Western Regional Partnership

**February 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.

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# WRP Updates

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

**WRP 2019-2020 Strategic Priority -** The WRP 2019-2020 priority is focused on “*Building Resilience in the West for America’s Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.”* Phase one consisted of a survey to scope the deep-dive/focused actions over the next WRP year; and is completed. WRP Committee Co-Chairs reviewed the survey input and identified deep-dive issues for the year which will be briefed to the WRP Steering Committee and then shared during calls below. We hope you will be able to participate in these calls to learn more about Committee efforts and provide your critical input. We look forward to working with you over this year to build resilience for WRP Partners. Thank you!

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| **Date** | **Time (Pacific)** | **Activity** |
| 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).*

# Energy

## **Federal Updates**

* [Trump's budget continues to boost nuclear energy](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=42997j385813Bc&utm_campaign=021220_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.theverge.com/2020/2/10/21131701/trump-budget-proposal-nuclear-energy-programs-spending)

**DOE**

* [Renewables poised to overtake coal and nuclear power in 2021, natural gas in 2045](http://www.euci.com/renewables-poised-to-overtake-coal-and-nuclear-power-in-2021-natural-gas-in-2045/?x=42997j385813Bc&utm_campaign=021220_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)
* [EIA forecasts growth in U.S. crude oil output to slow in 2021 with a drop in drill rigs](http://www.euci.com/eia-forecasts-growth-in-u-s-crude-oil-output-to-slow-in-2021-with-a-drop-in-drill-rigs/?x=42801w385813Bc&utm_campaign=020520_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

**DOI**

* [Oil Production from Department of the Interior Managed Leases Surpasses 1 Billion Barrels for the First Time in History Under the Trump Administration](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTQuMTcyMTk0NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvb2lsLXByb2R1Y3Rpb24tZGVwYXJ0bWVudC1pbnRlcmlvci1tYW5hZ2VkLWxlYXNlcy1zdXJwYXNzZXMtMS1iaWxsaW9uLWJhcnJlbHMtZmlyc3QifQ.Yyw6Pyxs3enhvOic3tygz8esClZyyDLXWbV9-DPG-is/br/75063711179-l)

**DOI-BLM**

* [BLM seeks comments on four parcels offered in June oil and gas lease sale](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-comments-four-parcels-offered-june-oil-and-gas-lease-sale)
* [BLM completes action to advance responsible coal development](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-completes-action-advance-responsible-coal-development)
* [BLM seeks public comment for the Camino Solar Project in Kern County](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTQuMTcyMTk0NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLXNlZWtzLXB1YmxpYy1jb21tZW50LWNhbWluby1zb2xhci1wcm9qZWN0LWtlcm4tY291bnR5In0.gtwYAtN6HXpq2CyAJVYOWIrcRuwAyXrGMCWN3bwGzHI/br/75063711179-l)
* [BLM authorizes Eland Gen-Tie Project generation interconnection line in Kern County](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMDcuMTY4MTk3MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLWF1dGhvcml6ZXMtZWxhbmQtZ2VuLXRpZS1wcm9qZWN0LWdlbmVyYXRpb24taW50ZXJjb25uZWN0aW9uLWxpbmUta2Vybi1jb3VudHkifQ.Je8chq-0Fgo0_eLGt71IB7JT_A2DEck6eBA1PY-ekIg/br/74797965907-l)

**DOI-USGS**

* [U.S. Mine Production Increasing, Estimated Value of $86.3 Billion in Minerals](https://www.usgs.gov/news/us-mine-production-increasing-estimated-value-863-billion-minerals)

## **State Updates**

CA: [DOD Working with California Wind Energy Companies for Offshore Farm Development](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=2c3249fde8&e=822f95e226)

NV:

