar on DoD State/Regional Organizations/Forums in the WRP Region
  + May 15th from 11 am – 1 pm Pacific: 2019 Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness Trends and Updates (Cybersecurity by DHS; FEMA Lifelines by FEMA; and wildland fire outlook/predictability by NICC/NIFC)
  + May 17th from 12:30 to 2:30 Pacific: WRP Energy Committee webinar on Regional Trends and Updates (By WECC, WAPA, WIEB, California ISO (on EIM), and NASEO)
  + June 19 in Denver: Meeting of the WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group
  + June 20 in Denver: Meeting of the WRP Steering Committee, Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons
  + August 20: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons
  + October 18: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons
  + November 19-20: WRP Principals’ Meeting in San Diego, CA

# Energy

## **Federal Updates**

**DOI Update**

* [BLM seeks comments on proposed parcels for June 2019 oil and gas lease sale](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-comments-proposed-parcels-june-2019-oil-and-gas-lease-sale)
* [Energy Revolution Unleashed: Interior Shatters Previous Records with $1.1 Billion in 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sales](https://www.doi.gov/news/energy-revolution-unleashed-interior-shatters-previous-records-11-billion-2018-oil-and-gas)
* [The War on Coal is Over: Interior Announces Historic Coal Projects in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/war-coal-over-interior-announces-historic-coal-projects-utah)
* BLM, USFS, and DOE have released [Regions 4, 5, and 6 draft corridor abstracts](http://corridoreis.anl.gov/regional-reviews/regions-4-5-6/), available on the Regions 4, 5, and 6 Regional Review page of the West-wide Energy Corridor website, and are requesting input through April 8, 2019. Regions 4, 5 and 6 Webinar on February 27, at 11 am – 12:30 pm MST. Please register ASAP: <https://anl.adobeconnect.com/corridors_feb27/event/registration.html> Call-in Number: 1-888-850-4523; Passcode: 242705# Webinar Agenda: Introductory remarks; Energy corridor regional review process overview; Mapper overview; Abstract overview; Questions and Closing remarks

If you experience any difficulties registering for this event, please contact Laura Fox at [lfox@anl.gov](mailto:lfox@anl.gov). If you have questions or need more information, visit the West-wide Energy Corridor Information Center at <http://corridoreis.anl.gov> or contact the West-wide Energy Corridor project team at [Corridors@anl.gov](mailto:Corridors@anl.gov)

* [BLM state offices resume lease sale preparations after shutdown](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.ogj.com/articles/2019/02/blm-state-offices-resume-lease-sale-preparations-after-shutdown.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTM4MDMyNTc0ODc1MDQyMzAwOTMyGjg3NWVhYjU3NDdjNzdmOTc6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGslflofPRX-PxSfvaP-LTRhdWdww)
* [United States set to become a net-energy exporter by 2020 for first time in 67 years](http://www.euci.com/united-states-set-to-become-a-net-energy-exporter-by-2020-for-first-time-in-67-years/?x=34674f385813Bc&utm_campaign=020619_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Energy Revolution Unleashed: Interior Shatters Previous Records with $1.1 Billion in 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sales](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjA3LjEyOTU5OTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjA3LjEyOTU5OTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM2NDYwMCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&122&&&https://www.doi.gov/news/energy-revolution-unleashed-interior-shatters-previous-records-11-billion-2018-oil-and-gas)

**DOE Update**

* [DOE, FERC Announce Technical Conference on Energy Infrastructure Security Practices](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-ferc-announce-technical-conference-energy-infrastructure-security-practices)
* [Daniel Simmons Ceremonially Sworn In as DOE Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy](https://www.energy.gov/articles/daniel-simmons-ceremonially-sworn-doe-assistant-secretary-energy-efficiency-and-renewable)
* [DOE Applauds FERC for New LNG Facility Authorization and Procedures](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-applauds-ferc-new-lng-facility-authorization-and-procedures)
* WINDExchange Publishes New Offshore Wind Slideshow.As part of its series of wind information slideshows, WINDExchange published [*Block Island and Beyond: Offshore Wind Energy in the United States*](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTM1MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTM1MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xODA2NDc0NCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&105&&&https://windexchange.energy.gov/slideshows).
* NREL Industry Growth Forum Announces 2019 Presenting Start-Ups. For more information, including the agenda, a list of participating companies, a list of sponsors, and registration details, see the [NREL Industry Growth Forum website](https://nrel.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfb46c07f566f9a82b5fa0488&id=c3afb64eeb&e=0351f58cce)
* [Global oil production keeps rising in 2019 while demand stays flat, IEA says](http://www.euci.com/global-oil-production-keeps-rising-in-2019-while-demand-stays-flat-iea-says/?x=34932e385813Bc&utm_campaign=022019_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energiz)
* [Concentrating Solar Power’s Role Could Grow if 2030 Cost Targets Realized](https://nrel.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfb46c07f566f9a82b5fa0488&id=73b8bd83b7&e=0351f58cce)

**EPA**

* [EPA Releases 2018 Power Plant Emissions Demonstrating Continued Progress](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-2018-power-plant-emissions-demonstrating-continued-progress)

## **State Updates**

CA:

* [California On Track With 2020 Renewable Energy Goal](http://calenergycommission.blogspot.com/2019/02/california-surpasses-2020-renewable.html)
* California Energy Commission approved the [2018 Integrated Energy Policy Report](https://www.energy.ca.gov/2018_energypolicy/documents/)
* [CEC Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller farewell statement](https://www.energy.ca.gov/releases/2019_releases/2019-02-06_Weisenmiller_resignation_nr.pdf)
* [California Warms Up to Solar Homes. Other States Could Give Them a Cold Shoulder.](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=4b8fb17f930b9a0a411cd663edb595a342f0229dfa22bd912cd995a02b6f3864f84683aa54421e6ac7b2239fbe8caccda086c240119b4131)

CO:

* [Colorado lawmakers prepare overhaul of oil and gas drilling rules](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=03faf476f6bb8cf61c2c409e0f92e7c37ad38b72f0bfef15bc86632708ed6869cff1d6eed2578406041c3c673d10635c4888b53c5409ade3)
* [Colorado PUC ruling sets stage for rural electric cooperative to leave Tri-State G&T](http://www.euci.com/colorado-puc-ruling-sets-stage-for-rural-electric-cooperative-to-leave-tri-state-gt/?x=34932e385813Bc&utm_campaign=022019_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

