Western Regional Partnership

**January 2020 Updates**

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

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# WRP Updates

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

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| **Date** | **Time (Pacific)** | **Activity** |
| February 28 | 10-11:30 am | WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group |
| March 19 | 10-11:00 am | WRP SC Call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons |
| March 24 | 1-2:00 pm | WRP Natural Resources Committee Working call\* |
| March 27 | 10-11:30 am | WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group |
| March 30 | 1-2:00 pm | WRP Energy Committee Working call\* |
| March 31 | 11 – 12 noon | WRP Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation Committee Working call\* |

\* *WRP Committee calls will provide an overview of results from the 2020 WRP survey as well as announce the deep-dive issues for this year (based on analysis of survey results).*

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who provided your input to the 2020 WRP survey. This survey is the first phase in support of the 2019-2020 priority focused on “*Building Resilience in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.”* This survey helps scope the deep-dive/focused actions over the next WRP year.

# Energy

## **Federal Updates**

**DOI** - **BLM**

* [BLM approves US Gypsum Mine Expansion and Modernization Project](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-us-gypsum-mine-expansion-and-modernization-project)
* [BLM releases Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area Project Final Environmental Analysis](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-releases-haiwee-geothermal-leasing-area-project-final-environmental-analysis)
* [BLM approves Desert Quartzite Solar Project in Riverside County](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-desert-quartzite-solar-project-riverside-county)
* [BLM seeks public input on the proposed Lithium Nevada Corporation Thacker Pass Project](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-public-input-proposed-lithium-nevada-corporation-thacker-pass-project-0)
* [85 FR 4338 - Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area, California, and the Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2020-01-24/2020-01178)

**DOI -BOEM**

Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) is hosting a webinar series about scientific research offshore California, Oregon, and Washington that will inform decisions about the planning, leasing, and development of ocean renewable energy. For more information about the webinar series, [click here](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=25a5cfd0ad&e=e72b21abd3).

* + March 11: Overview of BOEM-funded Research: Fish and Fisheries on the West Coast
  + May 13: Overview of BOEM-funded Research about Marine Mammals on the West Coast

**DOE**

* [Natural gas-fired generation to cool in 2020 as the pace for renewables picks up, EIA says](http://www.euci.com/natural-gas-fired-generation-to-cool-in-2020-as-the-pace-for-renewables-picks-up-eia-says/?x=42361j385813Bc&utm_campaign=012220_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [Energy Information Administration's Short-Term Outlook Forecasts Continued American Energy Growth](https://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-information-administrations-short-term-outlook-forecasts-continued-american-energy)
* The EIA’s findings, part of its [Annual Energy Outlook](http://click1.trk-washingtonexaminer.com/drdpgblchhjfsjghfrlcrflwkcfbrdndkzckjlrpmgrdc_wwslwvfnsllbdgzfvdzsdw.html?a=Daily+on+Energy+012920&b=01%2F29%2F2020&c=WEX_Daily+on+Energy&d=24307622) released Wednesday, demonstrate that the trends that have helped the U.S. lead the world in emissions reductions over the last decade — chiefly, gas displacing coal in the electricity sector — cannot be counted on to achieve the level of emissions reductions across the economy that scientists say are necessary.
* [EIA forecasts declines in both oil and natural gas prices in 2020](http://www.euci.com/eia-forecasts-declines-in-both-oil-and-natural-gas-prices-in-2020/?x=42557t385813Bc&utm_campaign=012920_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* Wind and Solar Set for Electric 2020:Most new power generating capacity in 2020 will come from wind and solar, the Energy Information Administration [projected](http://click1.trk-washingtonexaminer.com/zbpmzcgsppfkdfzpkbgsbkgqjskcbwtwjvsjfgbmsbwll_ljkkdgzwnkkrmjwhzkkqnj.html?a=Daily+on+Energy+011420&b=01%2F14%2F2020&c=WEX_Daily+on+Energy&d=24307622).
* [Declining Renewable Costs Drive Focus on Energy Storage](https://nrel.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfb46c07f566f9a82b5fa0488&id=e4df356119&e=0351f58cce)

**FERC**

* [Interconnection to the Electric Grid: A Brief History on Policy/Regulation and FERC Update](https://www.euci.com/energize/Dobbins-Sinnott.pdf?x=42141h385813Bc&utm_campaign=011520_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

## **State Updates**

AZ: Arizona Public Service [announced](http://click1.trk-washingtonexaminer.com/jttrspzvjjnwfnsjwtzvtwzkhvwptqdqhcvhnztrvfbjr_pydqyjfclqqbhmcvchqvjm.html?a=Daily+on+Energy+012220&b=01%2F22%2F2020&c=WEX_Daily+on+Energy&d=24307622) Wednesday it would aim to provide 100% zero-carbon power by 2050 and get out of coal entirely by 2031, seven years earlier than previously planned.

CA:

* [Former State Senate President Pro Tem Shares How California Has Been At the Cutting Edge in Clean Energy Policy](http://calenergycommission.blogspot.com/2020/01/former-state-senator-pro-tem-shares-how.html)
* [Supporting California's Renewable Energy Goals](https://consbio.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3dea159e4cbe0a0ff3b43eadd&id=823e49c3aa&e=c5455c0952)
* [The 8-year project to dismantle the San Onofre nuclear plant is about to begin](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=42557t385813Bc&utm_campaign=012920_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/energy-green/story/2020-01-26/the-eight-year-project-to-dismantle-the-san-onofre-nuclear-plant-is-about-to-begin)

CO: [Gov. Polis Announces PUC appointment](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/gov-polis-announces-puc-appointment)

NM: [Governor issues statement on Supreme Court decision regarding application of the Energy Transition Act](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2020/01/29/governor-issues-statement-on-supreme-court-decision-regarding-application-of-the-energy-transition-act/)

NV:

* Information on Nevada's Electric Highway, including current and future charging station locations, please see: <energy.nv.gov/Programs/Nevada_Electric_Highway/>
* [Transportation electrification in Nevada](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Vcxwe8sbYnrGks5VTGVAgJGBgtHtRMR1f5a7-3qFftMLs3AYGUod9VrwJzmP0gvRxMnjBHcO10iIDzX-U8jf7pS78OFX60x-3O-EEQI725e49JCpy0g4Ohjbxq8ckUKQGhM_q55SjAim7IIeyts6o1E0CeCbVQv0aD7t8L_w-iZWEKp_AmU-dkWuLg3n8Q7roKKfrBuIxg3wc_pL5KPO719pOT_Wd7FtUno9r_1BXY71yO3AquUY2A==&c=OALpCZ_JU_ql0RF2WWbXBHvhJMYlGG8Vo-aZxhVj3189ze1zpCoA6Q==&ch=23mHfsq15y2--lYxQ56AswF15zQDM5VzfOFrPezlsTRy9YfJPX2o9w==)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Nez-Lizer commend New Mexico Supreme Court’s ruling on applicability of Energy Transition Act](News%20Releases/OPVP/2020/Jan/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Nez-Lizer%20commend%20New%20Mexico%20Supreme%20Court_s%20ruling%20on%20applicability%20of%20Energy%20Transition%20Act.pdf)
* [Nez-Lizer urge federal EPA to prioritize Navajo contractors in uranium mine clean-up efforts](News%20Releases/OPVP/2020/Jan/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Nez-Lizer%20urge%20federal%20EPA%20to%20prioritize%20Navajo%20contractors%20in%20uranium%20mine%20clean-up%20efforts.pdf)
* [Háyoolkáál Work Group announces partnership with SRP to develop up to 200-megawatts in solar energy on the Navajo Nation](News%20Releases/OPVP/2020/Jan/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Hylkl%20Work%20Group%20announces%20partnership%20with%20SRP%20to%20develop%20up%20to%20200-megawatts%20in%20solar%20energy%20on%20the%20Navajo%20Nation.pdf)
* [Háyoolkáál Work Group reports on energy development initiatives to the Resources and Development Committee](News%20Releases/OPVP/2020/Jan/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20Hkylkl%20Work%20Group%20reports%20on%20energy%20development%20initiatives%20to%20the%20Resources%20and%20Development%20Committee.pdf)
* DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs is pleased to sponsor the 2020 Tribal Energy Webinar Series with the theme of “How to…” Intended for tribal leaders, tribal staff, and others interested in energy development in Indian Country, the monthly webinars will focus on how to accomplish specific tasks related to energy development on tribal lands. Ten webinars will be offered at no cost, with most webinars scheduled at 11 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning in February and concluding in December. The 2020 series will begin with Energy Efficiency Basics on February 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. MT. [Register now](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMzAuMTYzNTY5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3JlZ2lzdGVyLmdvdG93ZWJpbmFyLmNvbS9yZWdpc3Rlci81ODc0OTQ5NDE2OTg1NDY0MDc2In0.2ut3ttDReUfiI79CQyZXVN23iV_Wu63rVu8osWE-7H8/br/74519553093-l) and [learn more](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMzAuMTYzNTY5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2luZGlhbmVuZXJneS9yZXNvdXJjZXMvZWR1Y2F0aW9uLWFuZC10cmFpbmluZy93ZWJpbmFycyJ9.ypM0E2AeGAbn1GI_dD7JcB16ggRyyzqjjKXC5Z05ido/br/74519553093-l) about the 2020 webinar series.
* [Meetings roundup: Navajo Nation Council to decide funding for electricity project](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=42557t385813Bc&utm_campaign=012920_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.daily-times.com/story/news/local/2020/01/25/navajo-nation-council-decide-funding-electricity-project/4559544002/)
* [Massive Battery Proposed Near Retired Navajo Coal Plant, Reports Daybreak Power](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=42361j385813Bc&utm_campaign=012220_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20200117005017/en/Massive-Battery-Proposed-Retired-Navajo-Coal-Plant)
* DOE announced up to $15 million in new funding to deploy energy infrastructure on tribal lands. This funding through the Office of Indian Energy will support Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations, interested in developing their vast energy resources. Applications are due Feb. 6, 2020. [Learn more and apply](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMDcuMTUxNTkyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2VlcmUtZXhjaGFuZ2UuZW5lcmd5Lmdvdi9EZWZhdWx0LmFzcHgjRm9hSWRmZTVkY2ZhMy0yNzg2LTRjMDMtYWUyOS1lNzc5MjZlNDZmMzUifQ.M7M3Gp39lbY83N3hXhd1kK2tJAs6vAvxj7Y4Oykt3KY/br/73756448996-l). An informational webinar was held Dec. 10, 2019, to provide more information; [View the presentation slides and video](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMDcuMTUxNTkyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2luZGlhbmVuZXJneS9kb3dubG9hZHMvMjAyMC1lbmVyZ3ktaW5mcmFzdHJ1Y3R1cmUtZGVwbG95bWVudC10cmliYWwtbGFuZHMtZm9hLWluZm9ybWF0aW9uYWwtd2ViaW5hciJ9.AOOQFDzEKY7oz8ZS0iove9qDC9WcLzl14Zo4BTaJoFc/br/73756448996-l).
* Indian Energy Champion: Bernadette Cuthair, Director of Planning & Development for Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, talks about her role in the Tribe’s 1-megawatt community solar project and her vision for the future. Read more on [our blog](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMDcuMTUxNTkyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2luZGlhbmVuZXJneS9hcnRpY2xlcy9pbmRpYW4tZW5lcmd5LWNoYW1waW9uLWJlcm5hZGV0dGUtY3V0aGFpciJ9.n2-fUuFnTN5w-gGPtS2vGBZzqDU5YxEKvBlxRijGZ6k/br/73756448996-l).
* At the 2019 Office of Indian Energy Program Review held Nov. 18–21 in Denver, Colorado, Indian tribes from across the country reported on how they are using Office of Indian Energy grant funding to advance their energy development. [Download the presentations](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMDcuMTUxNTkyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2luZGlhbmVuZXJneS8yMDE5LW9mZmljZS1pbmRpYW4tZW5lcmd5LXByb2dyYW0tcmV2aWV3LW1lZXRpbmctcHJlc2VudGF0aW9ucyJ9.xSWWlUOAr84zGnSLlwGMi0IetHrJ9sEwre3mOBm-u3I/br/73756448996-l) to learn about recent successes, lessons learned, and benefits from these tribal energy projects.