* [Governor Sisolak Delivers Letter to Trump Administration on Recent Yucca Mountain Developments](http://gov.nv.gov/News/Press/2020/Governor_Sisolak_Delivers_Letter_to_Trump_Administration_on_Recent_Yucca_Mountain_Developments/)
* The Nevada Public Utilities Commission (NPUC) [has proposed](The%20Nevada%20Public%20Utilities%20Commission%20%28NPUC%29%20has%20proposed%20to%20establish%20a%20statewide%20energy%20storage%20target%20of%201%2C000%20megawatts%20by%202030.%20Energy%20storage%20systems%20may%20be%20either%20centralized%20or%20distributed%20and%20either%20owned%20by%20the%20utilities%20or%20by%20any%20other%20person.%20As%20part%20of%20the%20state-wide%20target%2C%20the%20NPUC%20has%20proposed%20to%20establish%20interim%20biennial%20energy%20storage%20targets%2C%20beginning%20in%202020.%20The%20rulemaking%20requires%20utilities%20to%20develop%20an%20energy%20storage%20plan%20that%20identifies%20all%20energy%20storage%20system%20projects.) to establish a statewide energy storage target of 1,000 megawatts by 2030. Energy storage systems may be either centralized or distributed and either owned by the utilities or by any other person. As part of the state-wide target, the NPUC has proposed to establish interim biennial energy storage targets, beginning in 2020. The rulemaking requires utilities to develop an energy storage plan that identifies all energy storage system projects.

## **Tribal Updates**

* [BLM and BIA move forward with planning process to responsibly develop energy resources on the Navajo Nation](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-and-bia-move-forward-planning-process-responsibly-develop-energy-resources-navajo)
* [President Nez requests the Los Angeles City Council to support renewable energy partnerships](News%20Releases/OPVP/2020/Feb/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE%20-%20President%20Nez%20requests%20the%20Los%20Angeles%20City%20Council%20to%20support%20renewable%20energy%20partnerships.pdf)
* Department of Energy Tribal energy webinar. March 25, 11 AM (MT) – Energy Efficiency Projects from Concept to Completion. [Register](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001wcNu10QzgWEIJXUCfTfhaB3zTJYhrbe-IDB2H4FmGyYpahy_gCpSOdVkJlnugK4QeEvNyBeHApH_W0qDQm0yMbD8ZkZ437vwdC57mO9R7eJtJAEpjx56i6n1Jbh8_tYeVhN243l8mW53BJxL5W0OivWfUEcrV5Edx3Vwy65ZTFTDMOwrUgFFLvwosLF3uOA2YcdUptgwPSA=&c=fKRdYsTlwQJuojzlLII6yZ9awP_GzoPUL4kFiZWGxFIQFBU2OeDrsg==&ch=GQab5rqpU5evSZeKBJHHCfqe-LzhVGA9aIZ-7uJKbP9s3tMkUcj5-w==)
* DOI is accepting applications from federally recognized tribal governments to provide funding 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. This 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. [Apply now.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTkuMTc0NTc0OTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5iaWEuZ292L2JpYS9vdHMvdHJpYmFsLXJlc2lsaWVuY2UtcHJvZ3JhbSJ9.yYVoaXbQCVsNWiklvqeKAXDDrrn6Olm5ZheTYL4B_IY/br/75190670973-l)
* Per [this letter](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTMuMTcxNTYxOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L3NpdGVzL3Byb2QvZmlsZXMvMjAyMC8wMi9mNzEvZGVtZC1jb25zdWx0YXRpb24tc2Vzc2lvbnMuUERGIn0.3Q5Z3H86m5mtXeqvldI15V56_aOPATorqmnAMki5f9Q/br/75026836673-l), the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs seeks to improve service delivery to Indian Country and Alaska Native villages for energy development and production.
* [Navajo look to Arizona utilities to make up for coal losses](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=42801w385813Bc&utm_campaign=020520_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://apnews.com/5bbd2796705ae0c03a646173c1dc6bc9)