NM:

* [Gov. Lujan Grisham, Senator Stewart announce introduction of Solar Tax Credit legislation](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2019/02/12/gov-lujan-grisham-senator-stewart-announce-introduction-of-solar-tax-credit-legislation/)
* [Governor Lujan Grisham; Sens. Candelaria, Stewart; Rep. Small announce transformative energy legislation](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2019/02/07/governor-lujan-grisham-sens-candelaria-stewart-rep-small-announce-transformative-energy-legislation/)
* [Governor Lujan Grisham, Representative Nathan Small announce Renewable Portfolio Standard legislation](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2019/02/01/governor-lujan-grisham-representative-nathan-small-announce-renewable-portfolio-standard-legislation/)

NV:

* [Governor Sisolak Requests Meeting with President Trump to Discuss Plutonium Shipment, Yucca Mountain](http://gov.nv.gov/News/Press/2019/Governor_Sisolak_Requests_Meeting_with_President_Trump_to_Discuss_Plutonium_Shipment,_Yucca_Mountain/)
* [Governor Sisolak Sends Letter to U.S. Dept. Of Energy Demanding Answers on Plutonium Shipment](http://gov.nv.gov/News/Press/2019/Governor_Sisolak_Sends_Letter_to_U_S__Dept__Of_Energy_Demanding_Answers_on_Plutonium_Shipment/)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Council to conduct town halls regarding potential acquisition of Navajo Generating Station by Navajo Transitional Energy Company](http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/pressReleases/2019/FEB/Council_to_conduct_town_halls_regarding_potential_NGS_acquisition_by_NTEC.pdf)
* DOI Energy and Mineral Development Program: Apply by March 15. DOI is soliciting grant proposals from federally recognized Indian tribes with Indian land and Tribal Resource Development Organizations for projects that assess, evaluate, or otherwise promote the processing, use, or development of energy and mineral resources on Indian lands. Grants are funded under discretionary, non-recurring appropriations by Congress. Proposed projects must include resource inventories and assessments, feasibility studies, or other pre-construction studies that are necessary to promote the use and development of energy and mineral resources on Indian land. [Learn more and apply.](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xODA2MDcxMSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&106&&&https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ieed/division-energy-and-mineral-development/tribal-toolbox/tribal-funding)
* DOE Announces Intent to Issue New Funding Opportunity for Tribal Energy Infrastructure Development. Through this planned FOA, the Office of Indian Energy will continue its efforts to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives and help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions. This planned funding will help Native American and Alaska Native communities harness their vast energy resources to reduce or stabilize energy costs, as well as increase energy security and resilience. See the Office of Indian Energy [website](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xODA2MDcxMSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&103&&&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)](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xODA2MDcxMSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&104&&&https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#FoaId0ca7096c-6685-48e4-a080-ed4d35de836a)

## **Regional**

* [Arizona Public Service to add 850 MW of battery storage and 100 MW of solar](http://www.euci.com/arizona-public-service-to-add-850-mw-of-battery-storage-and-100-mw-of-solar/?x=35151o385813Bc&utm_campaign=022719_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Renewables will provide 50 percent of electricity generation by 2035, McKinsey says](http://www.euci.com/renewables-will-provide-50-percent-of-electricity-generation-by-2035-mckinsey-says/?x=35151o385813Bc&utm_campaign=022719_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [The States That Gained and Lost The Most Solar Energy Jobs Last Year](https://link.routefifty.com/click/16077062.28123/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGVmaWZ0eS5jb20vaW5mcmFzdHJ1Y3R1cmUvMjAxOS8wMi9zb2xhci1pbmR1c3RyeS1qb2JzLWVuZXJneS8xNTUwNDIvP29yZWY9Z292ZXhlY190b2RheV9ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B4750696b)
* [Solar jobs fell for the second year in a row on uncertainties over federal and state policies](http://www.euci.com/solar-jobs-fell-for-the-second-year-in-a-row-on-uncertainties-over-federal-and-state-policies/?x=34932e385813Bc&utm_campaign=022019_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Wind power installations have a big 2018 fourth quarter, powered by corporate power purchases](http://www.euci.com/wind-power-installations-have-a-big-2018-fourth-quarter-powered-by-corporate-power-purchases/?x=34932e385813Bc&utm_campaign=022019_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Crank Up the A/C, Crank Up the Cost: States Consider ‘Surge Pricing’ for Power](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=215fec9a9dc9d4a006a0d0c07fe36b9bbdf429cb51a38db1661ec322825236722d125d82dbf5938477c6b1bdf76e4ee98c2b053258a20941)
* [Concentrating solar could play a bigger role in electricity generation if costs are pared](http://www.euci.com/concentrating-solar-could-play-a-bigger-role-in-electricity-generation-if-costs-are-pared/?x=34794d385813Bc&utm_campaign=021319_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Southern California Edison Files 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Plan](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=34794d385813Bc&utm_campaign=021319_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20190206005803/en/Southern-California-Edison-Files-2019-Wildfire-Mitigation)

WGA:

* WGA shared Western Governors' policy on [cybersecurity](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0010Fg81YNcNvI8m5ITrIKK5UbN2FurWFttmgn6Wy3CgTiCjyENAHXjTzvC3TQSIk2o_440qNoPGeteC6DibX85fMJsaCE-LfdQCBYOq-0BKVlx2IvPlhofggCRVRSEkCAFB1UOUx9a3TOgzZsKbMNSsU_UqSRUlF9JctCv6X_HLFCJpdg8n5uh_0ND9iOWuJpgmpjgcrS1Z6EILnrEXWcH_6V9PZM2R8kamFIH6fW_e5ivEv3ExRoyGNY6WaFZxOvuuQXPKXM0tMYeRBbMwmdIsyjglk0b_no3mhIKkdkHq17RIan9fOLCVg==&c=G01akK2l_9XvWJ4ierg706WIfa5yn2O2bm1JP-YLrj-iQJpvpnHCmA==&ch=vOj10qCRyXyUdGJkVEGtCW8nRf4soCYNqiJchjEFYqLH1MiDA6vdKg==) in advance of the Senate hearing "Status and Outlook for Cybersecurity Efforts in the Energy Industry."