## **Regional**

# January 16 NWCC webinar recording and presentations: New Research on Wildlife Monitoring at Offshore Wind Energy Facilities Supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, are [now available](https://nationalwind.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=22f60301288cbce0975cf28ec&id=6aa4eb01b4&e=e72b21abd3).

# [Tri-State clean energy plan includes 1 GW of utility-scale solar, more local co-op projects](http://www.euci.com/tri-state-clean-energy-plan-includes-1-gw-of-utility-scale-solar-more-local-co-op-projects/?x=42361j385813Bc&utm_campaign=012220_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

# [Aging grid challenged by shift to renewable and natural gas generation, ScottMadden says](http://www.euci.com/aging-grid-challenged-by-shift-to-renewable-and-natural-gas-generation-scottmadden-says/?x=42361j385813Bc&utm_campaign=012220_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

# [PG&E nuclear plant closure would cause electric bills to rise](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=42141h385813Bc&utm_campaign=011520_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/PG-E-nuclear-plant-closure-would-cause-electric-14972261.php)

# [Tri-State, facing economic, political pressures, moves to close its last two coal-fired plants](http://www.euci.com/tri-state-facing-economic-political-pressures-moves-to-close-its-last-two-coal-fired-plants/?x=42141h385813Bc&utm_campaign=011520_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

# The [recording and presentation slides](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMTUuMTU1NTU1MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uYXRpb25hbHdpbmQub3JnL253Y2Mtd2ViaW5hci13aW5kLTEwMS1hbi1pbnRyb2R1Y3Rpb24tdG8td2luZC1lbmVyZ3ktc2l0aW5nLWRldmVsb3BtZW50LWFuZC1vcGVyYXRpb24vIn0.BsRDrXLxL1iir6Qf4PLitQ9jTm6XjsLG3ZtESFtDyio/br/73987384512-l) from the NWCC webinar Wind 101: An Introduction to Wind Energy Siting and Development are available. Presenter Michael Speerschneider gave background on wind project siting and development and discussed opportunities and constraints for wind energy from the perspective of permitting, engineering, and economics, as well as the application of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines.

# Natural Resources

## **Federal Updates**

* [Waters of the United States](https://www.wslca.org/uploads/1/2/0/9/120909261/nwpr_fact_sheet_-_overview.pdf) - Overview of The Navigable Waters Protection Rule (Jan 23, 2020)
* [EPA and Army Deliver on President Trump's Promise to Issue the Navigable Waters Protection Rule - A New Definition of WOTUS](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001wZanU5vzOXwtRkvX_QSqUkDkDmupx8oHvLPyCKnQA40ZCFO5caNKtUwpxwsD28zp8CxGysYv8f5GZSwbXRFfgsYqKlKz1i9MeJ8XWOLm4eNTzmuxFAbGYheYjyHNssF35TWzdmKVoegOayMYJAkNjXKRjKJrn_4BCx7z2G9bmpXd6vBlzvlG2vvUb9-v-YN40c1t_QE-kUyTmsRoxjuHAWsofrgJv6yUe0CY_z00nhGnOGh-QHLgwKTw4hKZqDvWzgnae3RrLwpeLkTQeGIaXViJNAPaBuF5D-0VLZKNvGE=&c=cinq005Qs030sJbZHUpHdNsomGJb4Y3oGfQYgKqHZUVdMNYONvcXLg==&ch=7wybgDxrWUusEiZRm7ewGGt9pyOJUJJVQcLi_qm9ULRZIGtO4XJdsQ==)
* [CEQ Issues Proposed Rule to Modernize its NEPA Regulations](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMTMuMTU0NDAxMjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvd2hhdC10aGV5LWFyZS1zYXlpbmctY2VxLWlzc3Vlcy1wcm9wb3NlZC1ydWxlLW1vZGVybml6ZS1pdHMtbmVwYS1yZWd1bGF0aW9ucyJ9.K6HX-Z4iShxvxUUBu8H8Na76_VxwdFf8APtFNXwsP08/br/73934194424-l)
* The Trump administration unveiled long-awaited [proposed reforms](http://click1.trk-washingtonexaminer.com/eqpsdcvbyyqfpqdyftvbtfvwlbfctzkzljblqvtsbydsy_invhbvgndhhwymnzmcgzch.html?a=Daily+on+Energy+010920&b=01%2F09%2F2020&c=WEX_Daily+on+Energy&d=24307622) to the National Environmental Policy Act. Additional information on NEPA modernization can be found [HERE](http://emailblasts.govpredict.com/t/d-l-xuryhit-jjlrtjurkd-j/).

