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**WRP Updates**

Recent WRP Committee Webinar recordings:

* [**August 2:**WRP Natural Resources Committee webinar on Tribal and Cultural Resources](https://wrpinfo.org/meetings/wrp-natural-resources-committee-webinar-on-tribal-and-cultural-resources/)
* [**August 27:** WRP Natural Resources Committee Webinar on 2019 Water Strategies and Collaboration](https://wrpinfo.org/meetings/wrp-natural-resources-committee-webinar-on-2019-water-strategies-and-collaboration/)

Upcoming WRP Activities (please contact [amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org) for more information):

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| **Date** | **Time (Pacific)** | **Activity** |
| Sept 9 | 12 noon - 1:00 PM | All hazards disaster response deep-dive call |
| Sept 13 | 8-9:00 am | WRP Energy Committee Working call |
| Sept 13 | 11 am to 12 noon | WRP Natural Resources Committee working call |
| Sept 17 | 1 -2 pm | WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Working call |
| Sept 27 | 10 to 11:30 am | Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group |
| Oct 18 | 10 am | WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons |
| Nov 19-20 | All-day | WRP Principals’ Meeting in San Diego, CA |

**WRP Priority:** The WRP Priority for this year is, “*Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.*”

* **The WRP Energy Committee will be setting up working calls over the next few months on three main items, based on survey responses on “top” items”; looking for projects, polices and plans relating to:**
  + Energy Resilience and infrastructure (includes ensuring energy lifeline access during emergency response)
  + Electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure
  + Enhancing awareness of new energy projects (conventional and alternative and transmission)
* **The MRHSDP&A Committee is doing a deep dive into three main items; looking for projects, policies and plans relating to:**
  + All hazards disaster response
  + Compatible planning with the military to support military requirements (National Defense Strategy, latest DoD policies and threats impacting the mission)
  + Latest UAS trends
* **The WRP Natural Resources Committee will be setting up working calls over the next few months on two main items, based on survey responses on “top” items”; looking for projects, polices and plans relating to:**
  + Species: Focused action on Yellow-Billed Cuckoo; work with USFWS to obtain species listings and recovery over the next 10 years
  + Agencies streamlining planning processes (including environmental review and permits)
  + Supporting WRP Working Groups on Natural Resource-Related items
* The Committees will identify best practices actually deployed to address compatible planning.  If you are interested in being part of these working group calls please contact [amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org) for more information.

# **Energy**

## **Federal Updates**

BLM, USFS, and DOE have released the Regions 2 and 3 Report and are requesting stakeholder input regarding energy placement on Federal lands across Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, northern and eastern Arizona, and eastern Nevada. Comments must be received prior to September 23, 2019. The report is available on the [Regions 2 and 3 Regional Review](http://corridoreis.anl.gov/regional-reviews/regions-2-3/) page of the West-wide Energy Corridor website. Please submit comments using the [input form](http://corridoreis.anl.gov/involve/report-input/) on the West-wide Energy Corridor Information Center website. Additional information and background is available on the West-wide Energy Corridor Information Center website at [http://corridoreis.anl.gov](http://corridoreis.anl.gov/). If you have questions, contact the West-wide Energy Corridor project team at [Corridors@anl.gov](mailto:corridors@anl.gov)

**BLM**

* [BLM Accepting Comments on Environmental Assessment for Nevada December Oil and Gas Lease Sale](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-accepting-comments-environmental-assessment-nevada-december-oil-and-gas-lease-sale)
* [Bureau of Land Management approves right-of-way for natural gas pipeline](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/bureau-land-management-approves-right-way-natural-gas-pipeline)

**DOE Update**

* [Department of Energy Releases Annual Wind Market Reports, Finding Robust Wind Power Installations and Falling Prices](https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-releases-annual-wind-market-reports-finding-robust-wind-power)
* [U.S. increases in oil and gas production in 2018 among the largest in history, EIA says](http://www.euci.com/u-s-increases-in-oil-and-gas-production-in-2018-among-the-largest-in-history-eia-says/?x=38815j385813Bc&utm_campaign=082819_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* Department of Energy Releases Annual Wind Market Reports, Finding Robust Wind Power Installations and Falling Prices. The U.S. Department of Energy has released annual market reports documenting data and trends in wind installations, technologies, costs, prices, and performance through the end of 2018 for three sectors: utility-scale land-based, offshore, and distributed wind. [Full story](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODIzLjk0MTc1NDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODIzLjk0MTc1NDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4NjI4MiZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&103&&&https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-releases-annual-wind-market-reports-finding-robust-wind-power)
* [Solar cell imports to the U.S. rebound from tariffs in the first quarter of 2019](http://www.euci.com/solar-cell-imports-to-the-u-s-rebound-from-tariffs-in-the-first-quarter-of-2019/?x=38615s385813Bc&utm_campaign=082119_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Energy is Updating Its Cyber Posture Assessment Tool](https://link.nextgov.com/click/17777041.75905/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vY3liZXJzZWN1cml0eS8yMDE5LzA4L2VuZXJneS11cGRhdGluZy1pdHMtY3liZXItcG9zdHVyZS1hc3Nlc3NtZW50LXRvb2wvMTU5MTgwLz9vcmVmPWdvdmV4ZWNfdG9kYXlfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B96799853)
* From the Bottom Up: Designing a Decentralized Power System. An NREL-based team is connecting across disciplines to create a decentralized grid. [Full story](https://nrel.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfb46c07f566f9a82b5fa0488&id=b5dcc71a70&e=0351f58cce)
* [Synergy for Solar-Sustainability.](https://nrel.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfb46c07f566f9a82b5fa0488&id=195b00f13e&e=0351f58cce) NREL researchers propose a new framework to help mitigate, or even avoid, environmental degradation.
* [New Heights for Wind Potential.](https://nrel.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfb46c07f566f9a82b5fa0488&id=890becfcd5&e=0351f58cce) Taller wind turbine towers can tap stronger wind resources, beyond the reach of today’s typical turbines.
* Modeling the Electricity Grid. Threats to our energy infrastructure -- from extreme weather events to cyber and physical attacks -- continue to grow and evolve. To address these concerns, at the request of Congress, DOE's Office of Electricity (OE) released a report on the [North American Energy Resilience Model (NAERM)](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2019/07/f65/NAERM_Report_public_version_072219_508.pdf). The NAERM will improve national security by modeling dependencies within the energy sector and enhancing situational awareness during emergencies. This will be a [first-of-its-kind tool to improve energy sector resilience](https://www.energy.gov/oe/articles/developing-resilience-model-north-america-s-energy-sector-infrastructure) for the well-being of our citizens and national security. To learn how the Office of Electricity helps to ensure America's energy delivery system is secure, resilient and reliable, [watch this video](https://twitter.com/i/status/1156671123314098180)

**USDA:** [USDA sustainable logging study to spur renewable energy](https://stateforesters.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06c384d90c91720901353e8bf&id=96f274ea4e&e=7f39bdb263)

## **State Updates**

CO:

* [Colorado cooperative to hit clean energy goal a decade early](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=38815j385813Bc&utm_campaign=082819_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://energynews.us/2019/08/27/west/colorado-cooperative-to-hit-clean-energy-goal-a-decade-early/)
* [Colorado PUC moves to block Tri-State plan to move from state to FERC regulation](http://www.euci.com/colorado-puc-moves-to-block-tri-state-plan-to-move-from-state-to-ferc-regulation/?x=38615s385813Bc&utm_campaign=082119_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

NM: [New Mexico's new energy law prompts legal challenge](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=38815j385813Bc&utm_campaign=082819_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.apnews.com/092f310906894c25a6fd2d04b2e579f3)

NV:

* [Appeals court rejects Nevada lawsuit to stop plutonium shipments](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=f4fb8d01070d716f2531e610a0dc0dc8b41f8a57517737f6cd4380469386f8b67f74a90a9ab4d124c1b3bf4dd5f24b6edf825fd203830803)
* The Nevada Public Utilities Commission has [proposed](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2019Register/R029-19I.pdf) to add a requirement for public utilities to develop a distributed resources plan as a component of their existing Resource Plan.

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Nez-Lizer join U.S. Senator Heinrich and New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham in promoting renewable energy initiatives](News%20Releases/OPVP/2019/aug/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20NezLizer%20join%20US%20Senator%20Heinrich%20and%20New%20Mexico%20Governor%20Lujan%20Grisham%20in%20promoting%20renewable%20energy%20initiatives.pdf)
* [President Nez discusses progress of solar energy project with Navajo Hopi Land Commission members](News%20Releases/OPVP/2019/aug/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20President%20Nez%20discusses%20progress%20of%20solar%20energy%20project%20with%20Navajo%20Hopi%20Land%20Commission%20members.pdf)
* September 24–26: 2019 National Tribal Energy Summit (NTES). DOE Office of Indian Energy, in coordination with the National Conference of State Legislatures, will host the 2019 NTES, Tribal Energy: Powering Self-Determination, September 24–26 at the Westin Washington D.C. City Center. Registration is required by September 13, and capacity is limited. Register, view the agenda overview, and find lodging and travel information at the [NTES website](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODI3Ljk1MDQ5MTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODI3Ljk1MDQ5MTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4Njg0NyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&101&&&http://www.ncsl.org/research/energy/national-tribal-energy-summit-2019.aspx).
* November 18–22: 2019 Office of Indian Energy Program Review. Register now for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) 2019 Office of Indian Energy Program Review to be held November 18–22 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel in Lakewood, Colorado. This annual event is a tremendous opportunity for Indian tribes to meet, learn from other Indian tribes that are pursuing energy self-sufficiency, and share in each other's successes. There is no registration fee, but advanced registration is required to ensure seating and availability of food. [Register now.](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4MzY5MyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&100&&&https://www.eventbrite.com/e/office-of-indian-energy-program-review-2019-tickets-63976666933)
* [DOE Announces $16 Million for 14 Tribal Energy Infrastructure Deployment Projects](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4MzY5MyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&104&&&https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-16-million-14-tribal-energy-infrastructure-deployment-projects)
* [Could This New Approach Unlock Gigawatts of Native American Solar Energy Potential?](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4MzY5MyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&105&&&https://www.forbes.com/sites/energyinnovation/2019/06/24/could-this-new-approach-unlock-gigawatts-of-native-american-solar-energy-potential/#733db6846250)
* [From Gambling to Solar, U.S. Tribes Bet on New Revenue Stream](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4MzY5MyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&106&&&https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-07-11/from-gambling-to-solar-u-s-tribes-bet-on-new-revenue-stream)
* [Ute Mountain Ute Goes Solar](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4MzY5MyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&107&&&https://www.hcn.org/articles/tribal-affairs-the-ute-mountain-ute-tribe-goes-solar)
* [$39 Million of Microgrid Funding for Tribal Lands](https://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMTczNzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4MzY5MyZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&109&&&https://microgridknowledge.com/tribal-microgrids-federal-energy-funds/)