# Natural Resources

## **Federal Updates**

* Superfund: [EPA Should Improve the Reliability of Data on National Priorities List Sites Affecting Indian Tribes](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNTg0NTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNTg0NTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzQ0MTIwMyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&102&&&https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-123?utm_campaign=usgao_email&utm_content=topic_naturalresources&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) GAO-19-123, January 23
* [Federal government suspends permit for large Arizona development near San Pedro River](https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2019/02/22/federal-government-suspends-permit-large-arizona-development/2944033002/)
* [Successes in Stewardship Newsletter: January 2019](https://odlinks.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTMzMDg5Mzg0MiZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELU9ETS0zMzA4OTM4NDImZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPTM4MTI2NDgwMiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&143&&&http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/178760.aspx)

**DOI:**

* [Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 26 Draft Recovery Plan Amendments for 42 Species Across the United States](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/05/C1-2019-00436/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-26-draft-recovery-plan-amendments-for-42-species)
* [Invasive Species: Finding solutions to stop their spread](https://www.doi.gov/blog/invasive-species-finding-solutions-stop-their-spread)
* [BLM seeks public comments on Areas of Critical Environmental Concern in southwest Colorado](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-public-comments-areas-critical-environmental-concern-southwest-colorado)
* [BLM releases proposed plan for Upper Colorado River](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-releases-proposed-plan-upper-colorado-river)
* [Invasive Species: Finding Solutions to Stop Their Spread](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDc2NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&122&&&https://www.doi.gov/blog/invasive-species-finding-solutions-stop-their-spread)
* [BLM Announces Leadership Changes in DC, Alaska, and Idaho](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDc2NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&121&&&https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-announces-leadership-teams-dc-alaska-and-idaho)
* [Survey Finds 18 Million Trees Died in California in 2018](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDc2NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&107&&&https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/catreemortality/toolkit/?cid=FSEPRD609121)
* [Bureau of Land Management Puts Together Plan to Reduce State's Wildfire Risk](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDc2NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&106&&&https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/Bureau-of-Land-Management-puts-together-plan--506114281.html)
* [BLM Taking Steps to Reduce Wildfire Risks by Removing Dead, Dying Trees](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDc2NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&103&&&https://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/2019/02/18/blm-taking-steps-to-reduce-wildfire-risks-by-removing-dead-dying-trees/)
* [Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and Other Federal Lands To Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDc2NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&102&&&https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/01/07/2019-00014/promoting-active-management-of-americas-forests-rangelands-and-other-federal-lands-to-improve)
* [BLM Taking Proactive Approach to Reduce Wildfire Risks in California](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI4LjI0NTU4MzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDc2NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&101&&&https://www.facebook.com/notes/bureau-of-land-management-california/blm-taking-proactive-approach-to-reduce-wildfire-risks-in-california/2344251988932795/)
* [BLM Seeks Comments on 2019 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Proposals](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjIxLjIxMDgxODEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjIxLjIxMDgxODEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3MTgxNCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&115&&&https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-comments-2019-highway-vehicle-recreation-proposals)

**EPA**: [EPA Announces Development of Water Reuse Action Plan](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-development-water-reuse-action-plan)

**USDA:** [USDA to Host 2018 Farm Bill Implementation Listening Session](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjEyLjE1NDA4OTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjEyLjE1NDA4OTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzU4NzU2NyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QGR1ZmZ5Y29uc3VsdGluZy5uZXQmdXNlcmlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QGR1ZmZ5Y29uc3VsdGluZy5uZXQmZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&101&&&https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1443416)

## **State Updates**

AZ:

* [Governor Ducey Joins Elected Officials And Water Leaders In Yuma For A Ceremonial Signing Of The Drought Contingency Plan](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/02/governor-ducey-joins-elected-officials-and-water-leaders-yuma-ceremonial)
* AZGFD offers support for declining Western monarch butterfly populations. The department recently helped to complete the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan, which was recently adopted by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, of which AZGFD is a member. The new plan establishes population size and habitat conservation goals, strategies and actions for the monarch butterflies that overwinter along the California coast and range primarily across California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah. [Read the Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan](http://email.robly.com/wf/click?upn=gnpZbt3IUEoS7-2BNY3DSAVWnpNAt65GpWmzimIth85daVeRJE-2FfTFDxnr1eas1Tr7fxfYgU5DnOaCdzXF0ZgEGgG-2BD-2BwalwJxpRrc8dQNfNLkl59hl39uv62il8LW28kJI5Q1ivE-2B7SEmSkT6ZEewWyxCWmfPkpz0606D-2B0Qkg74EAHXxI9DHTarwsxebABHLxeaC5wxyQNgwkQfkOLctgJ0r87gQFy2KA4b9TKA0NUo-3D_5PjEt93WmttSKmNUTGB3Jh4CYMM1aa0ogK-2Fb8lNxv9Shb4DSFWb98OiCbiuB-2BulhlMPolu4vX18VbPg5HvXgoxYDw5aD8TYcuNR05SSVWP3bkBpct5POxoaH5OEYHvAtsiTzJuMbrM-2FMsl-2Fm5LJgKrxIbFzW9VpZ8PKhbfSn5HjtXd7COGnPiooOPwTkzDnGABzJ4aH05v0hPWLM7qxPyZUkU1CRZWSAKNWI8xt-2FlAtI7OPEchXLbY0IjvQvowstB4Regfdp-2FfRR6YAD4jq-2BQgqNb1mVtx-2Bb8I7hH21sft9rQt1xQzCAT8F9BwQAKYqMw7-2F1k0ujTDjkwFpS7YUaIuoRnZGmLnhT6QqoAhwx3HiIy5S6JFRi5h5-2FfR0OaYP9zxR1mx2QrwCDwiojn4wjivdcK3kW3Nv4Js8dKuaxAjkqd78-2FW4dgNiRubeVqR9hmV0TJALvZ6tsLzhmLsCoqsQ-3D-3D)
* [Arizona Senate confirms Gov. Ducey's nomination of James E. Goughnour to Arizona Game and Fish Commission](http://email.robly.com/wf/click?upn=gnpZbt3IUEoS7-2BNY3DSAVcKrCUHkTBGe7H3kWWES3XhCegFinnudfX8xkD8t0s4uCeD4Ie1uoHnDYCdBepO4wNEkQRQZJDSXFmIN2XeKn8FK-2BV176N4BOMX-2FtCw4YS8qdrjASeX2kbv80ZvHZ8I2vA-3D-3D_5PjEt93WmttSKmNUTGB3Jh4CYMM1aa0ogK-2Fb8lNxv9Shb4DSFWb98OiCbiuB-2BulhlMPolu4vX18VbPg5HvXgoxYDw5aD8TYcuNR05SSVWP3bkBpct5POxoaH5OEYHvAtsiTzJuMbrM-2FMsl-2Fm5LJgKrxIbFzW9VpZ8PKhbfSn5HjtXd7COGnPiooOPwTkzDnGW1a0lw8OOvQ-2FC3L6FZCwvw99W5b377BPpOPMd7mNqRyy4qxQ6KczxY9EXbwMoOZkMeCHltsI42WC2bSs6Hs693YKjvI31eCJ2m5yYVoZ6yfH41VLMfzXbcyoL4LuFWk4OhxZzl62aK8SvrPnjbNSSZ3CENL-2B-2BT1C1VXAUAMrlAoLpFDgw02S6P-2Bc-2FoYYVqdSpTrjEDXXEPV-2Fp0wYaUc4blX-2FCkz4CHPgzIOBJD3W7l40JuDSfYCsN4DCCQ-2FgM0-2Bg0SuO7RWgwA1T3Xz-2FUJqgrA-3D-3D)
* [AZGFD reduces size of Glassford Hill pronghorn herd](http://email.robly.com/wf/click?upn=gnpZbt3IUEoS7-2BNY3DSAVd-2FYlEEx6eV7cO-2FgRscUKG3uwvxKOFRrNjXvSG9vvZrXwgwt-2BRN49tjAd-2BzuHir7hpFp-2F5WXQobmKCswI-2BD6qS9EHbJu0T7r1WO7BkVLAj8Q_5PjEt93WmttSKmNUTGB3Jh4CYMM1aa0ogK-2Fb8lNxv9Shb4DSFWb98OiCbiuB-2BulhlMPolu4vX18VbPg5HvXgoxYDw5aD8TYcuNR05SSVWP3bkBpct5POxoaH5OEYHvAtsiTzJuMbrM-2FMsl-2Fm5LJgKrxIbFzW9VpZ8PKhbfSn5HjtXd7COGnPiooOPwTkzDnGW1a0lw8OOvQ-2FC3L6FZCwvw99W5b377BPpOPMd7mNqRyy4qxQ6KczxY9EXbwMoOZkMeCHltsI42WC2bSs6Hs69xofTkYJ51idVPKIOAl9bRyosE5FY7jcms6kUmjk8zUJKh2tUUzCmU1p-2FGJQtRTL-2F0ESIJhn2V8Jn3F9Jm-2FmsY-2Biyk95zRBnCjr3D9gDMzSvoB2xs4cFTO7BGNFQqAnWddwrhFGpOPKiUr1cUSRY3jXer01fcLDnpflz0NF0omMuR5CSGrpvcDeyzTsdzpoLfQ-3D-3D)

CA: [Governor Newsom Signs Emergency Drinking Water & Fire Recovery Package in Central Valley](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/02/13/water-fire-package/)

UT: [Utah lawmakers asked to find $20M more for wildfire costs](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=9fb14d6392&e=e56d7a4004)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Navajo Nation seeks bi-partisan support for the Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act](http://www.opvp.navajo-nsn.gov/Portals/0/Files/Newsletters/2019/Feb/JOINT%20PRESS%20RELEASE%20-%20Navajo%20Nation%20seeks%20bi-partisan%20support%20for%20%20the%20Navajo%20Utah%20Water%20Rights%20Settlement%20Act.pdf)