**DOI**

* [What They Are Saying: CEQ Issues Proposed Rule to Modernize its NEPA Regulations](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/what-they-are-saying-ceq-issues-proposed-rule-modernize-its-nepa-regulations)
* [Interior on the world stage for conservation](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMzEuMTY0Mzc2ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L2Jsb2cvaW50ZXJpb3Itd29ybGQtc3RhZ2UtY29uc2VydmF0aW9uIn0.0exCnPX7lFt63s52YwEO4QZvMCXvVp3AIlhvP_5zNDc/br/74568697856-l)
* [How Interior is Increasing Access to Public Lands](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMTAuMTUzMzA3MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L2Jsb2cvaG93LWludGVyaW9yLWluY3JlYXNpbmctYWNjZXNzLXB1YmxpYy1sYW5kcyJ9.dZ03asOOEu0r-Gs42Z7kwDCf21CrIkO3zo-b-fw5470/br/73877080473-l)

**DOI-BLM**

* [Public is invited to a discussion about invasive plants and how to help address the problem](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/public-invited-discussion-about-invasive-plants-and-how-help-address-problem)
* [BLM seeks public’s help in increasing access to public lands](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMzEuMTY0Mzc2ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYnVyZWF1LWxhbmQtbWFuYWdlbWVudC1zZWVrcy1oZWxwLWluY3JlYXNpbmctYWNjZXNzLXB1YmxpYy1sYW5kcyJ9.Yt2cDUTkMMyAH3yREKA_Q3tbLhkRfKUpOqit-6GuRm8/br/74568697856-l)
* [BLM Takes Steps to Improve Grazing Regulations on Public Lands](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMjQuMTYwNjU1ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLXRha2VzLXN0ZXBzLWltcHJvdmUtYWRtaW5pc3RyYXRpb24tZ3JhemluZy1yZWd1bGF0aW9ucy1wdWJsaWMtbGFuZHMifQ.22v0KS5wQY9_93ZXOpXyxlu9g5dtZzBuA2OREZG-ics/br/74320275359-l)
* [Invitation to Provide Input on BLM OHV Grant Proposals](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMTcuMTU3MjExOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvaW52aXRhdGlvbi1wcm92aWRlLWlucHV0LWJsbS1vaHYtZ3JhbnQtcHJvcG9zYWxzIn0.JLmxYngi6BvMrfuwmC2VKoMmr1wKgMSwNXOeis49JUs/br/74105280192-l)
* BLM California Issues Memorandum to Expedite Wildfire Risk Reduction Work on Power Line ROWs on Public Lands. [Summary](https://blogspot.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4052ed78560498da372b666f&id=99275cf063&e=5ea4bffcc9) from the Sierra Sun-Times. [BLM CA Memorandum](https://blogspot.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4052ed78560498da372b666f&id=fda24a5bf4&e=5ea4bffcc9)

**DOI-BuREC** [Reclamation extends comment period on alternatives to reduce salinity and improve water quality in the Colorado River](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=69343)

**DOI-USFWS**

* [Service Solicits Public Input on Proposed Rule and Environmental Impact Statement for Migratory Bird Treaty Act](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=u.s.-fish-and-wildlife-service-solicits-public-input-on-proposed-rule-and-&_ID=36517)
* [Marine Mammal Protection Act; Stock Assessment Report for the Southern Sea Otter in California](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/27/2020-01326/marine-mammal-protection-act-stock-assessment-report-for-the-southern-sea-otter-in-california)
* [Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 66 Species in California and Nevada](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/27/2020-01323/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-initiation-of-5-year-status-reviews-of-66-species-in?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm_source=federalregister.gov)
* [Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Recovery Plan for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/24/2020-01203/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-draft-recovery-plan-for-the-rusty-patched-bumble-bee)
* [Service Proposes Federal Protections for California Population of One of North America’s Rarest Mammals](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=service-proposes-federal-protections-for-california-population-of-one-of-&_ID=36508)
* [San Diego Butterfly Proposed for Protection under the Endangered Species Act](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=san-diego-butterfly-proposed-for-protection-under-the-endangered-species-&_ID=36506)
* [Interior Increases Transparency on Refuge Wetland Easements: Modernizes Mapping of Older Easements, Clarifies Appeal Process](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMTAuMTUzMzA3MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvaW50ZXJpb3ItaW5jcmVhc2VzLXRyYW5zcGFyZW5jeS1yZWZ1Z2Utd2V0bGFuZC1lYXNlbWVudHMtbW9kZXJuaXplcy1tYXBwaW5nLW9sZGVyIn0.l1-KhajZxAlDgSmxnsIWRnwsnLzqfxLWZKmfrgeWqYg/br/73877080473-l)

**DOI-NPS:** [National Parks: Aging Roads Pose Growing Challenge](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=d7861ed1b41342b038a3a4373f5cac0fda5ed90acf9f61a5991107270b69c5c9b5f3c66cc976c787f7e5abc7063ee014557572e61198014e)

**USDA**

* [The ecology, history, ecohydrology, and management of pinyon and juniper woodlands in the Great Basin and Northern Colorado Plateau of the western United States](https://gbfiresci.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=949694d018b2dfaf2d1d43304&id=9daa4521e9&e=75e02a2ce4)
* [USDA Extends Deadline for Input on Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Rule](file:///\\wps\portal\nrcs\detail\national\newsroom\releases\%3fcid=NRCSEPRD1538220%20)
* The Fire Year: We All Have Roles to Play. What are you doing to help? A [short blog post](https://blogspot.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4052ed78560498da372b666f&id=6f38e59637&e=5ea4bffcc9) from USDA Forest Service Fire Aviation and Management about the increasing reality of the year-round fire season, with a shout out to the All Hands All Lands commitment to Cohesive Strategy.
* [Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) seeks public comments on its interim rule for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP),](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMDYuMTUwODQ0MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ucmNzLnVzZGEuZ292L3dwcy9wb3J0YWwvbnJjcy9kZXRhaWwvbmF0aW9uYWwvbmV3c3Jvb20vcmVsZWFzZXMvP2NpZD1OUkNTRVBSRDE1MjY2MjQifQ.qBBIk6_P9gWdaVhrsx1FZPfjanVm7gUYWH4BgXLXMZc/br/73708276605-l) USDA’s premier conservation easement program that helps landowners protect working agricultural lands and wetlands. The rule – now available on the Federal Register – takes effect upon publication and includes changes to the program prescribed by the 2018 Farm Bill.