## **Regional**

* [From California: New PG&E webpage explains safe power shutoff events](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=4db143199f&e=e56d7a4004)
* The Nature Conservancy launched [Site Wind Right](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=5a1eba0013&e=e72b21abd3), a strategy intended to promote policies and incentives for low-impact renewable energy deployment; advance the science of low-impact siting; provide the wind industry and public with information to support low-impact siting; and pursue opportunities to work with the renewable energy sector to advance good siting practices. [Learn more here](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=66cda01af1&e=e72b21abd3).
* The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) will host their [109th Annual Meeting](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=2049b87dbd&e=e72b21abd3) from September 22 to 25 in St. Paul, MN. [View the program](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=9ed41bfb56&e=e72b21abd3) and [register here](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=389472ac23&e=e72b21abd3).
* NWCC Webinar - Wind 101: An Introduction to Wind Energy Siting, Development, and Operation, October 2, 2019, 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET, [Register Here](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=1a428d9e40&e=e72b21abd3)
* [U.S. shale drillers post positive cash flow for the first time on record in Q2, Rystad says](http://www.euci.com/u-s-shale-drillers-post-positive-cash-flow-for-the-first-time-on-record-in-q2-rystad-says/?x=38815j385813Bc&utm_campaign=082819_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [A record number of wind projects being built and planned in the U.S., AWEA says](http://www.euci.com/a-record-number-of-wind-projects-being-built-and-planned-in-the-u-s-awea-says/?x=38415w385813Bc&utm_campaign=081419_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [EPA proposes rolling back states' authority over pipeline projects](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/456901-epa-proposes-rolling-back-states-authorities-over-pipeline-projects&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNzM5NTI2ODMwMDE4Mjk0OTUxMTIaZjQwZTFiNWZkNDg5ZGQ2Zjpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFkJVzrPVabGGIcNtXIoAYRfVE4hA)
* [Corporations continue to buy solar energy with Apple and Amazon leading the way](http://www.euci.com/corporations-continue-to-buy-solar-energy-with-apple-and-amazon-leading-the-way/?x=38253b385813Bc&utm_campaign=080719_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Several States Work to Boost Renewable Energy](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=8cd2523b3244296be883cca0b8b33f4b7502c28f00d33a7165c3da2ebf9b070637ea2f39888e5d53a52b05040c7966f165b79d615943ce11)
* WGA: Western Governors this week shared their [support of the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2019](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001HWBt9TWfYaRZAe7Qh7M6Fh0IGgqtakddPjYMza_F6PgQKHFO4O6lf19kGsQXbYEwxMJTwa4HAZq_7LaL5dLDsu5OQxM-qiNvrzFTA85BTbfK7gaegM-iSCVxEphYutZFBpxL4Riq6NXAeKjZ5-Q40zHHAdni4iii5AogEVHZFGPkGMCuVIZE0XH5z66CCjOTrT0-ZfqmRk01l_ZeW4XzEYpZO464rxkoRhXXZBCOyu_BVJQa2ChVWY-xJsIXzsed9QIu8m0GEtsfu3JIlC0Tiw==&c=UEUIn3nonGp-ag2mlyaI6H9gyHd57ydG5OmbmZMF37L2IuWFmYhR5g==&ch=TuHp79Uh6jsWMOIqHCNJGyEJpyYGn8aV11cRelTgsOWk1nbMddWw5w==) with House leadership. The legislation promotes responsible renewable energy development and ensures states and counties are compensated for their work.

# **Natural Resources**

## **Federal Updates**

**DOI**

* [Secretary Bernhardt Expands Public Access to Hunting and Fishing on 1.4 Million Acres Nationwide](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-bernhardt-expands-public-access-hunting-and-fishing-14-million-acres)
* On Monday, August 12, Secretary David Bernhardt unveiled improvements to the implementing regulations of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) designed to increase transparency and effectiveness and bring the administration of ESA into the 21st century. The changes finalized by Interior’s U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Commerce’s National Marine Fisheries Service apply to [ESA sections 4 and 7.](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODE5LjkyMzEyMTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODE5LjkyMzEyMTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzQzOTY0NCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&100&&&https://www.fws.gov/endangered/improving_ESA/regulation-revisions.html) Section 4, among other things, deals with adding species to or removing species from ESA’s protections and designating critical habitat; section 7 covers consultations with other federal agencies. You can listen to Secretary Bernhardt’s remarks from August 12, 2019 by clicking on the links provided here: [Audio Clip 1](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODE5LjkyMzEyMTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODE5LjkyMzEyMTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzQzOTY0NCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&101&&&https://www.doi.gov/news/secretary-bernhardts-remarks-esa-rollout-clip-1); [Audio Clip 2](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODE5LjkyMzEyMTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODE5LjkyMzEyMTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzQzOTY0NCZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QHdlc3Rlcm5yZWdpb25hbHBhcnRuZXJzaGlwLm9yZyZ1c2VyaWQ9YW15ZHVmZnlAd2VzdGVybnJlZ2lvbmFscGFydG5lcnNoaXAub3JnJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&102&&&https://www.doi.gov/news/secretary-bernhardts-remarks-esa-rollout-clip-2)
* [Trump Administration Improves the Implementing Regulations of the Endangered Species Act](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/endangered-species-act)

**BLM**

* [BLM supports Utah’s rural economy by approving the Sevier Playa Potash Project](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-potash-project)
* [BLM seeks public comment for U.S. Army training proposal](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-public-comment-us-army-training-proposal)
* [BLM Releases Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab-Escalante Proposed Management Plans](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-releases-grand-staircase-escalante-national-monument-and-kanab-escalante-proposed)
* [BLM seeks public comment on Utah Test and Training Range land exchange](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/comment-uttr-land-exchange)
* [DOI to Treat More Than 1.2M Acres this Wildfire Season, Resources Mobilized across the Nation](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/DOI-to-Treat-More-Than-1.2M-Acres-this-Wildfire-Season-Resources-Mobilized-across-the-Nation)

**EPA**

* [What They Are Saying About EPA's New Methane Proposal](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/what-they-are-saying-about-epas-new-methane-proposal)
* [EPA Issues Guidance to Support States in Regional Haze Planning](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-issues-guidance-support-states-regional-haze-planning)
* [EPA Announces Federal Partnership to Build Nationwide Resilience to Natural Disasters](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-federal-partnership-build-nationwide-resilience-natural-disasters-0)

**BuRec**

* [Reclamation Announces 2020 Colorado River Operating Conditions](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=67383)
* [Reclamation announces grant funding opportunity for drought resiliency projects in 2020 and 2021](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=67305)
* [Reclamation announces funding opportunity grants to improve water reliability and energy efficiency](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=67303)

**USDA**

# [USDA sustainable logging study to spur renewable energy](https://stateforesters.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06c384d90c91720901353e8bf&id=96f274ea4e&e=be712403a1)

# [USDA Forest Service extends comment period for draft regulations on management of national forests, grasslands](https://www.fs.fed.us/news/releases/usda-forest-service-extends-comment-period-draft-regulations-management-national)

* [USDA Releases Proposed Amendments to Greater Sage Grouse Land Management Plans](https://www.fs.fed.us/news/releases/usda-releases-proposed-amendments-greater-sage-grouse-land-management-plans)

# [Restoring Ecosystem Services Tool (REST): a program for selecting species for restoration projects using a functional-trait approach](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fs.fed.us%2Fpsw%2Fpublications%2Fdocuments%2Fpsw_gtr262%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C4e6301240c6a4016cff008d719e5f3b5%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637006347789030399&sdata=9f7gCHzNwEJTy1E4lIBOIlUOFptu%2F7g3LNgwGqb2KIk%3D&reserved=0)

* [FireBuster-a web application for high-resolution fire weather modeling](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fs.fed.us%2Fpsw%2Fpublications%2Fdocuments%2Fpsw_gtr264%2Findex.shtml&data=02%7C01%7C%7C4e6301240c6a4016cff008d719e5f3b5%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637006347789030399&sdata=bQt%2F1NE744ZD8fn1R68EvL5HOu434ofbguQB4STNvAE%3D&reserved=0)
* [Tree mortality following drought in the central and southern Sierra Nevada, California, U.S.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fs.fed.us%2Fpsw%2Fpubs%2F58262&data=02%7C01%7C%7C4e6301240c6a4016cff008d719e5f3b5%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637006347789040395&sdata=qcjTRBAPjvBBsO0arsA%2BRSFbdyp9zb1920XLV%2Fajxkk%3D&reserved=0)

**FWS**

* [Service Completes Initial Reviews on Petitions to List Three Species](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=service-completes-initial-reviews-on-petitions-to-list-three-species-&_ID=36445)
* [Service Announces Landmark Revision to Eagle Retention Policy](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=service-announces-landmark-revision-to-eagle-retention-policy-&_ID=36444)
* [Trump Administration Improves the Implementing Regulations of the Endangered Species Act](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=trump-administration-improves-the-implementing-regulations-of-the-&_ID=36443)
* [Service Announces Recovery Plan Revisions for 53 Species, To Assist in Measuring Progress and Addressing Threats](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=service-announces-recovery-plan-revisions-for-53-species-to-assist-in-&_ID=36440)
* [Service Announces Recovery Plan Revisions for 43 Species, To Assist in Measuring Progress and Addressing Threats](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=service-announces-recovery-plan-revisions-for-43-species-to-assist-in-&_ID=36441)
* [Service Announces Recovery Plan Revisions for 25 Species, To Assist in Measuring Progress and Addressing Threats](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=service-announces-recovery-plan-revisions-for-25-species-to-assist-in-&_ID=36442)
* Five-Year Status Reviews of 58 Species in California, Nevada, and Klamath Basin of Oregon. FWS has initiated five-year status reviews of 58 species in California, Nevada, and the Klamath Basin of Oregon ([84 FR 36116](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-07-26/html/2019-15943.htm)). FWS has requested new information on these species that has become available since the last review. See the Federal Register announcement for a list of species. Information is due 24 SEP 19.