## **Regional Updates**

* [California’s biggest county could severely restrict solar energy projects](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=b966273b35b86da48e0baf1204b63852e096546c1838b7997ae711c61830c0bcf8e0a9a65d369991cacd73e20c3d0c050c60fa0b624370f4)
* [New Research: Conserving Diverse Wet Habitats Keeps Western Rangelands Resilient](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-kkuhak-jtpdhjrid-t/)
* The Network of Landscape Conservation:
  + Announced the launch of a major five-year national grant program to accelerate the pace and practice of collaborative conservation and the landscape scale. The Landscape Conservation Catalyst Fund will focus specifically on investing in the “backbone” coordination of the collaborative process and in supporting key stepping stone activities necessary to achieve broad-based partnership support and conservation on the ground. To read more, please visit: <http://landscapeconservation.org/catalyst-fund/>
  + The Landscape Conservation Bulletin, sharing timely news, information, topics, and upcoming conferences and opportunities within the field of landscape conservation: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/January-Bulletin-Network-for-Landscape-Conservation.html?soid=1128366788872&aid=s7t63mCgab0>
* [Call of the Wild: More States Are Embracing Outdoor Recreation](https://link.routefifty.com/click/16116085.28071/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGVmaWZ0eS5jb20vbWFuYWdlbWVudC8yMDE5LzAyL3N0YXRlLW91dGRvb3ItcmVjcmVhdGlvbi1vZmZpY2VzLzE1NTEyNC8_b3JlZj1yZi10b2RheS1ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Ce07245f3)
* [Invasive Species Have Some States Seeking Increased Federal Partnership](https://link.routefifty.com/click/15703192.28071/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGVmaWZ0eS5jb20vbWFuYWdlbWVudC8yMDE5LzAyL2ludmFzaXZlLXNwZWNpZXMtZmVkZXJhbC1wYXJ0bmVyc2hpcC8xNTQ5NDUvP29yZWY9cmYtdG9kYXktbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Bf44f49f9)
* [Ungulates and Highways Workshop Advances Safety and Conservation](https://Institute.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=753c16d65d54e8754f97e4b83&id=b5f99e598e&e=0911572c2b) Author: Chris Smith, Wildlife Management Institute February 2019 Edition | Volume 73, Issue 2
* [How California wildfires impact state's watershed](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=08c5b19775&e=e56d7a4004)
* [Report: Fewer trees died off in California in 2018](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=f34d652b1c&e=e56d7a4004)
* [With CVWD okay, Imperial Irrigation District now holds key to seven state drought deal](https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/2019/02/12/feds-weigh-200-million-salton-sea-condition-colorado-river-drought-plan/2853933002/)
* The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) has adopted a conservation plan for monarch butterflies that range across seven western states. The newly adopted [Western Monarch Butterfly Conservation Plan](https://wafwa.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4b44750d42b4b11bae76c60b&id=a9aa2aa6dc&e=a357a905ae) establishes population size and habitat conservation goals, strategies, and actions for the monarch butterflies that overwinter along the California coast and range primarily across California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah.
* [Logging, Money Battles Delay Wildfire Prevention Work](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=22e2f8a9e618bc9caf20409565df224c29cd518b78d8751d2c9eb1ab7b2b48a71c29e1a34aaf03bb3ed4dad37f775261e53d2c714b1b5a32)
* WGA:
  + WGA hosting Working Lands Roundtable in April in Denver. The Western Governors' Association will host the next workshop of its Working Lands Roundtable on April 3-4 in Denver. The workshop will examine at-risk species conservation, broad-scale threats to western working landscapes and cross-boundary coordination in resource management and planning. [Learn more.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001tppu4_mU23cyJ4pI5s0GOtb5nlbbylA2eqUp4k8sKu8Z-hCBzFUkWNcNjqjH-ExDwQeZFnCo6Hg3QJOfS8M8AKy8caTpyGx5kFw0q0AljZsPs6GdlusVTbmm_Uc2zyf8pC89kcV9elFLKghFP_UtRydYmwVSbfNvPSdflok0vuxPjisTZbr1jY6pnaqHuelYJsPMFrTjZFzadPlB2mVvw50v7_fyY1rl4oXLa1cHPAL-GP2DfFzmdyeysQJhMFmk&c=0y5a6lFbTAJxXUvgvFvbuZcNQPRVOHHB6bokzgIyw5wH-q3qNQsxWw==&ch=XNc31Zedel-7xYpco0yCy7JQIKhwlHKPImIXJXOZaW72N4w2HpjjEw==)
  + [WGA-led coalition shares CWA Section 401 recommendations with EPA, Army Corps](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001xNIFGQxws0aUb8oUomB8CEjTgjaZjbycMU8M9skIRZImpk_VXYmfAuRlQ3gTz1HpOJEwvkqLIJHIXk8ucApqcsHm16H7ANlrXPE2ZBbCRC0Hi2UCUrsgNfk5titHm3386eWuivlK5d0W3INELU1Or184eUJCm0tdBKvt8seZjvc3NGysNt5HMbN7QUUnbqRf4A3-zpP-IithYjSQrkHQlR2HHSUDx_SGtPXNziYEdFw7LIfhCmJj05j_o_e6edna2cZMS0WRJr1F2f0WwTFhY0xpq5vBuaHSixN2vpVjIFgR4f1ONgmMJybCUI1HKFVcmjUUo4XIK4FI05dlNDEc1WSDQ6pWgp3Q&c=PF7HsHwHekeI74WbRbWNc1trHfQ9hvCzXFDT42nGx7bqwNfds0Ep2Q==&ch=SAWBRbsTnVSHZGdvQFNFEXCTmlaNirEd4a5N1gnWL_vqOU72xqmiAA==)
  + [WGA hosting Working Lands Roundtable in April in Denver](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001xNIFGQxws0aUb8oUomB8CEjTgjaZjbycMU8M9skIRZImpk_VXYmfAuRlQ3gTz1HpZaXEUE_lvlO3VOCy92Z9jrQYRx_OI8EE0ylygrPvvshm3iHSJFOTNmClnNsLbtCEPh2Jjkg9QuP74jPto-5Hv0DpR9IqKkMy_X0Oa2LTmxotbivd4FsmRR0WTt9jiTbILXSNtJ-B0WQGRqQ5nMCL6-BI4I0Zk2pvtD8WIWDRRj0PsHEJBpKm1Lij-KIMfgOU&c=PF7HsHwHekeI74WbRbWNc1trHfQ9hvCzXFDT42nGx7bqwNfds0Ep2Q==&ch=SAWBRbsTnVSHZGdvQFNFEXCTmlaNirEd4a5N1gnWL_vqOU72xqmiAA==)
  + WGA shared Western Governors' policy on [invasive species](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0010Fg81YNcNvI8m5ITrIKK5UbN2FurWFttmgn6Wy3CgTiCjyENAHXjTzvC3TQSIk2ojhLIe3wXb7iZXg1bIQRcWTuc-17uj3wZ1Jizqkx3jpP6b5nKxObAhmNC40KpUMUKG2EYhDqRs89j_8p_-4ABq4ZgoCFzJGzwfXhNb1GIoTfGMEKxt8q-D6y5zNF6-DakJk80uPnU1TaoHcj5djA-iYkJ2kjG90Z5xdVQdQRVP8Bv2DQv9eQ4LCFVXYOHXwEVPbaD3WHHcEVj4lVpDhRT0DtJ9WzORFDz&c=G01akK2l_9XvWJ4ierg706WIfa5yn2O2bm1JP-YLrj-iQJpvpnHCmA==&ch=vOj10qCRyXyUdGJkVEGtCW8nRf4soCYNqiJchjEFYqLH1MiDA6vdKg==) in advance of the Senate hearing, "The Invasive Species Threat: Protecting Wildlife, Public Health, and Infrastructure.”
  + Western Governors urge President Trump to reject changes to agency rules, guidance, or policy that may diminish states' authorities under [Section 401 of the Clean Water Act](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TIZnKqC-u_99lT2w2lcO67Wnam5q2DgaRpHMyIpN_ZvVKk0MbUAx36HL3I6jowNG6I-fYQQb637Ga9BZ6PhvYknXvHweQcs1fSGrV4YROHBHc6Ka2lg9DgLnxZRdXBkpy6zvH6K7I634-7NupzZxdZ6GAgTeLkKLwIPU5jWlFnYGLzt3qx2CZBiYw4q4PF4jq8hBxCb6doMZoq_N7SR3QEOFvGLneJZcQJRHYRkNQecgfRW8_j7ZyccfiaEZ1LBjdm-7-zxskl8Kpp9MlCo9P0r0N16YlzH4UEY8R7GoIAjcS1eDvGl9_QOC9NTGk0Rh&c=70q1S_aQglH_bzWcG9ELl_fD6CsrTSt0f0bb9qPoIUMFNtpOtusvrA==&ch=8Nc-FHkAok-CDT7wX86BWvz9YcjlEsiYr0hwUCWM23WLM9wdbSt-QQ==).