**Regional**

* [California ramping up its reliance on geothermal](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMjAuMTc1MTkzNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5hbHRlbmVyZ3ltYWcuY29tL2FydGljbGUvMjAyMC8wMi9jYWxpZm9ybmlhLXJhbXBpbmctdXAtaXRzLXJlbGlhbmNlLW9uLWdlb3RoZXJtYWwvMzI2OTYifQ.hdnDyEZ2gX6LdMGiQEaqNO0UcOcmtyi2MAZreAu4iRs/br/75236370617-l)
* [2019 A Bright Spot For US Solar Jobs](http://click1.trk-washingtonexaminer.com/njpywbcdffknjkwfntcdtncmhdnbtrzrhgdhkctyprfkp_gnyykgwltyydcrnycgyytr.html?a=Daily+on+Energy+021920&b=02%2F19%2F2020&c=WEX_Daily+on+Energy&d=24307622)
* [SDG&E Files 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan](http://www.euci.com/campaigns/station.php?x=42997j385813Bc&utm_campaign=021220_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize&url=https://www.tdworld.com/vegetation-management/article/21122567/sdge-files-2020-wildfire-mitigation-plan)
* [U.S. coal plants pinched between economic pressures and inefficient cycling of the units](http://www.euci.com/u-s-coal-plants-pinched-between-economic-pressures-and-inefficient-cycling-of-the-units/?x=42801w385813Bc&utm_campaign=020520_energize_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=energize)

# Natural Resources

## **Federal Updates**

* [EPA Takes Measure to Regulate PFOS and PFOA in Drinking Water](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=8ffcc78f28&e=822f95e226)
* The Administration is proposing major changes to the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The [Federal Register notice](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GwF9nA1MP8xi6kf95F04ZeYAI83GLdaWrwIHP0L1MtTBqet-d7DHydFGkvSkaP07HFxqLZlGPbsMyrMVZ_84DdSWqBpRw48-1RQcndRybl8yg2ocgLj2BqO-M3JlT6JbQKbv4ANo4RDQ3892MXmc1ts0NU_2LCNa41yXzYTQQMIrQnpmjNVZjfLWiAo32AUzmwXb35t2pn9HyJrjIzUgEfODXk6iRtl30WMOZBLY-kq5OqFm9I_-neywY_MNQrT0ZzYkrOpwoF53vz0eHDVP9GVn2B4nTlku2WMd5iMF01C2GIP8n1uQLglSlEc-E1v_22aKSwzjVza1utQC_RmnqQ==&c=RsIV16whU5P9XgHBLcEp6qPTlPwYEBIX-qEZq6B26NkUXMjQOG8eAQ==&ch=3LsQGjeZvRiK3-CaG38oKvAXQVcpklSa1F5XOup-DSqomIFk8iUE5g==) includes the proposed new regulations and how to submit comments -- due March 10, 2020.

**DOI**

* [Secretary Bernhardt's Statement on California’s Lawsuit Against the Central Valley Project](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-bernhardts-statement-californias-lawsuit-against-central-valley-project)
* [WTAS: Trump Administration Optimizes Water Delivery and Increases Species Protection in California’s Central Valley](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/wtas-trump-administration-optimizes-water-delivery-and-increases-species-protection)
* [Interior Announces Grants to 11 Western States for Big Game Winter Range and Migration Corridor Scientific Research](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTQuMTcyMTk0NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvaW50ZXJpb3ItYW5ub3VuY2VzLWdyYW50cy0xMS13ZXN0ZXJuLXN0YXRlcy1iaWctZ2FtZS13aW50ZXItcmFuZ2UtYW5kLW1pZ3JhdGlvbiJ9.K3sdNk08G_FBsCnjg7D8ky8f4cHAJumFCun3sy6svfc/br/75063711179-l)
* [Interior announces more than $170 million in conservation funding for States and Tribes to reclaim and repurpose abandoned coal mines](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMDcuMTY4MTk3MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvaW50ZXJpb3ItYW5ub3VuY2VzLW1vcmUtMTcwLW1pbGxpb24tY29uc2VydmF0aW9uLWZ1bmRpbmctc3RhdGVzLWFuZC10cmliZXMtcmVjbGFpbS1hbmQifQ.gdD8sY4WNw1Dhemi57HTfSTAA4MYMWTwzXWPBPyXea0/br/74797965907-l)
* Trump Finalizes Plan to Develop Former National Monument Land: The Interior Department [finalized management plans](http://click1.trk-washingtonexaminer.com/tmczwtdvhhpkjpwhkbdvbkdrfvktbmgmfsvfpdbzchcjj_hfvqsbnhwqqzvcmvnfcwmf.html?a=Daily+on+Energy+020720&b=02%2F07%2F2020&c=WEX_Daily+on+Energy&d=24307622) Thursday to open Utah lands formerly under national monument protections to drilling, mining, and grazing development.

