



WRP Overview and WRP Steering Committee Recommendations

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WRP Matters

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WRP Tagline, Vision and Mission

WRP Tagline

Reliable Outcomes for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure in the West

WRP Vision

WRP will be a significant resource to proactively identify and address common goals and emerging issues and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners.

WRP Mission

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

WRP Goals

(Per the Charter)

- **Serve as a catalyst** for improved regional coordination among State, Federal and Tribal agencies
- **Address common goals**, identify and solve potential conflicts and develop solutions that protect our natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability and mission effectiveness
- Provide a **forum for information exchange**, issue identification, problem solving and recommendations across the WRP region
- At annual Principals' meeting, **adopt strategic priorities** to complete in the subsequent year
- **Leverage existing resources** and linking of efforts to better support key projects
- Identify geospatial requirements and leverage existing tools and resources to support WRP priorities.

WRP Region's Uniqueness

- **Importance to the Military**

- Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space

- **Army:** ~55% of the Army's landholdings
 - **Navy:** Over 33% of Navy's landholdings
 - **Marine Corps:** 67% of Marine Corps' airspace
85% of Marine Corps' Live Fire Ranges
 - **Air Force:** Includes four of the largest USAF range complexes - Edwards, Nellis/Creech/NTTR; Luke/Goldwater; and UTTR
 - 75% of DoD Special Use Airspace is located within the WRP Region

- **Significant amounts of Federally managed land**

- In WRP states, Federal land ranges from 34.1% - 84.9% of total state

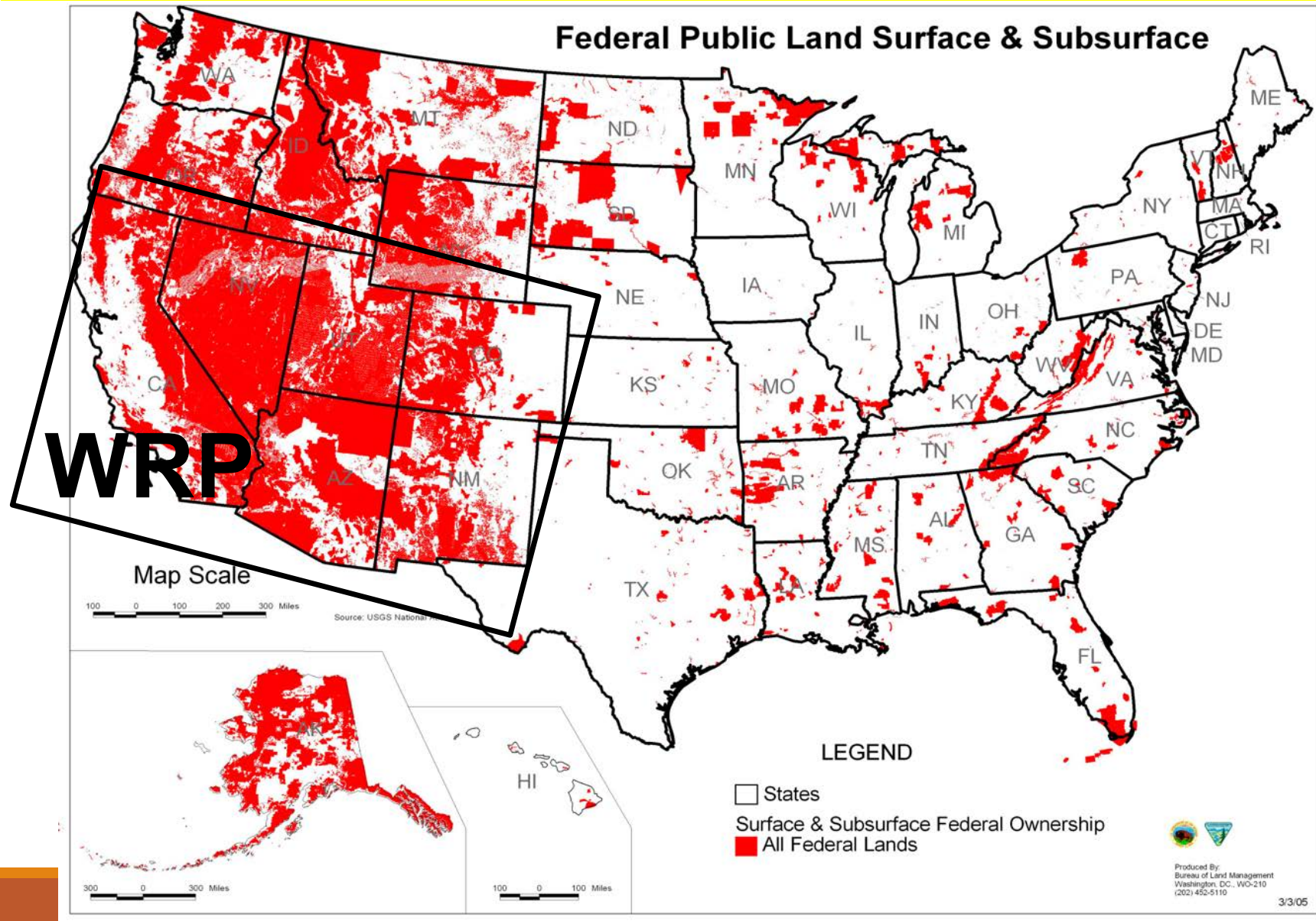
- **Significant State Trust Landholdings**