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## **Military Readiness**

**DoD Update**

* **The REPI Program**:
  + Pleased to announce that the 2019 REPI Report to Congress is now available on the REPI Program website [<https://www.repi.mil/>]. The Report summarizes and reviews the achievements of the Program through Fiscal Year 2018. In its 16-year lifespan, the REPI Program has protected over 586,000 acres in 106 locations across 33 states! In conjunction with the release of this year's Report, the REPI Program has updated the REPI fact sheets on its website through Fiscal Year 2018. State and REPI project profiles, as well as general REPI Program fact sheets, are available under Resources [<https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Reports-and-Fact-Sheets/>].
  + [REPI Report Outlines Innovations from New Authority](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=608bd79a56&e=822f95e226)
  + Upcoming REPI Webinars:
    - March 13th at 1pm Eastern Webinar: Leveraging DOI and USDA Funds as a Match to REPI Funds: A Case Study.  Webinar Link: <https://bah16f18.adobeconnect.com/rfr6ar43c30k/>
    - March 27, 2019, at 1:00pm ET: focusing on the Sentinel Landscapes designation process. Representatives from the Georgia Sentinel Landscape will explain lessons learned from the 2017 application cycle and answer questions on how to develop a winning proposal. To join the webinar, please visit: <https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Webinars/ModuleID/84948/ItemID/4435/mctl/EventDetails/>
* **DoD-Natural Resources Program** released the Winter 2019 edition of their newsletter, Natural Selections. This issue highlights management tools and strategies that DoD Natural Resources Managers use to enhance mission flexibility and conserve natural resources on DoD lands. To read the newsletter in full, please visit: <https://www.denix.osd.mil/nr/resources/program-information/newsletters1/newsletter/2019/winter-2019-natural-selections-newsletter/>
* **DoD-ESTOP** FY 2020 Solicitation has been released and researchers from Federal organizations, universities, and private industry can apply for ESTCP funding. All proposals must respond to one of the 10 topic areas associated with the solicitation. Pre-proposals must be received no later than 2pm ET on March 7, 2019. To learn more, please visit: <https://serdp-estcp.org/Funding-Opportunities/ESTCP-Solicitations>
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* [The Marine Corps is ‘paranoid,’ the Navy does not play with others. This new study analyzes the effects of service rivalries.](https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2019/02/28/the-marine-corps-is-paranoid-the-navy-does-not-play-with-others-this-new-study-analyzes-the-effects-of-service-rivalries/?utm_source=Sailthru)
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**UAV/Drones**

* New App Will Improve the Safety and Reliability of Drone Flights Across the United States. FAA has partnered with Kittyhawk to redevelop [B4UFLY](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjI3LjIzNzI5OTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjI3LjIzNzI5OTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3NDEyMiZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&102&&&https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/where_can_i_fly/b4ufly/) to further our safety mission and create a new and improved mobile application to help recreational drone operators learn where they can and can't fly. The project is being done at no cost to the FAA. The B4UFLY App will continue to be available to the public until the new App is deployed. The data will continue to be updated but no new features will be added.
* [Who 'owns' airspace?](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/llhCDKbjocrnpThsfDlgfMfCWLkZ)
* [Drone threat to commercial aviation hard to quantify, says expert](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/llhCDKbjocrnpTfMfDlgfMfCoDBO?format=multipart)
* [Deseret UAS Partnership Awarded Highly Competitive NASA & FAA Programs](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=5ed55f130a&e=6edabe5e85)
* [50 Ways to Love Your LiDAR: Using LiDAR in Commercial Drone Applications](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=3ae8c8d015&e=6edabe5e85)
* [Assessing the Risks of Integrating UAS into the National Airspace System](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=67c5c91f2c&e=6edabe5e85)
* Mark Your Calendar for the 2019 UAS Symposium. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) will co-host the 4th Annual FAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Symposium on June 3-5, 2019 at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. [Register Now](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjIxLjIwNzc2MDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjIxLjIwNzc2MDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM3MTYyMiZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&102&&&https://www.faa.gov/exit/?pageName=register%20now&pgLnk=http%3A%2F%2Ffaauas%2Eauvsi%2Enet%2Fhome)
* [NASA to demonstrate drone air traffic control in Nevada, Texas](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lkqODKbjocrndbhQfDlgfMfCBnfx?format=multipart)
* [Ariz. uses drones to analyze vehicle crash sites](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lkdhDKbjocrmuRiYfDlgfMfCUylo?format=multipart)