**USDOT**

* [New U.S. DOT Policy Limits Page Length of Environmental Impact Statements](https://www.planetizen.com/news/2019/08/105888-new-us-dot-policy-limits-page-length-environmental-impact-statements)
* [USDOT Rulemaking Seeks to Limit Page Length of Environmental Reviews](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K1keW_LQ-j0t6pYycQrlTrHgHjTvhArNphM5wM93syVxXlqU9PbJeSWSBPpfu_6XrhzARnE1FvINvL4Ifcp9VZvrwd6OliHgSpbP7jteeVujFGYrB3QOPyfHQZG7mdHUX5CJbcBWP787LA4mY7vqji3iRwv1qWRiSZhpiDF-tVgetIeszXaMU0h5CMHHcf8E4zGXgKi49zN7j-Ng5y7gGXRcnT_GazprveGopRzD9ZuwgCOZ7QJGWs875K8sVZDS5RMN2L6GWeckW9NV_qz-6jn6ODlLMB8HcgjGmO99Ai0=&c=V5npXoxnY_Kbab1pjOIoxKLq5u_3hg-35fvhRpyNFJ2ITV6yQlnLKA==&ch=loOPttgh54GlbFBXrpms-J_mA0iz28UDKbQIgzMbAYy06ypmdniPGQ==)

## **State Updates**

AZ:

* [Woodbury Fire Story Map](http://email.robly.com/wf/click?upn=gnpZbt3IUEoS7-2BNY3DSAVYK2v2MrFog0l3U398hHj7l57Oi66vHyhdNHE3njbSJTpSwaL3XJMDnoKJ5jB6hqI7sMB-2FdWW2qEB7x-2Fes6hNYM-3D_5PjEt93WmttSKmNUTGB3Jh4CYMM1aa0ogK-2Fb8lNxv9Shb4DSFWb98OiCbiuB-2BulhlMPolu4vX18VbPg5HvXgoxYDw5aD8TYcuNR05SSVWP3bkBpct5POxoaH5OEYHvAtsiTzJuMbrM-2FMsl-2Fm5LJgKrxIbFzW9VpZ8PKhbfSn5HjtXd7COGnPiooOPwTkzDnGJV66Spa1Din3ogCIdssfFXufE7i504tz9HsPoqqSO-2B-2F8ICpkdVpaEQYM6JWQTNOeo6HYaatBw92driHMxwjEpsBqKC3oaw3haVsGEv4Ek1l-2Fl1guu5ZOGO-2BDcuKuC8vMAmjUAoFRO2ZskLWorAw3CjeNlc5fei0xlS7GqRMP6TxHppyJi0NCdxdxOCEBI2Y6QRT45R2mtlSrVysQuNkgLZDLqTalXTbKBo2jUEeSDJaZ-2BkGCztXvdIx6ENwxCcA9vVv2Rb09HODsgPX5rETJ-2FA-3D-3D): Arizona Game and Fish has developed an interactive story map with information, photos and video about the fire and its impact on wildlife. [Podcast](http://email.robly.com/wf/click?upn=gnpZbt3IUEoS7-2BNY3DSAVbQMhs9sL97EN6sRHqceUMftOY8ZYXn7lrxH9ELKuorEX4R8OyaNA-2FU1RnG2Z0qdp22T-2FW7ZtRLlGGcThFDalVBZI9bkfnaH-2B3qFJJC3rVBukhr5-2FcjVOAI5mhf0FOhgakLb09fsyaM8k2xX-2BtsjLp28kS1y-2BXm36fTLXe-2BKhXGnOyeES8VJmZteCxwRpkFcCOdhzT2PKeunIQtfYkKyQzAid4ui-2FAipdOo1kNhIrJHY_5PjEt93WmttSKmNUTGB3Jh4CYMM1aa0ogK-2Fb8lNxv9Shb4DSFWb98OiCbiuB-2BulhlMPolu4vX18VbPg5HvXgoxYDw5aD8TYcuNR05SSVWP3bkBpct5POxoaH5OEYHvAtsiTzJuMbrM-2FMsl-2Fm5LJgKrxIbFzW9VpZ8PKhbfSn5HjtXd7COGnPiooOPwTkzDnGJV66Spa1Din3ogCIdssfFXufE7i504tz9HsPoqqSO-2B-2F8ICpkdVpaEQYM6JWQTNOeo6HYaatBw92driHMxwjEpm4YOZywVpPttHksu0VQkiqgsJcSSjujrlcnHcWt53nwA9Hz-2B82bge3HC-2BkEwN8EomL6P-2BNybfQcRr8Snq7vqELDgZ-2BVuvJC84HhT8a2Li7N2J6uWVTSCliZQ5VuvOmnaDNqBPrYjUNyNX-2BQMCQV4fUdtBVCxyIzwfYGf4RygoM9D-2FG955mBcT172MUQ5GGjCg-3D-3D)
* ADEQ has drafted a proposed Roadmap outlining the pathway to Arizona’s assumption of the CWA § 404 permitting program from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). <static.azdeq.gov/wqd/404/404rm.pdf>.

CA:

* [California Fire Safe Council Announces Over $2 Million in Grants to Support Wildfire Reduction Projects in 17 At-risk Counties Across California](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODI5Ljk2MDYzMjEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODI5Ljk2MDYzMjEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc4MDE3NSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&106&&&https://lasentinel.net/california-fire-safe-council-announces-over-2-million-in-grants-to-support-wildfire-reduction-projects-in-17-at-risk-counties-across-california.html)
* [SciTechDaily: Monster Tumbleweed: New Species Invades California](https://scitechdaily.com/monster-tumbleweed-new-species-invades-california-video/)
* [World's Largest Highway Overpass for Wildlife On Track In California](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001faE8YYDIYCsx2hV_e763GjQzmZW6siHu2s-Z1IrPsyQbMIKmyxyUTjqI_tkIMbBcP6xFmW0Usa9Ugs6QGL3Wp4nNpxVbXlBk_7JGZt16ilCqLDiMZ89ty2_WHvoCqUdXNWKXzG0t7ry_lxFPRN7FcfUYKayeplGDC6wyS3gDh5AA_Mc52OdMxcdkT8YDoJGe2ndule5OTjv3-uUJvwBrnlfwdJuwSOKeK5gbeezgkQlqeG73WIBYKOf3xNukLBsHJahiqxHSxi9y1cqlbu3sZg==&c=C0b1SOcwwE4BL5RrYorIbxxmRMXML_oQoFAof39uxfVl5KcxMb0M_g==&ch=N39ojBIOSSERyKKfZCXjZZ3qdzGeA8m4T7CPD4tnKDW-U6Q2vpE1cA==)
* The California Fish and Game Commission has [provided notice](https://services.statescape.com/ssu/Regs/ss_8586370985996892266.pdf#page=14) that it received a petition to list an evolutionarily significant unit of mountain lions (Puma concolor) in southern and central coastal California as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. The commission anticipates that the evaluation and recommendation will be made available at the October 2019 commission meeting.
* [CDFW Completes Conservation Strategy for Threatened Mohave Ground Squirrel](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODA2Ljg4NDkwMDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODA2Ljg4NDkwMDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzQzNDk4NiZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&104&&&https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2019/08/05/cdfw-completes-conservation-strategy-for-threatened-mohave-ground-squirrel/)

CO: [Polis Signs Executive Order to Track, Conserve Colorado's Wildlife and Habitat](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001EBxAAFfdO4bxAZXA7H4eK5QxTDBZJLsLSw74rD9GSz3OFMXeJ7EVevzalOlZbqy7o-5eGKEPUx6eQr0jkg9xWbco6QNKSQELbCKiIo-BbVVi6Vd_v3ytTRYjYHSOAMHUw7acDEEAPo92MYPcGNf2vCuHRNBRq9kX-HXHrLYkQl-bpRUyBCW97QVbxpLQvgJOr4uwYNzoF8bryK03XM_tv5-yGMBSykwJi_GR590f0CDxDjlJm75ubuEbSisRtKZQoZqImSGXggiP_aAjfCW__r_zGzorDukr&c=uEmVGihmbyrNFkpbyCeB5ecv5bnuGpoeKPJSTpYSP1qks7PCYLfhoQ==&ch=e_IA6AuKxjSmzSwev74ZmyWu05sf8Yau5qmBcL52prVpLcaHS8YVvQ==)

NM: [New Mexico State Forestry takes inventory of thousands of trees](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=3748affbcb&e=e56d7a4004)

UT:

* [Following wildfires, Utah County to receive $10.6 million in watershed restoration funding](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=6c3dc6073a&e=e56d7a4004)
* [USDOT Rulemaking Seeks To Limit Page Length Of Environmental Reviews](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_KNPhRGSYh_BfOgGJ1nPjnvuLMjPJ5pt9S3yUJdEMLfgkQbxsLel2VuhEGcCsxfohqXv5x_Q15oJ2lKhZ79XrsKuMsjqZ309beDlG2MPc3wQyJvYlPXH7LQhs-55nELluMw5mw26jaXb8FPnufo0YnJ-_TwaB73a4C7C5d0_0g6OZYhNCwWJU4xfvXOCQOtqWuhOAxoiHK8qSd8E1uKBhOZvy1oCDZIEvmnbbcchJXot_fwF5V0BuMnXhMupr3yO50nJkVFUOQkxdgL5CUPN51KikALk_3N2xF71YzA_MGk=&c=QZ-sESp2g9zbb9mCK2x_pLfcjm8eekVBqgp1w9v6Ij9C_SM1rZWJiQ==&ch=R4DDry5gv9-FOCPJNShVm6uIwN-F92vT-l-47Zbon1hEhr7olfTdzw==)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Reclamation awards $3.4 million to 19 tribes for technical assistance in water development](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=67623)
* [9th Annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum Wraps Up in Palm Springs, California](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/9th-annual-tribal-lands-and-environment-forum-wraps-palm-springs-california)