**DOI-BLM**

* [BLM restores access with a blueprint for managing national monuments and public lands in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-restores-access-blueprint-managing-national-monuments-and-public-lands-utah)
* [BLM releases final plan to construct and maintain up to 11,000 miles of fuel breaks in the Great Basin to combat wildfires](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-releases-final-plan-construct-and-maintain-11000-miles-fuel-breaks-great-basin)
* [BLM’s sage-grouse plans put Western communities first](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMjAuMTc1MTkzNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvQkxNLXNhZ2UtZ3JvdXNlLXBsYW5zLXB1dC1XZXN0ZXJuLWNvbW11bml0aWVzLWZpcnN0In0.ia00b0pzLYHw2a0MJruJFqylDOHwbe8Wq48NmxChvKA/br/75236370617-l)

**DOI-NPS**

* [National Park Service Announces $66.4 Million in Historic Preservation Grants to States and Tribes](https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-service-announces-66-4-million-in-historic-preservation-grants-to-states-and-tribes.htm)
* [National Park Visitation Tops 327 Million in 2019](https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/2019-visitation-numbers.htm)

**DOI-BuRec**

* [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation: A Joint Commitment to the Nation’s Water Infrastructure](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=69363)
* [Reclamation to host Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group meeting](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=69423)

**DOI-USFWS**

* [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Seeks Public Input to Increase Access to Refuge System Lands](https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=u.s.-fish-and-wildlife-service-seeks-public-input-to--increase-access-to-&_ID=36520)
* FWS [Fiscal 2020 Restoration Webinar Series](https://doilearn2.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=doilearn2&service=6&rnd=0.23534231173189535&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoilearn2.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fprogram%2FprogramDetail.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26internalProgramTicket%3D4832534b00000002854ae1ae433c5b224f2cd42bd62454c170c6a732cdd4c4ce345037239c70413e%26siteurl%3Ddoilearn2%26internalProgramTicketUnList%3D4832534b00000002854ae1ae433c5b224f2cd42bd62454c170c6a732cdd4c4ce345037239c70413e%26cProgViewID%3D16642%26PRID%3Da46e886720adc872a2d818455419d836) is a venue for disseminating new approaches, best management practices, and innovative restoration techniques to some of the nation’s greatest restoration challenges. The series covers a broad spectrum of topics including planning and implementing restoration projects, project monitoring and evaluation at multiple time scales, accounting for a changing climate in restoration, regional restoration planning and priority setting, and permitting. All webinars are recorded and available for public viewing at any time. Archived webinars are available [here](https://training.fws.gov/topic/online-training/webinars/restoration.html).
* FWS is initiating five-year status reviews of 66 species in California and Nevada under the ESA ([85 FR 4692](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)). A five-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, FWS is requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last review. Comments are due 27 MAR 20.