## **Frequency**

* [Secretary Perdue Statement on the American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report](https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2019/02/13/secretary-perdue-statement-american-broadband-initiative-milestones)
* [Gov. Lujan Grisham, Reps. Sweetser, Allison announce broadband infrastructure bill](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2019/02/16/gov-lujan-grisham-reps-sweetser-allison-announce-broadband-infrastructure-bill/)
* [Statement from Acting Secretary Shanahan on 5G](https://dod.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1767658/statement-from-acting-secretary-shanahan-on-5g/)
* [FCC expands rural broadband funding](http://ea.ecn5.com/Clicks/NW1IbElRZWFtOHFZYTlBMHZHaDYxS1NORzZYQW1SdW1XSk5lN01kQy90STVmNm1WMk9oU3A0d0J3VVNPd3hrZW03a09ibjNwSjFOSnJTQmt1VlZNMGc9PQ%3d%3d)
* [Special report: Preparing for 5G](http://ea.ecn5.com/Clicks/NW1IbElRZWFtOHFZYTlBMHZHaDYxS1NORzZYQW1SdW1XSk5lN01kQy90SUZQVW1FendWWmhheUJiQ3loaUY0M0xoY0diUTlMc25heHdZdkgrUFJZZWc9PQ%3d%3d)
* USDA is offering up to $600 million in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America: $200 million for grants (applications due May 31), $200 million for loan and grant combinations (applications due May 29), and $200 million for low-interest loans (applications due by June 28). Given the varying closing dates for each funding type, applicants will be limited to one application for this FOA. Projects funded through this initiative must serve communities with fewer than 20,000 people with no broadband service or where service is slower than 10 megabits per second (mbps) download and 1 mbps upload. States, local governments, nonprofit entities, for-profit corporations, a territory or possession of the United States, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply. [Learn more and apply.](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjIyLjIxNzAzNDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xODA2MDcxMSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&108&&&https://www.usda.gov/reconnect)
* [FCC ups rural broadband funding, speed targets](http://ea.ecn5.com/Clicks/azJ6ZW8yOXZ6clJycEQ2V0trK3BpU3FNNUdJR1dLN2VjL1VWVUEwMTRVR0xESFhDVnorWmlBTFh1K1VtOUtxZDFteVpjbWpJTjRXT25NRGZiSDF2d2c9PQ%3d%3d)
* [FCC: Digital divide narrowing](http://ea.ecn5.com/Clicks/azJ6ZW8yOXZ6clJycEQ2V0trK3BpU3FNNUdJR1dLN2VjL1VWVUEwMTRVRVZ5V2MwbXVWL1pXZDRjUVRyL21YcGhXOXpicjFYSXI4Z1pMQ1paN0tDanc9PQ%3d%3d)
* [5G's rise prompts spectrum worries; DOD aims to dodge budget caps; What's gone at IDEX 2019 ...](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.defenseone.com/business/2019/02/global-business-brief-february-14-2019/154894/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE5NzA2OTU1OTk2NTEwOTc3MzMyGjRhNDk5Y2MyMzM5NGY1NmY6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNHUCXvPxW5XfnS67OmlmgzkDXBzyg)
* [Interior Launches New Effort to Facilitate Broadband Development in Rural America](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjE0LjE3NTU4OTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjE0LjE3NTU4OTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM2ODk0MSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&126&&&https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-launches-new-effort-facilitate-broadband-development-rural-america)
* [Trump Administration Releases Rural Broadband Initiative](https://link.routefifty.com/click/16000560.28071/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGVmaWZ0eS5jb20vaW5mcmFzdHJ1Y3R1cmUvMjAxOS8wMi90cnVtcC1hZG1pbmlzdHJhdGlvbi1yZWxlYXNlcy1ydXJhbC1icm9hZGJhbmQtaW5pdGlhdGl2ZS8xNTQ4NzkvP29yZWY9cmYtdG9kYXktbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Baf4cee2b)
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* [Trump to Name Acting Interior Secretary to Lead Department](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjA3LjEyOTU5OTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjA3LjEyOTU5OTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzM2NDYwMCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&123&&&https://www.apnews.com/d176e3b2a22f46bfa3391542959ffb0f)
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  + FEMA Administrator Long's Message to Employees. [Read message in entirety](https://www.fema.gov/administrator-longs-message-employees)
  + [Senate confirms Wheeler to lead EPA](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=3866fabd46&e=e56d7a4004)
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  + [Governor Ducey Appointed To Bipartisan Council Of Governors](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/02/governor-ducey-appointed-bipartisan-council-governors)
  + [Forecast: Arizona To Add More Than 165,000 New Jobs By 2020](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/02/forecast-arizona-add-more-165000-new-jobs-2020)
  + [Governor Newsom Delivers State of the State Address](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/02/12/state-of-the-state-address/)
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* **Transportation/Infrastructure Updates:**
