

Working Group Updates:

1. BLM Planning
2. Tribal Engagement

Per 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting WRP SC is enabled to **establish working groups** to address strategic priorities adopted at a Principals' meeting that fall outside of existing committee structure or overlap committee jurisdiction.

- The working group activities are to be limited in time and scope
- SC will apprise the Principals of their activities at the following annual meeting



WRP BLM Planning Temporary Working Group


Mr. Raul Morales

WRP BLM Planning Temporary Working Group Member



BLM Planning Temporary Working Group

Background and Mission

- Within the WRP Region, BLM manages a significant amount of land
 - Group of State, BLM and DoD Members worked over the past year to improve WRP Members' understanding of the BLM planning processes and proactively address land issues
 - Focused on enhanced coordination with key DoD Members to identify best practices in addressing DoD issues of concern with BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) efforts in the WRP Region and provided information on how DoD can best collaborate with BLM
 - Engaged the state perspective by identifying opportunities for mutual support to advance common interests associated with BLM and DoD planning
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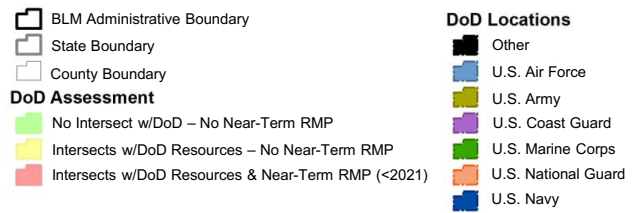
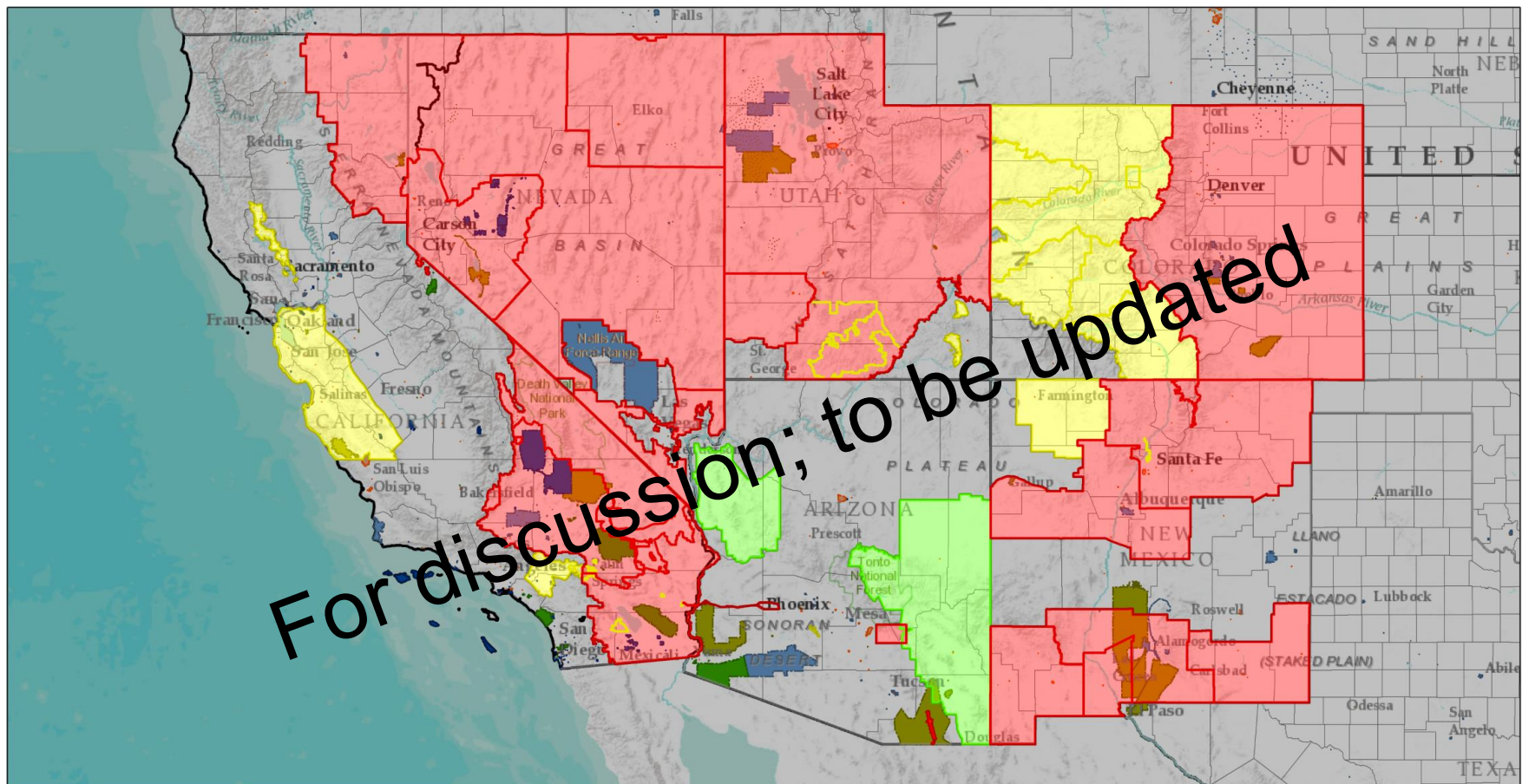
BLM Planning Temporary Working Group