**NOAA**

* [January 2020 was Earth’s hottest January on record. The long-term trend of above- average temperatures continues](https://www.noaa.gov/news/january-2020-was-earth-s-hottest-january-on-record)

**EPA**

* [EPA and Partners Announce Collaborative Implementation of the National Water Reuse Action Plan](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-partners-announce-collaborative-implementation-national-water-reuse-action-plan)
* [EPA Announces $2.7 Billion for Infrastructure to Protect Surface Waters and Drinking Water](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-27-billion-infrastructure-protect-surface-waters-and-drinking-water)
* [EPA Announces First WIFIA Annual Report Highlighting $3.5 Billion in Infrastructure Funding](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-first-wifia-annual-report-highlighting-35-billion-infrastructure-funding)
* [EPA’s First WIFIA Annual Report Highlights Heartland Communities’ Commitment to Protecting Water Quality and Improving Infrastructure](https://stormwaterone.com/articles/epas-first-wifia-annual-report-highlights-heartland-communities-commitment-to-protecting-water-quality-and-improving-infrastructure)
* [EPA Releases 2019 Year in Review Highlighting Agency Accomplishments and Environmental Progress under President Trump & Administrator Andrew Wheeler](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-2019-year-review-highlighting-agency-accomplishments-and-environmental)
* [EPA at 50: Progress in Protecting our Nation’s Surface Waters](https://www.pressreleasepoint.com/epa-50-progress-protecting-our-nations-surface-waters)

**USDA**

* [Utah NRCS Announces New EQIP Application Deadline](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1549014)
* [USDA Invites Input on Regional Conservation Partnership Program Rule](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1543817)
* [USDA Invests More than $41 Million to Protect Communities from Wildfires, Restore Forest Ecosystems and Improve Drinking Water](file:///%5C%5Cwps%5Cportal%5Cnrcs%5Cdetail%5Cnational%5Cnewsroom%5Creleases%5C%3Fcid%3DNRCSEPRD1550831%20)
* [USDA to Invest $56 Million in 2020 to Help Farmers Improve Water Quality](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMDcuMTY4MDQzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ucmNzLnVzZGEuZ292L3dwcy9wb3J0YWwvbnJjcy9kZXRhaWwvbmF0aW9uYWwvbmV3c3Jvb20vcmVsZWFzZXMvP2NpZD1OUkNTRVBSRDE1NDE2MTYifQ.qWBKoUMYrXytW-JrFobRmc-sjm8VDfCW8hTP4_SJsJU/br/74790489930-l)

**USFS**

* [USDA Forest Service announces proposed changes to improve conveyance of small tracts of lands](https://www.fs.usda.gov/news/releases/usda-forest-service-announces-proposed-changes-improve-conveyance-small-tracts-lands)
* [USDA Forest Service seeks help to expand access to national forests and grassland areas](https://www.fs.usda.gov/news/releases/usda-forest-service-seeks-help-expand-access-national-forests-and-grassland-areas)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Reclamation allocates $120 million to tribal water projects](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=69403)
* [Tribes ‘cannot afford to lose’ the National Environmental Policy Act](https://newsmaven.io/indiancountrytoday/news/tribes-cannot-afford-to-lose-the-national-environmental-policy-act--abOsz9rWkKpgxoO0BG8rQ)
* [Native American Issues:](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMjYuMTc4MTQ1MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL0dBTy0yMC00NjZUP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj11c2dhb19lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY29udGVudD10b3BpY19uYXR1cmFscmVzb3VyY2VzJnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.Ed0D4o7C4N-PY5n7Olvrycp52q6PjWWDLS6-aPWck-s/br/75434580794-l) [Examples of Certain Federal Requirements That Apply to Cultural Resources and Factors That Impact Tribal Consultation](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMjYuMTc4MTQ1MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL0dBTy0yMC00NjZUP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj11c2dhb19lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY29udGVudD10b3BpY19uYXR1cmFscmVzb3VyY2VzJnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.pL3pzRQEM5OG6UaVJXG6NIdlb_aHGWftv5f1QpKaK6o/br/75434580794-l) , Statement of Anna Maria Ortiz, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO-20-466T, February 26