- **Approximately 172 Federally recognized Tribes**

| State | % of Federal Public Land (not including DoD managed lands) | % of DoD Managed Land | % of Indian Trust Land | Private Land | State Trust Land | Size of State in square miles and ranking by area |
|------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|---|
| Arizona | 35.5% | 6.6% | 27.6% | 17.5% | 12.7% | 114,000; 6 th largest state |
| California | 40.2% | 4.0% | 0.5% | 50.3% | 2.5% | 160,000; 3 rd largest state |
| Colorado | 38.9% | 0.7% | 1.1% | 54.9% | 4.4% | 104,100; 8 th largest state |
| Nevada | 78.8% | 6.1% | 1.42% | 13.03% | 0.15% | 110,561; 7 th largest state |
| New Mexico | 29.7% | 4.4% | 10.2% | 43.9% | 11.6% | 121, 593; 5 th largest state |
| Utah | 63.6% | 3.4% | 4.5% | 21.0% | 7.5% | 84,904; 13 th largest state |

These six states are home to 18% of the U.S. population and constitute 19% of the total land mass.

88% of Federal Public Land is in the 12 most western states



WRP Structure

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WRP Co-Chairs:

Honorable Gary Herbert

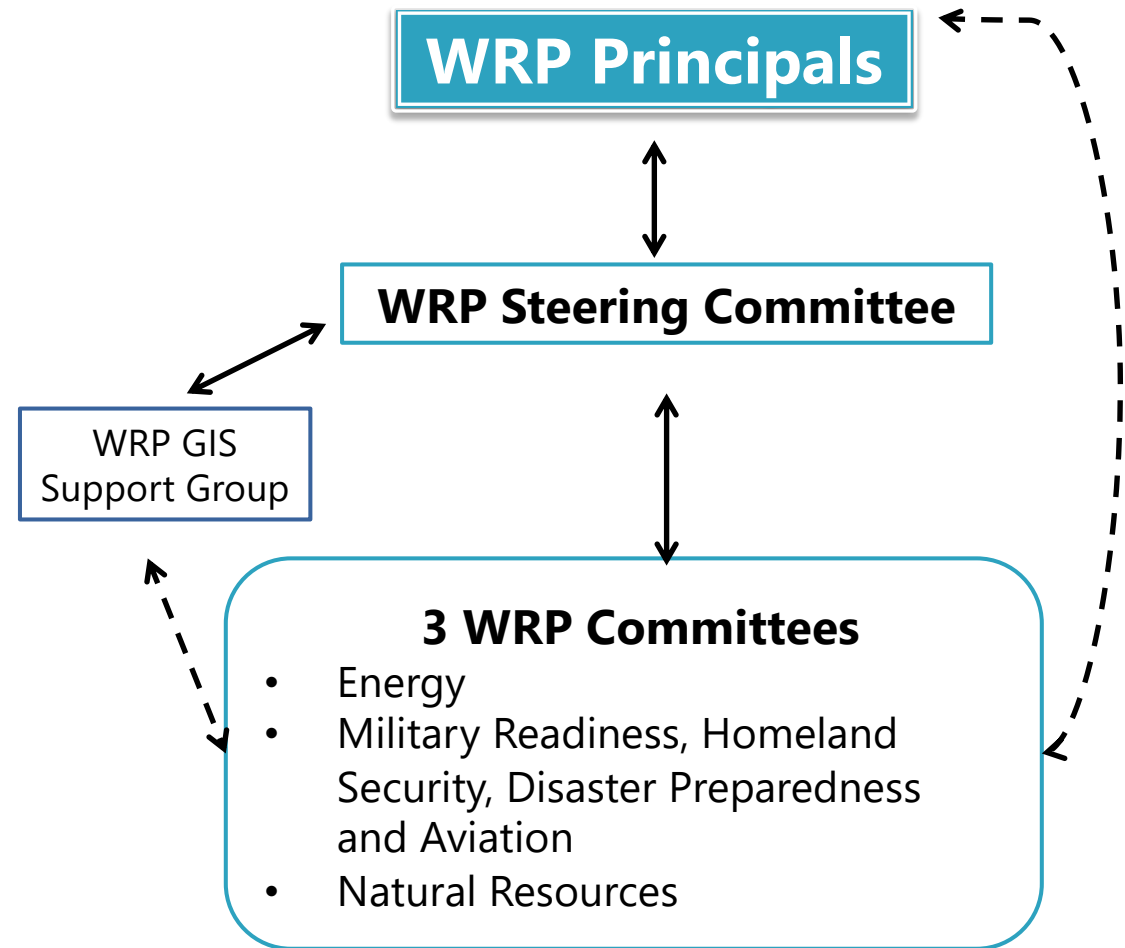
Governor of Utah



Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, DOI



Robert McMahon
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment



WRP Steering Committee



- Representatives of each of the six WRP States:
 - Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol
- Department of Homeland Security, HQ
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Office of Secretary of Defense
- U.S. Air Force Headquarters
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U. S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Marine Corps Installations West
- U.S. Navy
- Native American Leadership:
 - Navajo Nation, Inter-Tribal Council of CA, Inc.
- Western Governors Association Liaison

SURVEY RESULTS

Words that describe **WRP**

coordination
collaboration

partnership communication information military

effective sharing Amy Duffy planning awareness regional western results policy strategic

leadership knowledge facilitation southwest transparency solutions experienced professional people

7 generations coaching innovative engagement science cooperation needed opportunity

diverse open-minded education progressive open participation webinar network

Select WRP Reports, Analysis and Activities