## **State Updates**

AZ:

* [Brief: One Year Later: Arizona’s Drought Contingency Plan](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/01/brief-one-year-later-arizonas-drought-contingency-plan)
* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army (Army) announced a new definition for the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) in the Navigable Waters Protection Rule on Jan. 23, 2020. The new definition narrows protection under the Clean Water Act for some Arizona waterways, including stretches of drainages and ephemerals, which only run during or immediately following precipitation events. The State supports the narrower definition, but recognizes a ‘local control approach’ at the state level will be needed to protect Arizona’s important and precious water resources. ADEQ is actively working with stakeholders and policy makers to develop an outline for a Waters of Arizona program. For information, including upcoming stakeholder meetings, please visit <http://azdeq.gov/woaz>.

CO: [In Colorado: Utilities, Forest Service agreement adds $15 million for mitigation and restoration projects](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=24c0a30bba&e=e56d7a4004)

NM:

* [Invading pests down in some New Mexico forests, surging in others](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=891ebc83af&e=e56d7a4004)
* [2019 New Mexico Wildfires -Working Together for Resilience](https://blogspot.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4052ed78560498da372b666f&id=998a58bd69&e=5ea4bffcc9)

NV: [Nevada Division of Forestry accepting pre-proposals for landscape, fire assistance grant programs](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=837dfb76e0&e=e56d7a4004)

UT: [U.S. Highway 89 Kanab- Paunsaugunt Wildlife Crossing and Existing Structures Research.](https://www.udot.utah.gov/main/uconowner.gf?n=9353379532914605) - constructed in 2012-2013 to help reduce mule deer- vehicle collisions and provide connectivity for the Paunsaugunt Mule Deer herds and other wildlife in their north- south movements across the highway. The US 89 Kanab-Paunsaugunt project is one of the most successful mule deer mitigation projects in all of North America.

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Commits to Protecting Wildlife Corridors with Landmark Resolution](https://nafws.org/latest-news/native-american-fish-and-wildlife-society-commits-to-protecting-wildlife-corridors-with-landmark-resolution)
* Please join us May 11-15, 2020 for the 21st National Tribal Preservation Conference, hosted by the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. Visit [nathpo.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00187z0k0q0Mv0U5fHwgBpaGXYmhY868keBY8-QFKWsP0AUi6Yb5bJ_FlDCuGKueflUKiVq5Bgyg7dRsb273e01liVuvBNy1fvfLPNJjWZ8x_NXvWwrFe0X84rzLWJnBCEE84CWwGG2UdQ=&c=mrkQKNm8x8-xmk2UB22B6OCOIKMz5J78pNNo34jfGw15ga0WQS__9g==&ch=rpJigS_AliyNI15JDsrzoDBthghMfeGl4srjDsUROHo-gU8UxdAT4w==) for your one-stop shop for information you'll need. [Complete the Registration Form](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00187z0k0q0Mv0U5fHwgBpaGXYmhY868keBY8-QFKWsP0AUi6Yb5bJ_FhyYPLjoOO_E5cpR90Fuc1mx2-PMLGHlDqcJG9kKkzSImMukE92C0B9yhM847T35LrD8-wd7-vyZ_G8cL2GAhAOopdk8o7x3EKoreZWPJXHc67gd4I_5QIXrVnOJAMTUBz67cx-G7H1ZUpIa93kXBNZ0RZO5IuVrQ06mE9O8NoRL&c=mrkQKNm8x8-xmk2UB22B6OCOIKMz5J78pNNo34jfGw15ga0WQS__9g==&ch=rpJigS_AliyNI15JDsrzoDBthghMfeGl4srjDsUROHo-gU8UxdAT4w==)and return before April 24, 2020 for early bird rate.
* BIA Tribal Resilience 2020 Notice of Funding through the Tribal Resilience Program for tribal activities that support tribal adaptation and resilience planning, ocean and coastal management planning, and relocation, managed retreat, or protect-in-place planning and design activities for coastal and riverine communities. The Program aims to support Tribal Nations that need adaptation planning support and decision-making information to prepare for extreme events and harmful environmental trends that impact tribal treaty and trust resources, economies, infrastructure, and human health and welfare. [Learn more >](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=323129)
* Applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) apportionment funding are now being accepted on Grants.gov. Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2020. There are numerous requirements and forms that, along with full instructions, are found on [NPS’ THPO Grants page.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001niCSw3MBETkvDkHOuVg0wGaV3dlE94ITF_8iMktbI_JO1AGiN9TVs6lvFxAnPWCW153S4mIGHC-8AjJPFFOw9VsujDWI7hJmn30NgWA9k40gf8sziRoMKFMFFIREGTT4dMgS5d2bJXMGP2KZNzA8RjoJwanHWUea0f3kawVgwB8=&c=yJJ1p9Fr9lr0Pg_b8r2kwEnCUmbdHFMuA3DadqKWVQXiQVLddnkDTg==&ch=TC6mrA2xUfiw_nfghLlBgHL8_DrmX_xvm3cg4tTWsrFGiAxy1XpL9A==) If you have questions, please contact your National Park Service Grants Manager: Tribes A-N contact Ginger Carter at [ginger\_carter@nps.gov](mailto:ginger_carter@nps.gov);Tribes O-Z contact Madeline Konz at [madeline\_konz@nps.gov](mailto:madeline_konz@nps.gov)