**Regional Updates**

* Catalyst Fund Currently Accepting Pre-Proposal Submissions through 9 pm ET on Friday, March 13th, 2020. The purpose of the Fund is to increase the pace of conservation at scale across the United States though targeted support of collaborative landscape conservation. We encourage Landscape Conservation Partnerships that strongly fit the priorities, requirements, and definitions of the Fund to consider applying. [Catalyst Fund page of our website](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TtSS2WHYJgdSc51D48h7SWOl2IJj-_uRhgxyKtfmsb8LBB-bT0nrpD5WHefX7xCpNrxghIWwJYxMIbi4LOpXkSVztiNaHQvK0AFbpbZjijsgqxy-MXag0f8_K6PmQcxZE1_qHreOhilN8zwAeWpROzg-xAMYosMcien43zCMcPMh8npLVNnJFA==&c=GIRB_N-GpA2nfdACgLcMdNrGwAQRNUEFcbXLAVv97wyIlvWRcQ0ALw==&ch=e_FGniOWB5LNECRdBVIc-KBrYQCiXWSbRzcr8ttoDQ6ZDXpKxpazRg==). Contact Jonathan Peterson by email if you have specific questions.
* [WestFAST February Newsletter](https://www.westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FEB-2020-WestFAST-Newsletter.pdf)
* [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://eepurl.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f6de7b069a57255f980944b4&id=1d7d846494&e=34607e62b5)
* [In the West, wildlife crossings save lives and money](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/484720-in-the-west-wildlife-crossings-save-lives-and-money&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMTAzNjExNzM3NTA1MTE5MzI2ODIaZjQwZTFiNWZkNDg5ZGQ2Zjpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFKypqQ7oYpUAAYYFQ4VrVVAu1aJw)
* [Long-time Working Lands science advisor and University of Montana wildlife professor, Dr. David Naugle](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uiykdyl-jtpdhjrid-x/), leads the SGI’s science team. Dr. Naugle’s recent paper in the prestigious journal BioScience, [Coproducing Science to Inform Working Lands: The Next Frontier in Nature Conservation](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uiykdyl-jtpdhjrid-p/), champions both the importance of working lands in conservation and the role for science in achieving better outcomes for ranching and wildlife.
* [Long-time Working Lands for Wildlife partner Pheasants Forever highlights how they are supporting upland birds including sage grouse and lesser prairie-chickens in Spring 2020 magazine](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uiykdyl-jtpdhjrid-b/)
* [Working Lands for Wildlife Symposium Video from The Wildlife Society’s 26th Annual Meeting Now Available](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uiykdyl-jtpdhjrid-d/)
* [Native pollinators are an understudied component of the sagebrush ecosystem](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uiykdyl-jtpdhjrid-i/), but play a critically important role in maintaining the health and diversity of the plants that people and animals rely upon throughout the sagebrush sea. A new study from Montana State University ([funded in part by the NRCS’s Conservation Effects Assessment Project – Wildlife](https://email.connectablenews.com/t/y-l-uiykdyl-jtpdhjrid-t/)) looked into this very topic.
* Partnerships and collaboration are the cornerstone of WAFWA’s work. The Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) is a key WAFWA partner, and together WAFWA and IWJV are making progress in coordinating sagebrush conservation efforts at the local, state and national levels. [Read More](https://wafwa.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4b44750d42b4b11bae76c60b&id=e5d8a02b58&e=a357a905ae).
* A historic transfer of bighorn sheep took place on January 13 in Nevada, which put bighorn back on Paiute tribal lands for the first time in a century. The Nevada Department of Wildlife collaborated with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council to make the historic transfer possible, with funding provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Wildlife Record Book Foundation and Nevada Bighorns Unlimited-Reno. [Watch News Report](https://wafwa.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4b44750d42b4b11bae76c60b&id=b6b7217d92&e=a357a905ae)
* A film about the complex issue of wild horse management in the West is continuing to make the rounds of film festivals, community town hall events, and is also being widely viewed through social media channels. The film explains how wild horses and burros are devastating precious riparian areas and crucial habitats for sensitive species and megafauna. View [Film](https://wafwa.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4b44750d42b4b11bae76c60b&id=afdb792e48&e=a357a905ae)