Collaborated on broad-based regional planning in Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave Ecoregion

- Fort Huachuca won REPI Challenge & Area designated a Sentinel Landscape

Reports and Fact Sheets:

- 2018 Meteorological Evaluation Tower (MET) Fact Sheet
- 2017 WRP Regional Assessment Report
- 2016 WRP Regional Strengths, Areas of Commonality and Emerging Issues Report
- 2015 WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview
- 2015 WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
- 2015 WRP Guide to Working with DoD
- 2015 WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
- 2015 WRP Intro to Federal Partners
- 2015 WRP Energy Guide
- 2015 Brief Overview of Water-Related Resources Available to WRP Partners
- 2015 WRP Partner Input on Species of Concern
- 2015 Renewable Energy and Transmission Siting Coordination and Potential Impacts to the Military Mission

80 Military Asset Listing Summaries; WRP Outreach; Leveraging of Efforts

**Brigadier General
USAF (Ret)
Hanson Scott**

Kirtland Partnership
Committee

Former Chair of
WRP Steering
Committee and
Interim Steering
Committee



WRP History

A few selected highlights

- **2007 - 1st Principals' Meeting**
 - WRP concept was outlined and explored further through 6 committees
- **2009 Principals' Meeting**
 - **Established** Interim Steering Committee
- **2010 Principals' Meeting**
 - **Adopted** WRP Charter
 - **Adopted** WRP Vision and Mission
 - **Established** Steering Committee and Tribal Relations Committee
- **2011 Principals' Meeting**
 - Restructured from 7 Committees and 3 Subcommittees to 4 Committees (better alignment with WRP Mission)
- **2014 Principals' Meeting**
 - Restructured to 3 Committees (allowing for depth on issues)
- **2015 Principals' Meeting**
 - Colorado added to the WRP Region

Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership



Background:

- In 2011, WRP established the Hanson Scott Award (for Outstanding Leadership)
- Brig. Gen. (Ret.) USAF Hanson Scott was recognized for his outstanding leadership as Chair of the Interim Steering Committee and the SC. His vision, determination and passion drove WRP to be a successful regional entity
- Past award winners include: Pete Bakersky, Mike Mower, Tom McCabe, Ryan McGinness, Kevin Carter, Terry Hansen, Tony Parisi, Lee Allison, Tom Finnegan, Steve Arenson, Jim Bartridge, Joy Nicholopoulos, Kim Stevens, Scott Morgan and Jim Ogsbury