**Regional Updates**

* [Upcoming Webinar: Management Responses to Mountain Pine Beetle Infestations on National Forestland.](https://eepurl.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f6de7b069a57255f980944b4&id=2404c91e17&e=34607e62b5) Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT
* Conservation Biology Institute (CBI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service [announced the release](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=a393f56227&e=e72b21abd3) of the [Bat Acoustic Monitoring Visualization Tool](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=a03f5a6fac&e=e72b21abd3), giving users the ability to visualize more than 6 million bat detections from more than 34 species. [Access the tool here](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=826ad11b0b&e=e72b21abd3).
* The Chihuahuan Desert Conference in El Paso on November 6-8. Please plan on attending and see the attached flyer to help promote the meeting using our conference website link at <https://greaterbigbend.wordpress.com/chihuahuan-desert-conference/> The deadline for Abstracts is September 1, the deadline for Registration is October 30.
* [ALWT Annual Report](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001p3PnQaIV8sMrL9r76NywdKF9_xYDbbRqaNgD1Gf0tHP-5_c3p6s3Mj4DebF7mfstuDFIjSMr1dMv9jz7KXbiADpDJB_mvw7dqAjp6-b6VkfM1btjetjvZpFMPR_Ma1WI6U51P36aaB6kL2GNEuXOWWRcpLmYy42XMo6T_dmXQ607AgZWp8_RycdeQ96Dd3S42MCvS3KPjA8RvGWgHSL9eKQxaTKbGWnhG5M30QmjevlATnDSJrKICQ==&c=q3BTDaPeIFvE8CzGjmDkc9whPAavJRX3aUC-r_QwMTqSDumjapb51A==&ch=6YDSv-d1jgDWmIvEt3BXKXGBNa-uR3NdROnR_cehCTIBGlTvaIyH8A==)
* [The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society team up for 2019 conference, Sep. 29 – Oct. 3.](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uyzyhk-jtpdhjrid-h/) Working Lands for Wildlife to host full-day symposium on conservation outcomes on Oct 3rd
* [Birds of a Feather on Working Lands.](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uyzyhk-jtpdhjrid-t/) The golden-winged warbler and the sage grouse benefit from working lands conservation.
* [To protect wildlife, state agencies pledge collaboration in wildlife corridors](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2019/08/23/to-protect-wildlife-state-agencies-pledge-collaboration-in-wildlife-corridors/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNjY4NTg4MjY4NDEzNTgxMjgwNDIaZjQwZTFiNWZkNDg5ZGQ2Zjpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNGDqgzMJqi1Qa1Kyn_9y0n4bQbrvQ)
* [Arizona: University pilot tests exporting wood products via railway to speed forest restoration](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=0e350c4bc9&e=e56d7a4004)
* [Toward Shared Stewardship](#mctoc1)
* [Where will the West's Next Deadly Wildfire Strike?](#mctoc2)
* [Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project - A Unique Approach to Funding Treatments on Federal Lands](#mctoc3)
* [The Need for Increasing the Use of Prescribed Fire in the West](#mctoc4)
* [How Communities are Increasing the Use of Prescribed Fire in the West](#mctoc5)
* [Reducing Smoke Impacts in New Mexico](#mctoc6)
* [Another Tool to Help Practitioners Understand, Plan and Implement Prescribed Fire](#mctoc8)
* The International Association of Wildland Fire in partnership with the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) and National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Regions, invite you to attend the 3rd Annual National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Workshop to be held October 21-24, 2019 in Plymouth, MA. [Detailed Program Schedule](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001cNQEZC3jfkRo20rPuWFi0LlKin-zwhGtnWqipAiC_pw-5iawzl0zxwyVUR_ZihoAEuo0oeHT9tv8UHAZOVHbgMX7xG5xnQMdMfzJKX8CLpFJQvSJQg0GsvMnjXBF4IJSQ7xZwTjnr2nIGbAi-bJa-nl9ad2kkywSoCzqJiLKlD6Kn8KSl7TL3fusB3s2RPAoEFM-sIQjDr68kkzWLLHX34AxWvdZm_v8tInrbnHMg8I=&c=EkX3cdIUomCAbUEbovBq81ZCDRnYCOtg0a1WAhYgLFDZmVqwC-RQdA==&ch=z85fvJGo8xAmqU2_yHJczKfAP3Z8dHYhChgjH-eGzg-cOcmmfMxvOA==)
* To assist in the re-establishment of native forbs in the Great Basin, an online book, [Western Forbs: Biology, Ecology, and Use in Restoration](https://eepurl.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f6de7b069a57255f980944b4&id=c59c538e72&e=34607e62b5), is now available.
* WGA: A WGA-led coalition expressed concerns with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ over its [proposed rulemaking on water supply](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001nagYht5lgF5ltgMbg3di33HpCVWB3OkB-oIuD946EhZ8q5tB-VcyaRTyrGbxMmfpBoq7Wh5-ylt_hu8K3tQCrK6u6vnzHabIJCC4kjX0wXDEhP_dtk8_otckp6ZjF3fGP4ipNPM9DvN--XyM6jErs7q9npjbRjuwJZ-bjiQjV0Fz7PUKGZ5L_Nm2H8Rqb2NGSxv6Cnbw0c-36_2FGT2RUs4hgflgXkeuvHr9FGfhtuX5YuZHh0NSiQ0gvpCUBiD4FvsXHt_kaMjGn0YewmNMOg==&c=2kCJoYbfXd-R1NAWbBJGjFzQmjYkZCeir-MILwpDh-7Jx9G53ut1ow==&ch=cfmiW5s4I2msXK9zdBkbJ48SDD96NZNt4DYbp6FW1CNoohbwH-q5Hg==) in reservoirs.

# **Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation**

## **Military Readiness**

**DoD Update**

* [Department of Defense Establishes U.S. Space Command](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODI5Ljk2MTYxODEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODI5Ljk2MTYxODEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc5MTQ1NiZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QGR1ZmZ5Y29uc3VsdGluZy5uZXQmdXNlcmlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QGR1ZmZ5Y29uc3VsdGluZy5uZXQmdGFyZ2V0aWQ9JmZsPSZtdmlkPSZleHRyYT0mJiY=&&&101&&&https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/1948288/department-of-defense-establishes-us-space-command/?source=GovDelivery)
* [The Trump Administration Is Establishing the United States Space Command to Advance American Interests and Defend Our Nation](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/trump-administration-establishing-united-states-space-command-advance-american-interests-defend-nation/)
* [Pentagon chief approves 20 more miles of border wall](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17895641.90364/aHR0cHM6Ly90aGVoaWxsLmNvbS9wb2xpY3kvZGVmZW5zZS80NTkwMzQtcGVudGFnb24tY2hpZWYtYXBwcm92ZXMtMjAtbW9yZS1taWxlcy1vZi1ib3JkZXItd2FsbA/57588738498e574579743a61B402353ec)
* [Esper calls for new basing investments in the Pacific](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17895641.90364/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3BlbnRhZ29uLzIwMTkvMDgvMjcvZXNwZXItY2FsbHMtZm9yLW5ldy1iYXNpbmctaW52ZXN0bWVudHMtaW4tdGhlLXBhY2lmaWMv/57588738498e574579743a61B0d419c02)
* [Energy Exchange Focused on Military Installations, Energy Resiliency, Efficiency and Emerging Threats.](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.dvidshub.net/news/337421/energy-exchange-focused-military-installations-energy-resiliency-efficiency-and-emerging-threats&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNDAxOTI0NTcwMjk2MjQ2MzM5MTIaMzYxNGZhZjI1M2ViNWVkNDpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNHeW9xPf1pl7Pfq6x-51oo6TjH60g)
* [Heritage Analysis Says DOD Window to Consider FY 2020 BRAC Round Closing Quickly](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=5d34266709&e=822f95e226)
* [Could offshore wind turbines help power Vandenberg? A French company wants to find out](https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article233715612.html)
* [Gov. Newsom Emphasizes Economic Importance of Military Installations at 4th Annual California Defense Leadership Summit](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=c85d5178a7&e=822f95e226)
* [New Norquist Memo Directs Pentagon to Conduct Full Review; Esper Orders Action in Support of National Defense Strategy](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=3fdc5c4369&e=822f95e226)
* [New ADC Report Highlights Challenges Installations Face from Degraded Stormwater Systems](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=e8fe7443d2&e=822f95e226)
* [Office of Economic Development Announces Federal Funding Opportunity](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=e3c6626cc8&e=822f95e226)
* [New Mexico says EPA abandoned state in fight against toxic 'forever chemicals'](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17706154.68405/aHR0cHM6Ly90aGVoaWxsLmNvbS9wb2xpY3kvZW5lcmd5LWVudmlyb25tZW50LzQ1NjM2MS1uZXctbWV4aWNvLXNheXMtZXBhLWFiYW5kb25lZC1zdGF0ZS1pbi1maWdodC1hZ2FpbnN0LXRveGljLWZvcmV2ZXI/57588738498e574579743a61Bcc7d71c8)

**REPI:** REPI Webinar Series for 2019. DOD’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program announced the [2019 REPI Webinar Series schedule](https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Users/152/88/1688/2019_REPIwebinar__31JAN.pdf?ver=2019-01-31-093500-853). The webinars showcase best practices and lessons learned from REPI partnerships nationwide that support military missions and accelerate the pace of conservation. Unless otherwise noted, all webinars begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

* 9 OCT 19: [Measuring Impacts: Developing Mission Benefit Metrics](https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Webinars/ModuleID/84948/ItemID/4439/mctl/EventDetails/)
* 27 NOV 19: [REPI and the Farm Bill](https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Webinars/ModuleID/84948/ItemID/4441/mctl/EventDetails/)
* 8 JAN 20: [How to Introduce Local Businesses into your REPI Partnership](https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Webinars/ModuleID/84948/ItemID/4442/mctl/EventDetails/)