Recommendations

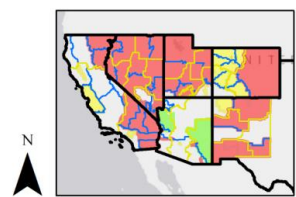
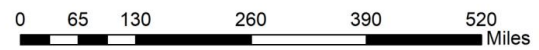
- Continue WG efforts over the next year; and assist members with contacts and issues
- Specific DoD-BLM efforts:
 - Will work to cross-educate staff on their respective missions (DoD engagement and BLM multi-use mission)
 - DoD to develop standard language/template (military element) and share with BLM. Further coordination will occur on language and best way to incorporate in BLM planning documents
 - Will work together to create a MOU to advance collaborative efforts and capture best practices identified by the Working Group
 - Will have sidebar at the upcoming Principals' meeting in November
 - DoD offered to be specific, clear and reasonable in requests to BLM
 - Will continue to support Intergovernmental Executive Committee forums where they already exist and identify locations where standing-up additional forums would be beneficial

Resource Management Plans (as of July 2018): In Progress or Potential		
	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>Planned</u>
AZ	3	2
CA	8	3
CO	5	3
NV	2	1
NM	8	1
UT	7	NA
Total	33	10

- DoD members took the above RMP information and produced a data overlay with DoD Resources. The map was color-coded:
 - Red (Intersects with DoD Resources and has an RMP in work near-term (<2021)).
 - Yellow (Intersects with DoD Resources, but does not have a near-term RMP effort).
 - Green (does not fall into either category above).



**Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Resource Management Plans (RMPs)
in Western Regional Partnership (WRP) region**



BLM Planning Temporary Working Group

Outcomes/Information Gathered

- BLM State Directors, BLM Deputy State Directors and staff regularly meet with state agencies, particularly at the District Manager and Field Manager level, where many issues are solved
- BLM Leadership met at this WRP Principals' Meeting
 - Opportunity for engagement on issues relevant to the WRP Region
- DoD expressed interest in forums, such as the Arizona Commander's Summit (ACS), to support communication between military commanders and BLM State Directors and staff
- DoD is aware of BLM's planning process, and wants to focus on how to best engage and identify and address gaps in awareness and engagement



WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

Ms. Connie Reitman

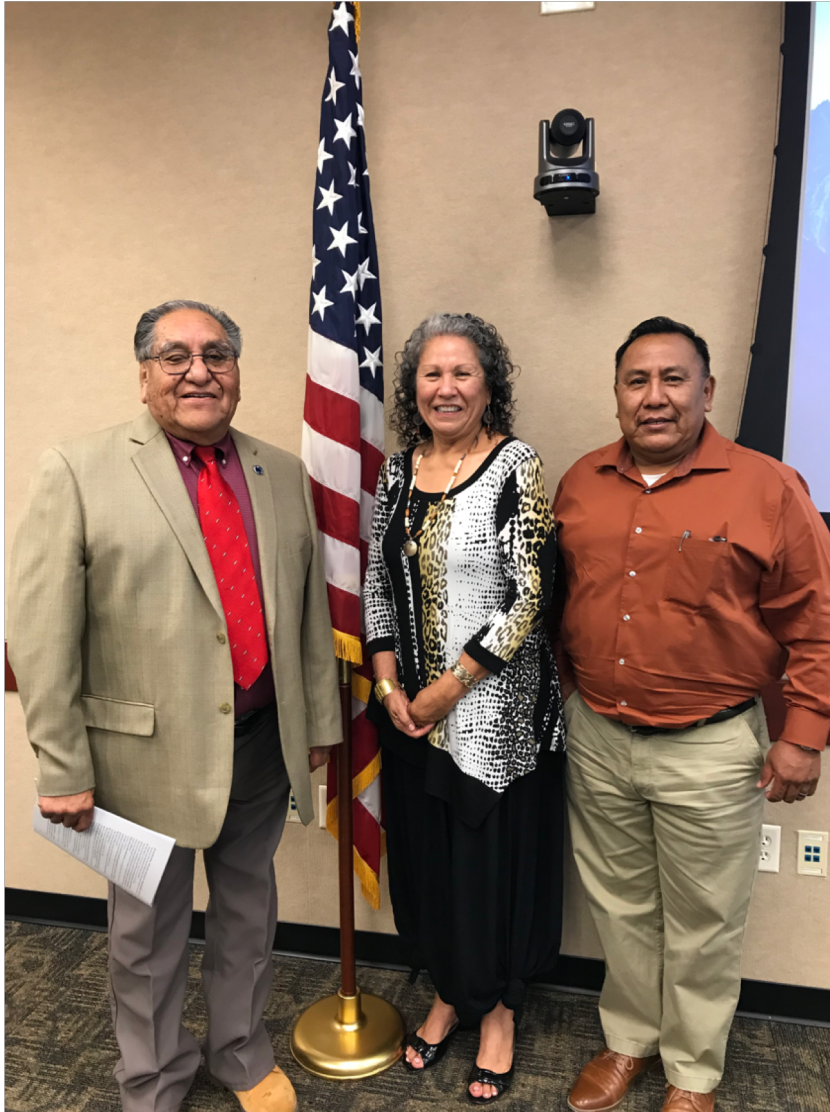
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Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

Background


- Within the WRP Region there are 172 Federally Recognized Tribes. The percentage of Indian Trust land within each of the WRP States ranges from 0.5 to 27.6%
- Previously WRP had a separate WRP Tribal Relations Committee for several years, and then integrated that Committee with the other WRP Committees.
- Each of the WRP Committees have a Tribal Co-Chair



Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

- At 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting a Tribal Caucus was held and a brief drafted outlining the request to stand up a WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group
- A meeting was held on September 20, 2018 to develop further recommendations to promote outreach to Tribes to obtain greater engagement in WRP.

Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group Recommendations Completed

- Include a question relating to Tribal Engagement in the 2018-2019 WRP Priority
 - Include an optional Tribal tour at the end of the 2018 Principals' meeting
 - NRCS coordinated this tour and provided transportation
 - Provide for an optional Tribal breakfast on day one of the WRP Principals' Meeting
 - At the conclusion of the 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting, hold a meeting of Tribal Members and Federal and State Liaisons (including those who have policy direction in this area).
 - The Navy reviewed available Tribal energy data and presented their findings on a WRP Energy Committee webinar on Tribal Energy.
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Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group Recommendations

- Continue this WG over the next year
 - To develop tools and strategies to support outreach and engagement of tribal governments to support the goals and objectives of the WRP
 - Encourage increased inclusion of tribal perspectives
 - Improve the working relationships with federal and state entities on WRP initiatives