## **Regional Updates**

# [WestFAST Newsletter (January 2020)](https://www.westernstateswater.org/westfast/westfast-news/)

# Western Governors applaud the Trump Administration's recent decision to withdraw its proposed Water Supply Rule. [Read WGA's outreach](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eYhDk_8IWmnyg-vQ_hf3ey_rmXZ09NK5drXtLaHkTx2kzYHkjkk9oqPErUzybF7sZWnrgHQ9RgyFoxd-4BcC3qALu8SWPVqspB9hMFPDLiHHsZ_yjUCBuXJg3hckT6Uph6ray7ATWRCEZkMpc0O75X2NOJloq-80k2pF18NVvMw7PBr7cwvWoFWZLKBxmCwQnC_mfuATd6oJ_kMo1-PDeE1c5tgIPVkrXAlwX1ft1oc=&c=xnfFPjtpgyVJsEYO4_NxD0OOfpt5Fc8UXfzxvDqUQgFYyaXk_b_L5w==&ch=pP6S61kDudcONhaH53SFRAp9KD44fb1JQv8JO65xjOfrg8YxcCMBdQ==)

# Arizona Land and Water Trust recently partnered with owners of the Babacomari Ranch to permanently protect 2,488 acres of the historic cattle ranch. [*Read more about this project in our press release.*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015iUdis1XjNF9Fub__HvottFUZovPZ3zcc69a1ENLyRwdA7LRikTSWq-y7CVEfEryl0A_Bo9ZVf4GsJ2XcONnlRJTfb0xr6oYy2Izp6DiGXFm2be6tYKOxAtolWB_2SO6VhUyoC21M_nZTkrrTptP0h-uCnj9SJ6X7tUdWGR5HpVXTLLx53egh8HGqeBNFjDFYt88bG2A3GI=&c=Vr1iOBxwjANC5sFv0HiD_lJI-wa7PEf1g_RTD13n4UmgUnjMbr-yjQ==&ch=i95wzqjZxQXYDp0s9f1s7sBDNQAK6p47XdiWw73eM-8DFHDIhOoAPA==)

# [Can Ecological Screening Preserve Native Ecosystems?](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-utkljdy-jtpdhjrid-h/)

# [Evaluating the Suitability of Roadway Corridors for Use by Monarch Butterflies](https://odlinks.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTM5NDc2NzcxNSZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELU9ETS0zOTQ3Njc3MTUmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xJmVtYWlsaWQ9YW15cmR1ZmZ5QGljbG91ZC5jb20mdXNlcmlkPTQ2NTM3OTkzNSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&145&&&http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/180186.aspx)

* [Wildlife-Friendly Solar Energy in the Mojave Desert](https://usbr.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dee828a4e91f9006e3eef293c&id=579cfeb7fe&e=57c4211ac9)
* [2020 CCAST synthesis: Non-native aquatic species in the Southwest](https://lccnetwork.org/news/ccast-newsletter-january-2020)

# Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation

## **Military Readiness**

**DoD**

* [Vice Chairman Looks to Ensure DOD Remains Competitive](https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2054904/vice-chairman-looks-to-ensure-dod-remains-competitive/)
* [Esper: 2021 Budget Will Focus on Innovation ‘Ecosystem’](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=96e68b0dd7&e=822f95e226)
* [Eaglen: Esper Memos Reveal Defense Secretary as ‘Ambitious Reformer’](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=3311a2c903&e=822f95e226)
* [Esper Is Attempting the Biggest Defense Reform in a Generation](https://link.defenseone.com/click/19169384.34346/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vaWRlYXMvMjAyMC8wMS9lc3Blci1hdHRlbXB0aW5nLWJpZ2dlc3QtZGVmZW5zZS1yZWZvcm1zLWdlbmVyYXRpb24vMTYyNDU3Lz9vcmVmPWRlZmVuc2Vfb25lX2JyZWFraW5nX25s/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Bb120b808)
* [Space Force Wants Personnel from Other Services](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=db288289a8&e=822f95e226)
* [2019 Was a Good Year for the F-35](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=ced074d381&e=822f95e226)
* [Vandenberg Unit Is First to Get New Space-Age Name](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=690aa55812&e=822f95e226)

**REPI**

* 2020 Sustaining Military Readiness (SMR) Conference will take place on August 11-13, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and is free for all attendees. The 2020 SMR Conference will provide a forum for the DoD and its partners to discuss opportunities to advance the 2018 National Defense Strategy through partnerships and planning. Visit <https://www.smrconference.org/> to sign up for the SMR Conference listserv and learn more about this exciting opportunity! Registration information will be coming soon.
* Upcoming Event: Association of Defense Communities' Installation Innovation Forum: This year, ADC's Installation Innovation Forum 2020 will be held in San Antonio, Texas on February 10-12. Join us for the REPI Session on Monday, February 10 at 2:05 PM CT to learn about how Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is building resilience. More info: [<https://installationinnovation.org/>]
* Compatible Lands Foundation Hosted REPI Stakeholder Workshop: On February 19 and 20, 2020, the Compatible Lands Foundation (CLF) is hosting a REPI Stakeholders Workshop for an in-depth look at the Department of Defense's REPI program. The workshop will provide REPI stakeholders an opportunity to provide direct feedback to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the military Services on how REPI implementation can be enhanced or improved. Join congressional leadership, land trust professionals and senior leadership from each of the military services, as well as industry experts and representatives from other federal agencies, for this two-day event. For additional information [<https://www.repiworkshop.org>].
* REPI Webinar: How To Introduce Local Businesses Into Your REPI Partnership: On January 15, Todd Holman, Mississippi Headwaters Program Director of The Nature Conservancy, Sarah Zablocki-Axling, Development Manager for Jefferson Land Trust, and Derek Halberg, Executive Director of the Tar River Land Conservancy outlined how unconventional partners, specifically local businesses, can layer additional benefits on to your REPI project by bolstering local economic productivity. Webinar recording: <https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Webinars/>