**USAF**

* [Hill AFB wins DOE award for energy efficiency](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1936557/hill-afb-wins-doe-award-for-energy-efficiency/)
* [How pilot training has changed over the years](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1929305/how-pilot-training-has-changed-over-the-years/)
* [Nellis Seeks Land Expansion amid Push-Back from Moapa Native Tribe](https://www.fox5vegas.com/news/nellis-seeks-land-expansion-amid-push-back-from-moapa-native/article_805194e0-c2f6-11e9-a2f1-173db46a6f17.html)
* [Air Force Doesn’t Need More Land](https://lasvegassun.com/news/2019/aug/18/air-force-doesnt-need-more-land/)
* [Air Force Workshop Focuses on Installation Support, Environmental Stewardship](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=4a48ec2a25&e=822f95e226)
* A-10 Warthogs will now fly until the late 2030s, Air Force Times reported Tuesday after a new "re-winging" operation. Read more behind the layered assault of ads and videos, [here](https://link.govexec.com/click/17767290.28378/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2V0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLWFpci1mb3JjZS8yMDE5LzA4LzEzL2EtMTAtcmUtd2luZ2luZy1jb21wbGV0ZWQtd2lsbC1rZWVwLXdhcnRob2ctaW4tdGhlLWFpci11bnRpbC1sYXRlLTIwMzBzLz9mYmNsaWQ9SXdBUjBsVkZFQW9vTUxHOEZRTUtpVjJFQkVtSmVWbnBRY1VzT2FnZURZbHdxWFM3MlhJRURwM1ZRSmhRNA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B01e74af0).
* Land Use Study. Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and other municipalities are partnering with the Nellis Air Force Base Complex to study and promote mutually beneficial planning in the areas surrounding the complex. The [joint land-use study](http://www.nelliscomplexjlus.com/index.php/project-overview/jlus-overview) aims to identify compatibility issues between civilians and military operations and propose solutions to those issues. The scope of the study includes Nellis Air Force Base, Creech Air Force Base, and the Nevada Test and Training Range. [Public workshops](http://www.nelliscomplexjlus.com/index.php/get-involved/public-meetings) were held 24 and 25 JUL 19.
* [Air Force stemmed its pilot crisis, chief says](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17728930.74797/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudXNuZXdzLmNvbS9uZXdzL25hdGlvbmFsLW5ld3MvYXJ0aWNsZXMvMjAxOS0wOC0wOC9haXItZm9yY2UtYmVsaWV2ZXMtaXQtaGFzLXN0ZW1tZWQtdGhlLXBpbG90LXNob3J0YWdl/57588738498e574579743a61B6e69b306)
* [New Mexico AG ‘Frustrated’ With Air Force Response to PFAS Contamination](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=2d48c495ce&e=822f95e226)

**Army**

* [Meet WSMR's new Commander](https://www.wsmr.army.mil/fn/Pages/Meet-WSMR's-new-Commander.aspx)
* [The Army wants these new defensive cyber tools](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17895641.90364/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmlmdGhkb21haW4uY29tL3Nob3ctcmVwb3J0ZXIvdGVjaG5ldC1hdWd1c3RhLzIwMTkvMDgvMjcvdGhlLWFybXktd2FudHMtdGhlc2UtbmV3LWRlZmVuc2l2ZS1jeWJlci10b29scy8/57588738498e574579743a61Bac815d43)
* [A new civilian cyber warfare position for the Army](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17885597.70195/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmlmdGhkb21haW4uY29tL3Nob3ctcmVwb3J0ZXIvdGVjaG5ldC1hdWd1c3RhLzIwMTkvMDgvMjYvYS1uZXctY2l2aWxpYW4tY3liZXItd2FyZmFyZS1wb3NpdGlvbi1mb3ItdGhlLWFybXkv/57588738498e574579743a61B5e7d8805)
* [How will multi-domain operations change the Army’s structure?](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17885597.70195/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL25ld3NsZXR0ZXJzL3R2LW5leHQtZXBpc29kZS8yMDE5LzA4LzI2L2hvdy13aWxsLW11bHRpLWRvbWFpbi1vcGVyYXRpb25zLWNoYW5nZS10aGUtYXJteXMtc3RydWN0dXJlLw/57588738498e574579743a61Bda549794)
* [Organizing the Future U.S. Army | Defense News Weekly, Aug. 23, 2019](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17875710.82570/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3ZpZGVvLzIwMTkvMDgvMjMvb3JnYW5pemluZy10aGUtZnV0dXJlLXVzLWFybXktZGVmZW5zZS1uZXdzLXdlZWtseS1hdWctMjMtMjAxOS8/57588738498e574579743a61B95aa0f93)
* [Avoiding past mistakes: Are the Army’s modernization plans on the right course?](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17854479.69221/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2xhbmQvMjAxOS8wOC8yMi9hdm9pZGluZy1wYXN0LW1pc3Rha2VzLWFyZS10aGUtYXJteXMtbW9kZXJuaXphdGlvbi1wbGFucy1vbi10aGUtcmlnaHQtY291cnNlLw/57588738498e574579743a61B6eb402a3)
* [The Army wants a better way to visualize the cyber environment](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17854479.69221/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmlmdGhkb21haW4uY29tL3Nob3ctcmVwb3J0ZXIvdGVjaG5ldC1hdWd1c3RhLzIwMTkvMDgvMjIvdGhlLWFybXktd2FudHMtYS1iZXR0ZXItd2F5LXRvLXZpc3VhbGl6ZS10aGUtY3liZXItZW52aXJvbm1lbnQv/57588738498e574579743a61B439592e3)
* [How the Army is helping combatant commands with cyber planning](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17843158.73500/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmlmdGhkb21haW4uY29tL3Nob3ctcmVwb3J0ZXIvdGVjaG5ldC1hdWd1c3RhLzIwMTkvMDgvMjEvaG93LXRoZS1hcm15LWlzLWhlbHBpbmctY29tYmF0YW50LWNvbW1hbmRzLXdpdGgtY3liZXItcGxhbm5pbmcv/57588738498e574579743a61B8131d5d4)
* [Despite record DoD budgets, Army needs more money: Acting secretary](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17843158.73500/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnkuY29tL2RhaWx5LW5ld3MvMjAxOS8wOC8yMS9kZXNwaXRlLXJlY29yZC1kb2QtYnVkZ2V0cy1hcm15LW5lZWRzLW1vcmUtbW9uZXktYWN0aW5nLXNlY3JldGFyeS5odG1s/57588738498e574579743a61B594a2abd)
* [The Army’s outgoing leadership: Where the service stands, and where it’s aiming](https://link.armytimes.com/click/17822726.83321/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYXJteXRpbWVzLmNvbS9uZXdzL3lvdXItYXJteS8yMDE5LzA4LzE5L3RoZS1hcm15cy1vdXRnb2luZy1sZWFkZXJzaGlwLXdoZXJlLXRoZS1zZXJ2aWNlLXN0YW5kcy1hbmQtd2hlcmUtaXRzLWFpbWluZy8/57588738498e574579743a61B1248357e)
* [The US Army Is Struggling to Staff Its Cyber Units: GAO](https://link.defenseone.com/click/17817063.28400/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGVjaG5vbG9neS8yMDE5LzA4L2FybXktZmFsbGluZy1iZWhpbmQtc3RhZmZpbmctY3liZXItdW5pdHMtZ2FvLXNheXMvMTU5MjYyLz9vcmVmPWRfYnJpZWZfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Bfcb56994)
* [This 3-star Army general explains what multi-domain operations mean for you](https://link.armytimes.com/click/17749631.83866/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYXJteXRpbWVzLmNvbS9uZXdzL3lvdXItYXJteS8yMDE5LzA4LzExL3RoaXMtMy1zdGFyLWFybXktZ2VuZXJhbC1leHBsYWlucy13aGF0LW11bHRpLWRvbWFpbi1vcGVyYXRpb25zLW1lYW4tZm9yLXlvdS8/57588738498e574579743a61B0e249d84)
* [Army Aviation Continues Long-Term Efforts to Fill Pilot Shortages](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=cdf6532b33&e=822f95e226)

**Navy**

* [Navy Announces FY-20 General Military Training Requirements](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=110551)
* [Navy moving ahead to create special cyber office](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17822726.83321/aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnVzbmkub3JnLzIwMTkvMDgvMTkvbmF2eS1tb3ZpbmctYWhlYWQtdG8tY3JlYXRlLXNwZWNpYWwtY3liZXItb2ZmaWNl/57588738498e574579743a61B0cd74f75)
* [CNO Richardson reflects on massive technology, readiness changes as tenure ends](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17822726.83321/aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnVzbmkub3JnLzIwMTkvMDgvMTkvY25vLXJpY2hhcmRzb24tcmVmbGVjdHMtb24tbWFzc2l2ZS10ZWNobm9sb2d5LXJlYWRpbmVzcy1jaGFuZ2VzLWFzLXRlbnVyZS1lbmRz/57588738498e574579743a61Be265dc36)
* [Despite record budgets, the US Navy is short hundreds of millions for maintenance](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17822726.83321/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL25hdmFsLzIwMTkvMDgvMTkvZGVzcGl0ZS1yZWNvcmQtYnVkZ2V0cy10aGUtdXMtbmF2eS1pcy1zaG9ydC1odW5kcmVkcy1vZi1taWxsaW9ucy1mb3ItbWFpbnRlbmFuY2Uv/57588738498e574579743a61Be2a258cb)
* [Navy’s China Lake Earthquake Damage Dramatically Climbs to Estimated $5 Billion](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=32675b13ef&e=822f95e226)
* [Senate Confirms Gilday as CNO](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=9d5ea56700&e=822f95e226)

**USMC**

* [Neighbors Concerned with F-35 Coming to MCAS Miramar](https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/neighbors-concerned-with-f-35-coming-to-mcas-miramar)
* [The Corps is looking at unmanned ships for a Pacific fight](https://link.marinecorpstimes.com/click/17843158.73500/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWFyaW5lY29ycHN0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1hcmluZS1jb3Jwcy8yMDE5LzA4LzIxL3RoZS1jb3Jwcy1pcy1sb29raW5nLWF0LXVubWFubmVkLXNoaXBzLWZvci1hLXBhY2lmaWMtZmlnaHQv/57588738498e574579743a61B9c3bdfb2)