  + [USDOT Announces $5 Million to Improve Public Transportation on Tribal Lands](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001PLG4vNmKwExUdfW6bMwViy-MXute8N1nR3UG5UpyoapXtHdx6B7v2I5xur-hOgxWvk0FcLO6wPV57jpBElYu4ldE-B_mQdd9MvuncO-47oyI-O_JC96ilI0sUUbhQvyiT7n7_VkEcob9WS66wCUFw12WR8v3tf5SnQVVSbWIX5wmFAe_ZAE9Zw4z-qHhpy4SrsYnYHEuYiVkOsrg0hyMeYoSf0a-7CIpqW_SJdBXNbju9xu4e0z65YSt4jEdwAEzGEp7YX6wK2xcUA3SpYXNowIelAZqE54rnNC415wxfuqlOsh-AA49xA==&c=_b0JIxCuFoqqDVHQxHWxlrfpyWXyVcA_GfhZOJvYVltlNlKVpTXx1g==&ch=jnF4CSIr5Mze9YcJI-tzm4iosPKeTONpLbBTxQ5FsAhUZWe4sxAPyw==)
  + Sonoran Corridor: March 7 public meeting on potential routes. Proposed freeway would connect I-10, I-19 south of Tucson airport. For more information about this study, please visit [azdot.gov/SonoranCorridor](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjE0LjE3NDYxNjEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjE0LjE3NDYxNjEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xODQ1OTI4NCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&101&&&http://www.azdot.gov/SonoranCorridor)
  + [California governor to cut back on high-speed rail plan](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=456c1840bf4dd206202fa1e7970ddd46b6c07d210b25786338e058b0b913791289217a109a39f6a186596c98e0ea01a5914fc61f5ab6a5a6)
  + [Arizona DOT Planning to Complete Four Major Projects in 2019](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001tmTQlJJQ-xGJ7OrsVey5L8jA05Ce7xE8CGLh32p82pT7uNCjTb-R4uf67FnZ-5_MP-x0Aazy9eqTUvANVpLfneVCzgg7_tJgGp74fCBoWwk5MFBWaRSVDQ4fw0ey5-3B92d4HLyVCj29_C42NkjFu1N76qTbt8vHXs1M3I6Xzp_bZPmxz0xCHSpiKr4sfXrHUgU5mnOAfl3iQ9iOnyEivukpiDmLl-ofZaF_CkMZVaLQsd3Xk76cdQ65-10z5wmUoN4wciFSZ2SdAyI7BeR0xwaAvvcHdGeJ&c=KYtb66jXOI8Kw7fx93VZfIROe5onZgzW07KhajPRVJQiMA3-hFo5Mw==&ch=KsdiZLtem0ESSxEaMffzKQyMBvCKsIEP3BshnEhw4o_URfiuK0s6Cw==)
  + [Report Encourages Electrification of Nevada’s Transportation System](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001tmTQlJJQ-xGJ7OrsVey5L8jA05Ce7xE8CGLh32p82pT7uNCjTb-R4uf67FnZ-5_Mr5BpIrEwiU8pag0iZqgDXaTKelV8d2Uy_PidNHNvpL3tYZW_gbc5mSGFDd5L5NItJAcWT4obZtFdwMa14KP4Eu-EHL9RnyvZSW5r33hILQK97L5jpGHgl5L8GRAyyYuDXE0zhqiKRuk18xMvAo-Gh6iuuehC1LbDvox2E2r-wqoGucBipHdAoK9vxBwQOJkuDCWGLThB61t_4PbEHnLXqP3TKdJcsF9P&c=KYtb66jXOI8Kw7fx93VZfIROe5onZgzW07KhajPRVJQiMA3-hFo5Mw==&ch=KsdiZLtem0ESSxEaMffzKQyMBvCKsIEP3BshnEhw4o_URfiuK0s6Cw==)
  + [President Calls for Infrastructure Investments in State of the Union Speech](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001tmTQlJJQ-xGJ7OrsVey5L8jA05Ce7xE8CGLh32p82pT7uNCjTb-R4uf67FnZ-5_MCCQLXsb-NvxtvIMhPXCO6x70FZ0tnrJcBxaxErr_szNOOk8NGsekGCjm2l0zuHETl2m5Cd560KlGxEB0Q-xNIFSs9QaRAgZT2DZejKLdlSsV2WbrXIOuoUrL8wu3OzBK0ipt8OWqzygWgT5Wf7MdTC1Vsk03CtibKbjAYNl9m4_z067pgfk-2MNaFhCCyaami8j0H7BAnNlKcrGCE7ERvkdS0LzL8eI3wGWR148iQpA=&c=KYtb66jXOI8Kw7fx93VZfIROe5onZgzW07KhajPRVJQiMA3-hFo5Mw==&ch=KsdiZLtem0ESSxEaMffzKQyMBvCKsIEP3BshnEhw4o_URfiuK0s6Cw==)
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  + [USDOT Announces $705.7 Million in Emergency Relief for Road and Bridge Repairs](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Gm-TOVYfggJnVBWGoGt0tUL9FeL4GpOgGOhuF6OUJ1Hvd26fVvwzIDvqSkRN2RCOaJWkXMXg9f6y4dm66U9F3FGKKMTkGcXBMbcl9XPlPfmhhfNSEi9uCCUgeYA--ngtXXt_IqY4qiIH1ngoJO0af3WqXzgzqxi1AMosFFkAN7soYj2DsiAj4cZ5sKJhk8I55vd_tJHOe0Avz-za2L2XjA==&c=cC-83t76uas92h1CMoh8zODq08sXlSwS2MMjlKMEw-RsMaIxLmjH8w==&ch=5CqDpJjGWBth8euBzDj-YGKJkEzOYBcRBLhHv_kgefdnTMJXieHXBQ==)
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* [Next-Gen Weather Satellite Operational Over Western U.S.](https://link.nextgov.com/click/15976503.28073/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vYW5hbHl0aWNzLWRhdGEvMjAxOS8wMi9uZXh0LWdlbi13ZWF0aGVyLXNhdGVsbGl0ZS1vcGVyYXRpb25hbC1vdmVyLXdlc3Rlcm4tdXMvMTU0ODIxLz9vcmVmPWdvdmV4ZWNfdG9kYXlfcG1fbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Ba259aea3)
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  + Appropriations Act wins for Western Governors. Several provisions in the Act are WGA priorities and issues that the Governors have been actively engaged in, such as wildfire funding, rural broadband, state authority over water and more. [Read more on our blog.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001tppu4_mU23cyJ4pI5s0GOtb5nlbbylA2eqUp4k8sKu8Z-hCBzFUkWB2NDe1BZFgxYYR0tEZZCk9J4e8a0FG3IvmfmMKEMnz9bVfefKUJpej3cC-SDhu98cN4ykDe_MTucbQPAElSPs4t8Q692U8HDADQZSDw-sxk3K_ztygc85hwy_QOUQhAArjOrWyO3W_s2xhU45ctL3MOL-FM9RIqDGf6i1cl2bnpue-xb4wFTlfAo5WPpJOMYdFsJIAPWhTAb_K2Fl5XAVWXzIvLtSYYzStqYpU-3YfR9f1HMCJlugg=&c=0y5a6lFbTAJxXUvgvFvbuZcNQPRVOHHB6bokzgIyw5wH-q3qNQsxWw==&ch=XNc31Zedel-7xYpco0yCy7JQIKhwlHKPImIXJXOZaW72N4w2HpjjEw==)
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  + Strengthening the State-Federal Relationship.Improved communication and coordination between states and the federal government reduces duplication and increases efficiency and responsiveness to the public. WGA works to educate the federal government and others about the legal requirements for and the benefits of meaningful engagement with states. [Visit our new page of resources.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TIZnKqC-u_99lT2w2lcO67Wnam5q2DgaRpHMyIpN_ZvVKk0MbUAx36HL3I6jowNGbpYXW0VDu8nwvsTZVQEPUt80PN7eAG8EfVB1jR096a7NotBD4BOQJkez2CmUmbcD6VzwDEWMqB7Z2QTWqUAT9earUHtE-9M0rEAiEdoTqTIuC4XbptnETDKhPNhI21fy7joAGpBJy1v80LMhSB3DURwFVpRmFpy-3e0nGczYJOSzU5XsBcYo9DpNNlMyQBSsfvgZol8eCDiCknZlezGiBg==&c=70q1S_aQglH_bzWcG9ELl_fD6CsrTSt0f0bb9qPoIUMFNtpOtusvrA==&ch=8Nc-FHkAok-CDT7wX86BWvz9YcjlEsiYr0hwUCWM23WLM9wdbSt-QQ==)