**USAF**

* [F-35A Lightning II standup complete at Hill AFB’s 388th, 419th Fighter Wings](http://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2051425/f-35a-lightning-ii-standup-complete-at-hill-afbs-388th-419th-fighter-wings/)
* [Hill AFB aims to improve vehicle ops training with state-of-the-art simulator](http://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2050956/hill-afb-aims-to-improve-vehicle-ops-training-with-state-of-the-art-simulator/)
* [Miller Becomes Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Air Force Installations](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=b1c40089d4&e=822f95e226)
* [Hill Air Force Base executes the mother of all elephant walks with 52 F-35s](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19097648.64758/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGhlZHJpdmUuY29tL3RoZS13YXItem9uZS8zMTc0My9oaWxsLWFpci1mb3JjZS1iYXNlLWV4ZWN1dGVzLXRoZS1tb3RoZXItb2YtYWxsLWVsZXBoYW50LXdhbGtzLXdpdGgtNTItZi0zNXM/57588738498e574579743a61B5808d2a1)
* [The US Air Force finally has a Space Force, and now some of its bases could be getting new names](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19097648.64758/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYnVzaW5lc3NpbnNpZGVyLmNvbS9haXItZm9yY2UtYmFzZXMtcmVuYW1lZC1hcy1wYXJ0LW9mLXNwYWNlLWZvcmNlLWNyZWF0aW9uLTIwMjAtMQ/57588738498e574579743a61Bb1fd39e1)
* [Elephant walk at Utah Air Force Base showcases 52 F-35s launching in a row](https://www.foxnews.com/us/elephant-walk-at-utah-air-force-base-showcases-52-f-35s-launching-in-a-row)

**Army**

* [New vertical lift capabilities take flight during demo](https://www.army.mil/article/231773/new_vertical_lift_capabilities_take_flight_during_demo)
* [CSA: Strength, innovation essential to National Defense Strategy](https://www.army.mil/article/231684/csa_strength_innovation_essential_to_national_defense_strategy)
* [WSMR chief of staff says farewell to teammates and friends](https://www.wsmr.army.mil/fn/Pages/WSMR-chief-of-staff-says-farewell-to-teammates-and-friends.aspx)
* [ATEC leadership plans ‘extremely vital’ ongoing modernization of Army testing and evaluation at White Sands Missile Range](https://www.wsmr.army.mil/fn/Pages/ATEC-leadership-plans-‘extremely-vital’-ongoing-modernization-of-Army-testing-and-evaluation-at-White-Sands-Missile-Range.aspx)
* [Today's Army Is More Than Tanks, Bradleys, Army Secretary Says](https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2054958/todays-army-is-more-than-tanks-bradleys-army-secretary-says/)
* [Army general to lead new Pentagon unit to counter drone strikes on the battlefield](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19218514.82264/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3RyaXBlcy5jb20vbmV3cy9hcm15L2FybXktZ2VuZXJhbC10by1sZWFkLW5ldy1wZW50YWdvbi11bml0LXRvLWNvdW50ZXItZHJvbmUtc3RyaWtlcy1vbi10aGUtYmF0dGxlZmllbGQtMS42MTUyMTA/57588738498e574579743a61B174b0e62)
* [Army secretary: Harder decisions to come in budgets beyond FY21](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19176642.70515/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2xhbmQvMjAyMC8wMS8xNS9hcm15LXNlY3JldGFyeS1oYXJkZXItZGVjaXNpb25zLXRvLWNvbWUtaW4tYnVkZ2V0cy1iZXlvbmQtZnkyMS8/57588738498e574579743a61B18878469)
* [Sec. McCarthy Says ‘Harder Choices’ Are Coming in Future Budgets](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=02ff5b68a7&e=822f95e226)

**Navy**

* [Surface Navy Leaders Focus on Readiness, Need to Build Future Fleet](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=111861)
* [Navy May Try to Drop Number of Aircraft Carriers](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=54ef1e4be6&e=822f95e226)
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* [As States Prepare for Disasters, They Acknowledge Things Will Get Worse](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=d591f60b7d68e1c1b38e0ebf1b5b84bfed24aa93a47f2183908761e00cce873d8bb1b4b12374011cda295064cd32650b8b9bd972b570c183)
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* [New ways Homeland Security wants to attack cyber breach reporting](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19087664.64758/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmlmdGhkb21haW4uY29tL2NpdmlsaWFuL2Rocy8yMDIwLzAxLzA2L25ldy13YXlzLWhvbWVsYW5kLXNlY3VyaXR5LXdhbnRzLXRvLWF0dGFjay1jeWJlci1icmVhY2gtcmVwb3J0aW5nLw/57588738498e574579743a61B146e75db)
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* [Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces BIA’s Year of Firsts: Marking the Wildland Fire Management Program’s Progress](https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/opa/online-press-release/assistant-secretary-sweeney-announces-bia%E2%80%99s-year-firsts-marking)
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* [Latest FAA Safety Briefing Says Know Your Aircraft](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=b95cb387bb&e=6edabe5e85)

**UAV/Drones**

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* [FAA official emphasizes incremental urban air innovation](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/mhhjDKbjocrWhzAAfDlgfMfCZkFG?format=multipart)
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* [Got an Electric Car? Great! Where Do You Plug It In?](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011Mmaw_FXEgpXwBFJmzqkiBsY3EsNIYjPpDNicVes0beLSf00jX6Xqw8-WEj27_EueyhZOe95MZZ4qUVIP1m7WFLClCD2B4CTSscY-JoOsKwur9oBU58aOK04p0Xpn2jKqby6SefuOy134XiA23AncQm__mMgRVQe_NUcdGLke_oDNe-LV5dl6bbVeqHCAxsygWfWlm15ud_siYDYGSGIoHtNBFozt_6xYm7B35V_K4YgE3pq4a3QXCfpl01hCdNjHuBJz1Oeog7rPkZAFeHdXChQMgOLKXyGGM7FPhamwbjPCXfX0JJ1E7EUwCvgNwCtyXATp8kqm-s=&c=-Yyy33k898GWSdmchsFE5JFXdgNJGF1B7yUChc3w9q8aCDbOoj4HrA==&ch=LptsLkKJbfT4kQ58C1OqZK9loSn4s4fNCOM76ti28eQYtHb5HeBGrw==)

States:

AZ:

* [New: Arizona’s Booming Job Growth Ranks Second In The Nation](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/01/new-arizonas-booming-job-growth-ranks-second-nation)
* [Media Advisory: Statewide Public Budget Briefings](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/01/media-advisory-statewide-public-budget-briefings)
* [Governor Ducey Delivers 2020 State of the State Address](https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/01/governor-ducey-delivers-2020-state-state-address)
* AZ 2020 State of the State address [HERE](https://azgovernor.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=92fdf4d2c03bdcc82721f4a7b&id=53b0f329bc&e=3fb8d463ec).