## **Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness**

* [Colorado State Forest Service announces $1 million in grant funding](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=a24edf5c3f&e=e56d7a4004)
* [In Nevada: Can prescribed fires be the answer to wildfires?](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=6041d90a93&e=e56d7a4004)
* [President Nez speaks in support of public safety initiatives at the inaugural 2019 Indian Country Public Safety Summit](News%20Releases/OPVP/2019/aug/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20President%20Nez%20speaks%20in%20support%20of%20public%20safety%20initiatives%20at%20the%20inaugural%202019%20Indian%20Country%20Public%20Safety%20Summit.pdf)
* View the DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Fact Sheet at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/182171.>
* View the DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY 2019 Flood Mitigation Assistance and Fact Sheet at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/182169>
* [Security 101: A Physical and Cybersecurity Primer for Transportation Agencies](https://odlinks.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTM1MDY1Mjk2NSZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELU9ETS0zNTA2NTI5NjUmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPTQwOTc5NjMyOCZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&133&&&http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/179516.aspx)
* FEMA Releases the [National Mitigation Investment Strategy](https://www.fema.gov/national-mitigation-investment-strategy) (NMIS).
* [DGS Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems Legal Authorities (fact sheet)](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/19_0502_cisa_dhs-cuas-legal-authorities-factsheet.pdf)
* [DHS Announces Grant Allocations for Fiscal Year 2019 Preparedness Grants](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODAyLjg3NDUyMTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODAyLjg3NDUyMTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjc5NzM3MiZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&100&&&https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHS/bulletins/2557c99)
* [CISA Is Using Drones to Help Secure Critical Infrastructure](https://link.nextgov.com/click/17658700.52857/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vZW1lcmdpbmctdGVjaC8yMDE5LzA4L2Npc2EtdXNpbmctZHJvbmVzLWhlbHAtc2VjdXJlLWNyaXRpY2FsLWluZnJhc3RydWN0dXJlLzE1ODg5MC8_b3JlZj1nb3ZleGVjX3RvZGF5X3BtX25s/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B68474299)
* The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Continuity Programs has released the [*Business Process Analysis and Business Impact Analysis User Guide*.](https://www.fema.gov/policy-plans-evaluations)
* [Out of sight is out of mind: Small communities struggle in the shadow of larger disasters](https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2019/08/13/small-us-communities-natural-disasters-funding/)
* [Without federal disaster aid, states are left to fend for themselves](https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2019/08/16/without-federal-aid-states-help-themselves/)
* [Developments in disaster-prone areas mean big bucks for builders but can put homeowners at risk](https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2019/08/15/developments-disaster-prone-communities-flooding/)

**Cyber**

* [CISA Chief Unveils Vision for Federal Cybersecurity](https://link.nextgov.com/click/17849547.35502/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vY3liZXJzZWN1cml0eS8yMDE5LzA4L2Npc2EtY2hpZWYtdW52ZWlscy12aXNpb24tZmVkZXJhbC1jeWJlcnNlY3VyaXR5LzE1OTM5Ny8_b3JlZj1uZXh0Z292X3RvZGF5X25s/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B317b2cf5)
* [Agencies Faced 31,000 Cyber Incidents Last Year, But Gave Up No Major Breaches](https://link.nextgov.com/click/17816964.77903/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vY3liZXJzZWN1cml0eS8yMDE5LzA4L2FnZW5jaWVzLWZhY2VkLTMxMDAwLWN5YmVyLWluY2lkZW50cy1sYXN0LXllYXItZ2F2ZS1uby1tYWpvci1icmVhY2hlcy8xNTkyOTAvP29yZWY9Z292ZXhlY190b2RheV9ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Be7548299)
* Registration is Open for the 2nd Annual National Cybersecurity Summit. Please register for the Summit no later than September 13, 2019 using [https://cvent.me/MkvV3](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMzY4MjEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODEyLjkwMzY4MjEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjgwMDczMiZlbWFpbGlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QGR1ZmZ5Y29uc3VsdGluZy5uZXQmdXNlcmlkPWFteWR1ZmZ5QGR1ZmZ5Y29uc3VsdGluZy5uZXQmdGFyZ2V0aWQ9JmZsPSZtdmlkPSZleHRyYT0mJiY=&&&101&&&https://cvent.me/MkvV3). Please note there is no cost to attend this event.  However, travel, accommodations, meals, beverages, and other incidental expenses are the responsibility of the event participant.

**Wildfires**

* [Governor Newsom Announces Launch of $50 Million “Listos California” Campaign to Help Build Community Resilience to Wildfires](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/08/20/governor-newsom-announces-launch-of-50-million-listos-california-campaign-to-help-build-community-resilience-to-wildfires/)
* [Governor Newsom Highlights New Firefighting Equipment with Former Governor Schwarzenegger at McClellan Air Force Base](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/08/01/governor-newsom-highlights-new-firefighting-equipment-with-former-governor-schwarzenegger-at-mcclellan-air-force-base/)
* [Dan Smith: In wildland fire, it’s all about interagency cooperation](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=4e89b7378e&e=e56d7a4004)
* [In Nevada: Wildfires are not just a California problem](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=02fb145ea9&e=e56d7a4004)
* [From Utah: How the Forest Service uses natural wildfires](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=ae5f545ecc&e=e56d7a4004)
* The latest [National Interagency Fire Center report](https://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm) shows that total acreage burned in 2019 stands 22% behind the 10-year average year-to-date. [See a map](https://projects.oregonlive.com/wildfires/map#6/40.789/-109.874) of western wildfires created by the Oregonian.

## **Aviation**

* [FCC fines wireless companies for interfering with FAA weather radar](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lLqfDKbjocrHjaoMfDlgfMfCoobV?format=multipart)
* [Here's What You Need to Know About Flying Through MOAs](http://generalaviationnews.acemlna.com/lt.php?s=49f5f2566e4adba37de64285c505b9e1&i=621A2671A1A23876)
* [Colorado Aeronautics Division wins ‘Best Practices’ Award](http://generalaviationnews.acemlna.com/lt.php?s=49f5f2566e4adba37de64285c505b9e1&i=616A2630A1A23712)
* Colorado Aeronautics Division Becomes First State Agency to Receive ACC “Agency Best Practices Award”. More information: [Colorado-Aeronautics.org](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=f1488aa3f2&e=6edabe5e85) and [ACConline.org](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=0767d5955e&e=6edabe5e85)
* [New FAA regulations require towers under 200′ to be marked](http://generalaviationnews.acemlna.com/lt.php?s=49f5f2566e4adba37de64285c505b9e1&i=602A2573A1A23135)
* [Stephen M. Dickson Sworn in As Federal Aviation Administrator](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001xsWY8pYm2nuKc2ikTgtAkvdCWNWPKF-EJXDJZmqoNz3hOYoFelAbhZgOZibY6kPexR8xR7HENyfM2GNFi_LNh9OUgGJ7O-5m6vbl-oWbR9D1_ArVyeWqyHTfCcWEwjD6vCS9Yk_-hSvwipDkquDSslYDdqrzxjUiBac7XtZrIER3HXFRMcYDeTgUn5wL9VAVzITun6tO7Yh-jod_rUA6Xeh1s-fFFHAX4fCdOIgSO3nO5BrVlL9t31SpfJQT-5Y3fChVehcP9ZJYUyzcHR9r-I4XwCUGs2ZVX5HB09xJ-4U=&c=GQ9RqBytF7QcCCCzPkmPuOZBdiKiYrSlfJelD9C33h8m86cJb6OYCA==&ch=V2BXq_uncBLOA-olTwFOxq_cgHVTlN965Ina-1doFbRNb2RZvOuMxA==)

**UAV/Drones**

* [FAA Eases Restrictions on Drone Operations Over Some Federal Facilities](https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=94484)
* [FAA Seeks Stakeholder Input on Drone Tests](https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=94325)
* [Drones and Weapons, A Dangerous Mix](https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=94424)
* [More public safety agencies trust and use drones](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lLgDDKbjocrHbVBkfDlgfMfCQSDw?format=multipart)
* [First drone beyond line of sight flight successful](http://generalaviationnews.acemlna.com/lt.php?s=49f5f2566e4adba37de64285c505b9e1&i=619A2641A1A23847)
* [FAA developing drone pilot test, seeks industry input](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lKaPDKbjocrGgvlYfDlgfMfCOkwv?format=multipart)
* [NASA wrapping up testing of drone traffic control system](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lJxTDKbjocrGdmrMfDlgfMfChatC?format=multipart)
* [Industry leaders see bright future for air taxis](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lIjADKbjocrFbolYfDlgfMfCVDCn?format=multipart)
* [US approves first commercial drone use beyond user's visual field](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/lIjADKbjocrFboocfDlgfMfCVDHV?format=multipart)
* [Invasion of the drones: No longer a "Jetsons'-esque fantasy, Utah is on the leading edge](https://deseretuas.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6e3a0037962e0477853195bfd&id=67d565b6c3&e=f6c7f64546)