Award Criteria:

WRP Partner who has demonstrated leadership of and support of WRP efforts. The Partner's involvement embodies the WRP mission of Federal, State and Tribal entities working together for the benefit of the western region, with particular focus with addressing natural and cultural resources, sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

2018 Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership: Dwight Deakin

- Actively engaged in WRP for many years
- Led WRP DoD Core
- Assisted in 2018 with the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group
- Supported WRP SC Subcommittee in GIS Efforts
- Represented Navy on the WRP Steering Committee



2018 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award Winners in WRP Region

- **Sustainability, Industrial Installation:**

- Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California
- Reduced electricity and water consumption; partnered with local government to gain cost savings

- **Environmental Restoration, Installation:**

- Vandenberg Air Force Base, California
- Completed a 10-year performance-based initiative resulting in response complete or site closure for 44 environmental restoration sites ahead of schedule, and maintained accelerated or on-time closure for 55 additional sites

- **Natural Resources Conservation, Individual/Team:**

- Natural Resources Conservation Team, Naval Base Ventura County, California
- Established programs to support coastal resilience, conserve habitat and species, and reduce costs at its three primary operating facilities

Valerie Vartanian, NAVFAC Environmental Team has an information table at the back of the room – please congratulate her!

Update on 2019 WRP State Leadership

- WRP has enjoyed strong leadership throughout its existence
- Four of the six WRP states (CA, CO, NM and NV) have new governors that were elected in November 2018
- In a fifth state, Arizona, the incumbent governor was re-elected.
- Incoming 2019 State Leadership:
 - AZ: Governor Doug Ducey
 - CA: Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom
 - CO: Governor-Elect Jared Polis
 - NM: Governor-Elect Michelle Lujan Grisham
 - NV: Governor-Elect Steve Sisolak
 - UT: Governor Gary Herbert

2018 WRP Update

All tasks that resulted from 2017 WRP Principals' Actions are completed

1. 2017-2018 WRP Year focused on “*Advancing Regional Priorities*”
2. Established two working groups
3. Committees Completed their efforts
4. Continued to refine WRP’s GIS focus
5. Shared information/conducted outreach across agencies
6. WRP SC developed and implemented a Resolution Process
7. Developed 2018-2019 WRP Priority for Principals’ consideration

2017-2018 Priority: Advancing Regional Strategies

Details provided over lunch and are in the 2018 WRP Report

Energy Committee:

- Explore energy-related findings from 2017 WRP Regional Assessment; summarize changes in policy, trends and energy projects
- Share information on renewable energy and transmission projects; highlight planning efforts
- Enhance WRP partner awareness of energy generation and transmission planning processes and engagement opportunities

Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness Committee and Aviation Committee

- Enhance awareness of DoD mission; serve as a forum on compatible land uses near DoD operations
- Assist WRP Partners' homeland security/disaster preparedness missions to foster awareness of interdependence among Partners; capture emerging issues, existing tools and recommendations (e.g. disaster recovery, cyber security)
- Serve as a forum for aviation users sharing information on changes to airspace use (e.g. new technology, integration of UAS into the NAS)

Natural Resources Committee

- Assist in precluding or delisting species through coordinated conservation efforts; identify gaps/leverage ongoing efforts
- Resource for regional conservation efforts
- Engage in ongoing dialogue on western water sustainability



Deployed through:

- Webinars, Working Meetings/calls; Seeking SME Input; Leveraging efforts
- Final report delivered at 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting

WRP 2018 Principals' Meeting Key Decision Items*

**Decisions will take place during Nov 15 Business Session*

- 2018-2019 WRP Priority
- WRP Administrative Items:
 - WRP Charter and Vision/Mission Document
 - Sunset WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS; Empower GIS liaisons
 - Continue WRP Resolution Process for 2019
 - 2018-2019 WRP SC Leadership
 - 2019 Principals' Meeting

Please reference document in your folders:
WRP Principals' Meeting Key Decision Items

Proposed 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

Developed based on Committee and Working Group outcomes, SC input and Resolutions. Priority represents consensus input

Statement of Purpose:

- Agencies are streamlining planning processes (including environmental reviews and permits); more imperative to understand the new processes and collaborative engagement practices
- By working together, WRP Partners will develop best practices and models for improved planning collaboration

Expected Product:

- Identification of projects, policies and plans on which to focus WRP efforts, establish mutually accepted actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to show progress
 - Strategies (narrative) to encourage and highlight planning best practices and models to avoid mission conflict
 - Map product highlighting areas of mission overlap to drive greater collaboration among Partners
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Proposed 2018-2019 WRP Priority

Continued – Survey

Seeking input from WRP Principal organizations to kick-off efforts on four substantive questions

- 1. Describe planning factors that impact your agency's mission**
 - Define compatible planning; what should other agency's know about your mission (and potential planning impacts); recommendations to solve such challenges; changes in upcoming planning processes.
- 2. Agency's Upcoming Planning Efforts**
 - Those initiated by 2023; how to learn in advance
- 3. Agency's Infrastructure Items**
 - Top (2-3) projects and any relevant info (project website etc.)
- 4. Tribal Engagement**
 - Examples of successful instances of tribal consultation/best practices. Recommendations for WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group and designee

Proposed 2018-2019 WRP Priority

Continued – Project Phases

By January 31, 2019:

- Agency response on approved questions (Attachment A)
- Agencies asked to coordinate across management regions to include entire WRP area

February – October 2019:

- SC and Committees review and analyze input, synthesize data and develop draft recommendations. Additional agency coordination on actions, priorities and clear metrics to show progress

June 2019:

- SC and Committee Co-Chairs review analysis at their meeting on June 20, 2019. SC members apprise their Principal of progress

October 2019:

- Final report with analysis and recommendations circulated in preparation for presentation and review at 2019 Principals' Meeting

November 2019:

- Presentation and review of final report at the Principals' Meeting
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2018 WRP Charter and Vision and Mission Document

No Changes Recommended Changes for 2018

WRP Charter Background:

- WRP's Charter delineates the mission, goals, and responsibilities of the WRP collaborative process. Per the Charter, this is to be reviewed at each annual Principals' meeting.
- Initially adopted in 2010 - revised three times
- Last changed in 2017- these changes were substantive in nature

WRP Vision and Mission Background:

- Includes: WRP Mission, Vision and information on WRP background and statement of need, WRP Participation, WRP Committees, WRP Decision Making, WGA Engagement, and Benefits of Joining WRP
 - Revised accordingly to align with WRP Charter
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WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS

Recommendation: Sunsetting and Empowering WRP GIS Liaisons

- WRP views GIS and analysis as a key tool to assist Partners' planning efforts
- SC Subcommittee on GIS was stood up in 2011 to balance GIS requests against GIS resources, but WRP no longer has GIS resources (i.e. web mapping application) and relies on Partners (such as DoD, etc.)
- **It seems most prudent to sunset the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS**, and instead have GIS liaisons and WRP Committee Co-Chairs communicate directly with the WRP SC
- Informal calls will be held as necessary among WRP GIS Liaisons (and relevant SC or Committee members) to address requests or complete actions

WRP Resolution

Recommendation: Continue the Resolution Process for 2019

Background:

- WRP SC developed and implemented a Resolution Process to enhance transparency and ensure WRP Priorities are more fully scoped before the Principals' Meeting.
- In 2018, each agency was asked to coordinate with its Principal to identify priorities, recommendations to the Charter, agency updates and recommendations for the 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting Plenary Sessions.
- 2019:
 - WRP SC Members are asked to submit their agency input through the WRP Resolution process by May 10

2018-2019 WRP SC leadership

Recommendation: WRP SC Committee Co-Chairs

1. DoD: Kristin Thomasgard (Lead Co-Chair)
2. State: Mike Mower
3. DOI: Casey Hammond



WRP 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting

Recommendation

- November 19-20 in San Diego, CA
- Additionally, the WRP SC has modified the schedule for next year so that their planning meeting occurs in June (instead of September).
- Agenda, registration link and logistics to be available in summer of 2019

Value of WRP

Resource: WRP Leadership Perspective (in email)

- A forum to engage with high-level representatives of states, federal and Tribal entities across WRP Region
- Opportunities to enhance situational awareness of policy and emerging issues
- Enable interagency dialogue for identifying, addressing, and avoiding these potential conflicts
- Recommendations and innovative solutions in the gap between real time problems and long-term policy development
- Access to tools and WRP Deliverables

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WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