CA: [Governor Newsom Proposes 2020-21 State Budget](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/01/10/governor-newsom-proposes-2020-21-state-budget/)

CO: [Gov. Polis Delivers 2020 State of the State Address](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/gov-polis-delivers-2020-state-state-address)

NM:

* [Gov. Lujan Grisham issues second State of the State address](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2020/01/21/gov-lujan-grisham-issues-second-state-of-the-state-address/)
* [Gov. Lujan Grisham releases FY 2021 executive budget](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2020/01/06/gov-lujan-grisham-releases-fy-2021-executive-budget/)

UT:

* [Gov Herbert 2020 State of the State Address](https://governor.utah.gov/2020/01/30/2020-state-of-the-state-address/)
* [Governor Gary Herbert presents FY2021 budget recommendations](https://governor.utah.gov/2020/01/08/gov-herbert-presents-budget-recommendations-for-fy2021/)

WGA:

* + The Western Governors' Association invites you to attend the [Reimagining the Rural West Oregon Workshop](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001kkoUxnY08yomSbt7ojNGkNaGxruYk0JoKejxKzUYPr3tBDwIYeuEHjqqtK7ae0UKrfVvtWy_dnwXAsgKK81yWUy0q_78ltDuMajMX9gwMRtnbI50rybeEJqxpq6JOUmuC-2zQm-rP5qaF_81pM9HtLtn3ZK37b8qnyjOec8mcjK0g68BdSfDCGoGPD_C2l2RrKEgmaTcQkgnF1OPFeOIDm1UtDX8q4DGnw2d5Jg_uoM2M1ONPkNx1vJPW0_JSDSKBU0cCc49jjqto6gjXxXewN9Q9zL6JpHVUcMeLE6qCoY1DcopoV_xrA==&c=Lu9CczcxBc0vFil3vy0MFu1tdSxXp1IRSng3zsZQlXhYE48Ap2q_VQ==&ch=Bh66RV-mUyNFr9wPf6ntsqJMZn-lEcUTUK_HfeS5A2XyS37MQm7FwA==), which will include a keynote by Gov. Kate Brown**.** The workshop will be held March 19-20 in The Dalles, Ore. The [agenda](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001kkoUxnY08yomSbt7ojNGkNaGxruYk0JoKejxKzUYPr3tBDwIYeuEHi24azqU9LslS8pCsZPuQ6rGyzLCOwP4TBk9_qPcOprqWaRaH8GyE4Yo1XWI3qMmQAXGjW89j59kowHpaIagEr10cj0AbutJtSKQVSKIS746GoV1hfir6NpwGc732iuT2oUezDNOFDY-OFfhVm2yPjyLjhT7nMo2QTKVToyHREBybxqYSdT-tLuNGDOoXJqM-w==&c=Lu9CczcxBc0vFil3vy0MFu1tdSxXp1IRSng3zsZQlXhYE48Ap2q_VQ==&ch=Bh66RV-mUyNFr9wPf6ntsqJMZn-lEcUTUK_HfeS5A2XyS37MQm7FwA==) will be updated with additional details and speakers in the coming weeks. [Register here.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001kkoUxnY08yomSbt7ojNGkNaGxruYk0JoKejxKzUYPr3tBDwIYeuEHi24azqU9LslUk5N4dbwDkY2fLxmryrvpdWxC8PTB286ZQgaRgTnYqo-nnxg9SniiwguH0ahrJOQwf3Vj7ZznpvhHT2eDzeoCZBPYPhsAGg6egMXbqe8j1hcoRvBFkqD6ZpDIZIql952uBe7JMGcclJXhpBvRkh6V_TH2UPIvWi6z7mTuStjZkc=&c=Lu9CczcxBc0vFil3vy0MFu1tdSxXp1IRSng3zsZQlXhYE48Ap2q_VQ==&ch=Bh66RV-mUyNFr9wPf6ntsqJMZn-lEcUTUK_HfeS5A2XyS37MQm7FwA==)
  + WGA Executive Director Jim Ogsbury, reflecting on an eventful 2019, shares the Western Governors' top achievements over the past year. [Read the full Executive Director's Notebook entry here.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Dpv0-1XnWhjOp68nWC8XRoN5DLtq6LthVyGdYi9yC4NVW2CYsGjB7yuclUffccQaI1LXrYqCrhAi7b_u2CXOb17MumH3kB4iXBt3AIFka4ai-57YuWAmqemQdFJcKrg4VgpJzg0WiAkJznvU_qzdWPj7J7atX1dXjZ-XyAEDKp48wNtH6qTw2QpAGT3-ERuXzhgbZFaaM8GCCqbgRuOahP5KpMVjdxNTxyBXDsqJbynE11mQ9ZdR-A==&c=NgzJljP-DGm2XBwVEOmBnzUjHngAInyYDPvxCpie-nr400QkihpRFg==&ch=JoOTpA9048H3sGQw15NlM_Iby2ERNhvpvSoVyd3ivx3UZha9zKzYSg==)