## **Spectrum**

* [NTIA Data: Two-thirds of U.S. Internet Users Do Not Participate in the Sharing Economy](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/blog/2019/ntia-data-two-thirds-us-internet-users-do-not-participate-sharing-economy)
* [NTIA Spectrum Policy Symposium: Looking to America’s Spectrum Future](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2019/ntia-spectrum-policy-symposium-looking-america-s-spectrum-future)
* [NTIA to Convene 2019 Spectrum Policy Symposium](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/blog/2019/ntia-convene-2019-spectrum-policy-symposium)
* [BroadbandUSA Webinar Series](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/federal-register-notice/2019/broadbandusa-webinar-series)
* [Federal Agencies Asked to Review Current Frequency Assignments](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/press-release/2019/federal-agencies-asked-review-current-frequency-assignments)
* [Review of Current Frequency Assignments and Quantification of Spectrum Usage](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2019/review-current-frequency-assignments-and-quantification-spectrum-usage)
* [Federal Coalition Convenes Summit to Improve Broadband Access in Indian Country](https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/opa/online-press-release/federal-coalition-convenes-summit-improve-broadband-access-indian)
* [State DOTs Sign Letter Supporting Preservation Of 5.9 GHz Spectrum](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_KNPhRGSYh_BfOgGJ1nPjnvuLMjPJ5pt9S3yUJdEMLfgkQbxsLel2VuhEGcCsxfodApd6rEV1DFfO1wxOv93VogST4tO7R0_MwsZZviVV5tVts-6nKDHwdHYoKi_9AoxHhgETZblds9m6A3w7Q0XSt5Cb2R2u8PCHb2IXyeCkIV_nKZcYmbODtkBIoq5gT5RcACnb4Qhgtg9diJec0PyxhdN9rCgADrB5TuYauo7aMG6ND0Yb2nVFOmJ-qX4ZNeI8O_9_r6wsk_NKn6UIegoLuyqG905IdIT&c=QZ-sESp2g9zbb9mCK2x_pLfcjm8eekVBqgp1w9v6Ij9C_SM1rZWJiQ==&ch=R4DDry5gv9-FOCPJNShVm6uIwN-F92vT-l-47Zbon1hEhr7olfTdzw==)
* [5G: Speed Isn't Everything; DoD, FCC Need to Work On Spectrum](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://breakingdefense.com/2019/08/5g-speed-isnt-everything-dod-fcc-need-to-work-on-spectrum/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTA2NjE1MDQ2NzQ2OTA2ODU5MDEyGjRhNDk5Y2MyMzM5NGY1NmY6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNExwXdTJtiQcx2GQ5LtRXJ7xLdt1w)
* [State DOTs Sign Letter Supporting Preservation of 5.9 GHz Spectrum](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001K1keW_LQ-j0t6pYycQrlTrHgHjTvhArNphM5wM93syVxXlqU9PbJeSWSBPpfu_6XHGq7z0CHbjGUQlaGzw92RdSjNNGvABQtrZD-HawZJD2nWYAjKaRWvCKhXYXOMwMcMiXCUvQIYPKC0tK2_ExjG_xYbD0dqfTRI3tT9agt9H7QDt4baORXOt24MasZefgLoDZFFP_JvBlqEXCwokXxUxViwsLUW3B2LZaeXJ1yUc7ZBKQF9oLfGsh3HxBXAvVf5RzmRVbiJvkHt5DkyMRsDf-ttXPVcBhz&c=V5npXoxnY_Kbab1pjOIoxKLq5u_3hg-35fvhRpyNFJ2ITV6yQlnLKA==&ch=loOPttgh54GlbFBXrpms-J_mA0iz28UDKbQIgzMbAYy06ypmdniPGQ==)
* [AASHTO States Unite to Urge FCC To Preserve Safety Frequency](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001faE8YYDIYCsx2hV_e763GjQzmZW6siHu2s-Z1IrPsyQbMIKmyxyUTjqI_tkIMbBcP53ek8rKDd08gprZN7mI7IcD_BFGBXI0sKOklSmLJUGoTyzp20c_8rI9PHelMohUJTyO3J9NttB_T-itcAJDbIUdocFAQ-ygEs2rjOCuQ7WBPdi0_7zR19LMRkx-qJ2f4sDSJlBerNLk6sDHeexGpSJ96aivRdtuw8p9GbbYV1r2qsZPpEl977VOrH88_-Lf6pNSzOMh1TGpRPdOrJ1d6LK3YlLZx9Z1&c=C0b1SOcwwE4BL5RrYorIbxxmRMXML_oQoFAof39uxfVl5KcxMb0M_g==&ch=N39ojBIOSSERyKKfZCXjZZ3qdzGeA8m4T7CPD4tnKDW-U6Q2vpE1cA==)
* [Federal agencies’ spectrum review begins](https://www.rcrwireless.com/20190805/spectrum/federal-agencies-spectrum-review-begins)
* [Pentagon could offer up its bases as 5G test beds](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/17770342.80678/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYzRpc3JuZXQuY29tL3BlbnRhZ29uLzIwMTkvMDgvMTMvcGVudGFnb24tY291bGQtb2ZmZXItdXAtaXRzLWJhc2VzLWFzLTVnLXRlc3QtYmVkcy8/57588738498e574579743a61Bfc2044c8)
* [The Role States Are Playing in Expanding Broadband Access](https://link.routefifty.com/click/17700700.28120/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGVmaWZ0eS5jb20vaW5mcmFzdHJ1Y3R1cmUvMjAxOS8wOC9zdGF0ZS1icm9hZGJhbmQtcG9saWNpZXMvMTU4ODkxLz9vcmVmPXJmLXRvZGF5LW5s/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B792b113f)

## **GIS Information**

* New LANDFIRE Products for the Southwestern United States. September 26, 10 - 11 PM PT. [Register here](https://consbio.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3dea159e4cbe0a0ff3b43eadd&id=83d1a20c41&e=c5455c0952). Presented by: The Nature Conservancy’s LANDFIRE Team.
* [WAFWA’s Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT)](https://wafwa.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4b44750d42b4b11bae76c60b&id=c91430d42e&e=a357a905ae) was recently featured in *ArcNews*.

# **Miscellaneous**

* In July, the Office of Management and Budget released the memorandum, [Instructions Regarding Implementation of Executive Order 13875](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/M-19-22.pdf). The memorandum provides guidance to agencies regarding implementation of the order, including requirements to review current advisory committees, how to calculate the minimum number of committees required for elimination, information about requesting a waiver, and reporting requirements on agency committee evaluations and plans for existing committees.

**Infrastructure/Transportation:**

* [Agenda Set for 2019 AASHTO Annual Meeting](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001A1Q550QuW2sLE30s-JwEgpiZGMOszIoFqOhU8zgdKINfo2AOCiq5WzF6Jx9opYgri6WylobvgPHxfqB3-NSnY9qHAJ-GviQz0LqOlQsglidnJJ6N7w-ZIEkoVL_RHUKt0m5qfnSA0QTXjCtW-FpQptoYV2WVHnrJk_cY-HnQdPc0teZ9VuJOyx-OJVW5WEfJywG1_4U4-QzXsF3U3ogc4BnBzrjeNWqVYj7Zq3_tMDU=&c=BA-WeTYdSYzrAQMrBnL2BgEMWt_jt5gLtfaNzH8ItKNOsGAtTj4Ynw==&ch=A7uy7KCUiNmF7ILOh0bxgXFnhHedwhHIRv8KOayhaAPWj7l3O2HPHw==)
* [FHWA to Redistribute $3.9B in FY 2019 Formula Funds](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001A1Q550QuW2sLE30s-JwEgpiZGMOszIoFqOhU8zgdKINfo2AOCiq5WzF6Jx9opYgrXGCrXkW4cxiZlfr5UBELV00dYmqrwJ20PEmx2foVjJleJxGlE8YMvmaWbqLAHTPcM648cwI7mW5R7-G9sbmoxwFR936Dy6s4E_5P524byJy9XPxePJ7_xfV0FW1rWkTtnldkKTdou4BW9RhC8_-uK7bZVJGB1zwo0DvARa04yfSaliRM_TMTaA==&c=BA-WeTYdSYzrAQMrBnL2BgEMWt_jt5gLtfaNzH8ItKNOsGAtTj4Ynw==&ch=A7uy7KCUiNmF7ILOh0bxgXFnhHedwhHIRv8KOayhaAPWj7l3O2HPHw==)
* [The ecosystem of connected and automated vehicles](https://odlinks.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTM1MDY1Mjk2NSZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELU9ETS0zNTA2NTI5NjUmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPTQwOTc5NjMyOCZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&170&&&http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/179524.aspx)
* [Federal Vehicle Fleets](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODI2Ljk0NTY2NTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODI2Ljk0NTY2NTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjgxMjUyOSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&101&&&https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-397?utm_campaign=usgao_email&utm_content=daybook&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery): [Agencies Have Continued to Incorporate Alternative Fuel Vehicles into Fleets, but Challenges Remain](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwODI2Ljk0NTY2NTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwODI2Ljk0NTY2NTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjgxMjUyOSZlbWFpbGlkPWFteXJkdWZmeUBpY2xvdWQuY29tJnVzZXJpZD1hbXlyZHVmZnlAaWNsb3VkLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9Jm12aWQ9JmV4dHJhPSYmJg==&&&102&&&https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-397?utm_campaign=usgao_email&utm_content=daybook&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), GAO-19-397, July 26
* [Leadership Reset Underway for Several Transportation Agencies](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013Bd5pdzZmoBxyHiqBWVT85KelI3yyL71AyhhcUcoYSUpjuWdqI2utKOhDk5INnF4cz9zk4Vml0aSXlcbv2jZkSs7-iUFYn1qDlePX1Tu4zNVTtormZIu0p5cgOJ1hGRfvmN_0EF77XxRg3HW-SnIJ6bc5hStY6NoWf1_YBHSSHh_LpB1ZlLR27wVb8rFoXKfk4aICRwapUc42W_2VQhrF24rzrd66G3hujrOJZrNMtKjJJrWalDqq7_FB56UBzt4LitBlyRT9jbTNxNQ8YtvrQ-OTPo1kVx3&c=P4D3LPgfGiqZsooIBR94DhyacW1OclAHYTGILfsI4UXn7pz-QSpilQ==&ch=f4iQ6eZOCK_jw7AvTL4ZH37ASizyI1e7RGM30WGrm-FvsaaZ0szHeA==)
* [Renewing the National Commitment To The Interstate Highway System: A Foundation For The Future](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001_spcn4RfsWPoF2yzf8F03ZezgOriI8eFf56OLd3GUOmRXDKvQC7gy-UqDi9nRh-g3de939Lj1-YgjcGk-7vuvZCZoIvBRI8pyqhDExbsgwvidten9R5wjQD_H-6SLVJZwQxCtkJ8w8OXZI6rgx9KI46ffgNjSauo2emFnctSKMxZGZTIT1-NJaXzz-P6JwNuOt575VejXh4=&c=tOh9ObWb2cU-0JDH-sUwLlIWnjQs8_bBG2AJzAS6kd0QlMlWMywvsQ==&ch=kVHMn1FihsfjM86Vz9chPbhg8kwKEeTM2GQQLOvTgYoCoNEZznIzwQ==)

[Colorado DOT To Host 'Town Hall' On Intermountain Transportation](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001i_nF5dvwWEJUWobvGqrrHpV9YS8CZsxcSoUgf4j24pY_ueggFsxpjVX22vCU48CMUAocDW6dOx4x9B11q5mrCbYC_rZIYweqQGRXhBj8ATlxUJvRjufqiHTfGohDa1TYttAZotJZxaaIZ62G49tAWTXQD-lFAJGNfZ4m9rhzpXJ4lefjnEAc_XWbxBLfhFphNcVIkdVbJIXLkjCjfmwBarUL0jLTFKDFAWKRW0zT5od1RmMXxpVZQ8zFRFR_wDoU67D6ag4gy5DtifuoK_iNW31wwfslZP9jEB8BZa0EBxS2Mh33_r2BXeu41ub0r7IauSORY7Ie3vk=&c=Dqv1XnStFwg_Cpgl7L540XPuTLXbnLSnF_hiX0SZQwR20FHSzMOK3A==&ch=fDhFWL7ZAA_tZDSf0pVmIdCPjcJHTXY1MUzzSlTZz5ot1cGqTnRBIQ==)

* [Public Outreach Key to State DOT Winter Operations Planning, Panel Says](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001H5ISvQ2l6eZPYFSPPxH6Uf2n4SwYjO2zD1rdMoKMboUhvAD6GPG5QjKqbXpC1MIWTc5CBJnC_0ZP7sGY7aBHc1dJD49ugdOgpkUFZepf_E5WQwae042dH2zum-rkNK7dguIp3KUzzybaYE9op0PtbrYgU5f36TDoSyny6yu56vBiV7fNG0mztc7AKRP4QV-tM0xcjsZOtZFFUBUOkoJZP0UN3uoFsv1vXmhPyvIOPrkAnXORCGEYeeF-RKwusXL0tacsa38YtgjFz8Zsz9zV7V5MctpY8_YKEdsHk5CDoUU=&c=9io-YN4uLQRlOOJs-RzIFPTU5Qmaeu6wnNLjXX0LBM1EP5-daEEHUA==&ch=DJUCq4iix8DgjjkpDjgsdvy8_dD6VIDP0KLqsHQcUfmWF4ICGdPjaQ==)
* [Interior: Land and minerals chief resigns](https://www.eenews.net/stories/1061022589)
* [Deadline passes, Trump's BLM advances relocation plans](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060971699&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNzc1NTMxODU0MzU0NTI2MzI4NjIaODc1ZWFiNTc0N2M3N2Y5Nzpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNH-28aeHV4CB-eVm1bnKYOzSgr8YA)

**EPA:**

* EPA has [posted](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-07/documents/memoenhancingeffectivepartnerships.pdf) a final policy memorandum, Enhancing Effective Partnerships between the EPA and the States in Civil Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Work ([84 FR 34887](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-07-19/html/2019-15309.htm)). The memo to EPA regional administrators stresses effective communication between EPA regions and states, while articulating the primary role of the states in implementing authorized programs.
* GAO Report on EPA Advisory Committees. In response to a request from Congress, GAO reviewed EPA advisory committee appointments made since 2016 and issued a report with two recommendations for improvement ([GAO-19-280](https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-280)). The full report is available [here](https://www.gao.gov/assets/710/700171.pdf).
* [US Infrastructure Unprepared for Increasing Frequency of Extreme Storms](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001qPAfFS9jhfs1wNrtytuV86wG2TGemttBClgAe7xEiOtV7nwi1eSbncmUOImTKMyGsQA9Fl3t7rJQ0I9G7IKHlSMgNn3EndySj1Jhj_60dJi1Qi1ie3pgO_FJmbn9Crw8SzEkhb-3-fTrZwc6DcF1ca7qUE6Fw0gjMDeT_E-_WIoSPtQNGEQ5Uq-e3zOTWWCNtTBHxc43jb3LkskqR1llEoelOB-2xYiPEEIRPSgdqwP-QcIQsqEYVH6xYcGBqJYdmk5TEX6UzQMWfkhzwCjZ_k60PvxqM4uL&c=ePH6W_TAcnTXHJL23SWBiu3t4JxRLUDpK_FYDA29ynpbbFQvOUa0OA==&ch=gpwNpxyREfMRNdxqyvtM7kHOXhFK90hinwAb0_Iz7PI020lyF_ydJA==)
* [W. Scott Mason IV appointed new EPA Director for the American Indian Environmental Office](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/w-scott-mason-iv-appointed-new-epa-director-american-indian-environmental-office)
* [EPA Appoints Ken McQueen as Region 6 Administrator](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-appoints-ken-mcqueen-region-6-administrator-0)

**States:**

* AZ:
  + [Arizona-Mexico Commission Launches Informational Website Featuring the Impact Of USMCA On Arizona, North American Trade](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/08/arizona-mexico-commission-launches-informational-website-featuring-impact)
  + [Governor Ducey Signs Bill Taking Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women And Girls](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/08/governor-ducey-signs-bill-taking-action-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women)
  + [SECURED: Arizona’s Rainy Day Fund Bolstered To Record 1 Billion Dollar Balance](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/08/secured-arizonas-rainy-day-fund-bolstered-record-1-billion-dollar-balance)
* CA:
  + [Governor Newsom Signs Compact with Cabazon Band of Mission Indians](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/08/22/governor-newsom-signs-compact-with-cabazon-band-of-mission-indians/)
  + [Citing Decisions to Save For a Rainy Day, Major Credit Agency Upgrades California’s Credit Rating](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/08/16/citing-decisions-to-save-for-a-rainy-day-major-credit-agency-upgrades-californias-credit-rating/)
* CO:
  + [Gov. Polis Signs Executive Order to Help Improve Air Quality](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/gov-polis-signs-executive-order-help-improve-air-quality)
  + [Gov. Polis Signs Executive Order to Conserve Colorado Wildlife and Habitat, While Protecting Public Safety](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/gov-polis-signs-executive-order-conserve-colorado-wildlife-and-habitat-while-protecting-public)
* NV: [Governor Sisolak Announces Appointment of Stacey Montooth as Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission](http://gov.nv.gov/News/Press/2019/Governor_Sisolak_Announces_Appointment_of_Stacey_Montooth_as_Executive_Director_of_the_Nevada_Indian_Commission/)
* WGA: The first regional workshop of WGA’s Reimagining the Rural West Initiative will be held in Fargo, N.D. on October 1. [Register here](http://www.cvent.com/d/xyqlxr)
  + [Watch the webinar that launches Gov. Burgum's Reimagining the Rural West Initiative](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mXdQ_Kx5ljvqzxyNSPO6h37J20qDeCorIy1cMNclDCrMNj_hJEsf0lC9IgIJIwGjf6OswAdQwEbz0yOpYnnKP3Zt5HxMGGNX7eWxk_r_QwGs-6QcuSzKmMc6kFqTSZxTiF7eb1mGni1IPDGA2HcaDcNkpOoQ-xzkmkmDq8PR9yjI6tyjRltWFSG0CFqoJaQXEx97UKArdvZ5erpIMURnJBRDY3iJmMfO2iLldhc2HeDlXYuZxM6Wjg==&c=xEGtjmrw20ZS5-F-KQVwyNxwkYDDhwQadPChIs6_IugNoukcrxAiWQ==&ch=x2CFjHi7YNIrYjaq-Q9XwTthnjPcgQidbZ6gskQk7s5v9qomGilJlg==)
  + [Meet the Western Governors, learn about their states by using our interactive map](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013buPxvP4MktOh3FbTJE9fx5vu4xIuovW0RwMJC52DD_ZG0DF4OLq64eD_LQLY5RbPd7IgimwkNIHHZ6JwBWwxnVr-KcQ2uS9xIOBIIRKa3lasekjjh0n1EcBn5kvq_2AZmix5c_Ch7RztA2xWwbLYSD7VdvOQngG&c=3R7WMe3DPM0VO_RSbis4IEaCcDk-x56BfmGZwJpdwGBiXhlHTIp2cg==&ch=KMfdkoqroI7KI6Ta8tfmV6zyJp8Bo8xAQ6gnChwvtK5l-ZyjiphZsw==)
  + Western Governors this week backed policies that enable utilities to undertake vegetation management actions on and adjacent to federal transmission rights-of-way. Read, download the [outreach to the Bureau of Land Management](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013buPxvP4MktOh3FbTJE9fx5vu4xIuovW0RwMJC52DD_ZG0DF4OLq6_KloNGzhVbyTMGqT3m4V075G2bfJENsrWuMZWizKngeq1rh4i2JqpyMbEoBy-gb3xwFBJGdA_P9yoT1um71uAq2cPu0qJ0dnhqiLhorRD3XN3ISiRilphokvxZDn2SM7orb2MiUbdX4dCSDb9HAfNBVjGMAPYBovXhvH2yX0SDXiGrKn6_zpAB-Q9j11n17euhenTDZf0Pj4GUBbKhnFb4deloaBwTqrM88FzvViX8ov58hr41QS5NnyjiAawl0fw==&c=3R7WMe3DPM0VO_RSbis4IEaCcDk-x56BfmGZwJpdwGBiXhlHTIp2cg==&ch=KMfdkoqroI7KI6Ta8tfmV6zyJp8Bo8xAQ6gnChwvtK5l-ZyjiphZsw==). Importance of the state-federal relationship in recent policy shared with the USFS regarding [NEPA rulemaking](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013buPxvP4MktOh3FbTJE9fx5vu4xIuovW0RwMJC52DD_ZG0DF4OLq6zl8Gs-xHYGXZASWgEshGM3dSzdwwC5O_W-wtQjV9rsBTLplKSuq-kACKGkx7ZDyFiw9l67J8GhSqff5fzilL6kWKcoVZdyi2ybhiK17kHFaQR9H9VdjYXYOM38i--7s6ZZ2npgZTRGf2_GMdWt_l319x-d0utyDOpAE95vHmMQbipwubukaYlQbdg0IWLBkK14r6RzwkenucnitIsGpCbs=&c=3R7WMe3DPM0VO_RSbis4IEaCcDk-x56BfmGZwJpdwGBiXhlHTIp2cg==&ch=KMfdkoqroI7KI6Ta8tfmV6zyJp8Bo8xAQ6gnChwvtK5l-ZyjiphZsw==), as well as the Governors' support for [bills strengthening cybersecurity](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013buPxvP4MktOh3FbTJE9fx5vu4xIuovW0RwMJC52DD_ZG0DF4OLq6zl8Gs-xHYGX8OmrUEvWXeuqpjqNaSY0YPluuawplwAxkL13G9l_iAJ4yEd5PvtMQOrRs__RQ-1oB6prHvGxjCf6fVEGKRm54NYkSDTVsQa25i7lSo8Bcr5qbFNbxc6GvHkHzlZUqFJAoXTGBtbsWnIfTRNq9ZTICHUKBzv7djzxAHHrdoARwLBR6c8Czt-kEzKuJSBNEBOV&c=3R7WMe3DPM0VO_RSbis4IEaCcDk-x56BfmGZwJpdwGBiXhlHTIp2cg==&ch=KMfdkoqroI7KI6Ta8tfmV6zyJp8Bo8xAQ6gnChwvtK5l-ZyjiphZsw==) for the electric grid and the need to address [national parks maintenance](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013buPxvP4MktOh3FbTJE9fx5vu4xIuovW0RwMJC52DD_ZG0DF4OLq6-RESJ1dhgjdsc5Ot-T2y7xcd0SqIhByYZ5WBgSLdUergLhiim8IxAxxr-KGUJmb9DTXPjWyCX-WJJ0zfrSZNejTqJ_gMSH50JX9wOES1LeiuVFHLf5_EPzUegOrZgyTbCOLPvJcExeuKJPOnhE8GNE3KmNyvXRIAVPSt3T0Hfv2Vw3GeMhyrrcc5Lh_nZRivg==&c=3R7WMe3DPM0VO_RSbis4IEaCcDk-x56BfmGZwJpdwGBiXhlHTIp2cg==&ch=KMfdkoqroI7KI6Ta8tfmV6zyJp8Bo8xAQ6gnChwvtK5l-ZyjiphZsw==).