**WGA:**

* [WGA hosts Working Lands Roundtable Forum April 23-24 in Denver](https://westgov.org/news/article/wga-hosts-working-lands-roundtable-forum-april-23-24-in-denver)
* Western Governors signaled their support for the bipartisan Senate legislation, Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act. [Read, download the outreach.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011ca5XdjKc0FOQZWZ5gqY5m4psl7RTU01wT_YBS2M4htJi4TKq9OxEjn4O8EzMpputZnDRMnexGC3VtxyMtqJiwCYGYgVadWl93yVNlGc0sHNo_wB1Gb6RaprxzpxmDF6_WglFrVPoFaMZq0SG9NjLLzKthoXIhDf4-IA6Genz9MiB2F5juyOAI032WLwUp8N0nrzQj_iYa5GD0KtiPDZlCicF9UW77g8E9-RbNwXOn7-zmqVGPFcKcw8RPwE84mDnNHpL-tPeHEduEKLPMyou80mPo1YeRVyNp1Zt7I__54=&c=wWfi3AEbRlUsEGtSDx9O5-9dy7mlaAmYeuIJZQG7LZ2jLrx4vlCkRw==&ch=t554jLMlRSKsV90OqEef1zB-fjtLmkp_EUHrwM7HFjAgCTCGwdP4QQ==)

# Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation

## **Military Readiness**

**DoD**

* [Readiness, Safety Top Priorities of Navy, Marine Corps](https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2075715/readiness-safety-top-priorities-of-navy-marine-corps/)
* [Esper Discusses 2 Years of National Defense Strategy Efforts](https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2076893/esper-discusses-2-years-of-national-defense-strategy-efforts/)
* [Esper: DOD Budget Request Reflects Readiness Priorities, Tough Choices](https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2095321/esper-dod-budget-request-reflects-readiness-priorities-tough-choices/)
* [Here’s what DoD wants states to do to help military spouses with their occupational licenses](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19537202.70673/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vcGF5LWJlbmVmaXRzLzIwMjAvMDIvMjQvaGVyZXMtd2hhdC1kb2Qtd2FudHMtc3RhdGVzLXRvLWRvLXRvLWhlbHAtbWlsaXRhcnktc3BvdXNlcy13aXRoLXRoZWlyLW9jY3VwYXRpb25hbC1saWNlbnNlcy8/57588738498e574579743a61Bac507de0)
* [State of Defense 2020: Special Report](https://link.defenseone.com/click/19498885.61329/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vaWRlYXMvMjAyMC8wMi9zdGF0ZS1kZWZlbnNlLTIwMjAtc3BlY2lhbC1yZXBvcnQvMTYzMjI3Lz9vcmVmPWRlZmVuc2VvbmVfdG9kYXlfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B6ddb6474)
* [Readiness Subcommittee Discusses Encroachment and Land Stewardship](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=8860f95547&e=822f95e226)
* [White House Announces Nominations for Pentagon Sustainment and Intelligence Positions](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=ad09fb05b6&e=822f95e226)
* [U.S. Space Force Facility to be Constructed in Colorado](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=47e40bf1c8&e=822f95e226)
* [Mark Esper on the ‘big pivot point’ that will define the 2022 budget](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19413060.93582/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3Ntci9mZWRlcmFsLWJ1ZGdldC8yMDIwLzAyLzEwL21hcmstZXNwZXItb24tdGhlLWJpZy1waXZvdC1wb2ludC10aGF0LXdpbGwtZGVmaW5lLXRoZS0yMDIyLWJ1ZGdldC8/57588738498e574579743a61B255f416d)
* [Space Force asks for $15B in its first budget request](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19413060.93582/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3Ntci9mZWRlcmFsLWJ1ZGdldC8yMDIwLzAyLzEwL3RoZS1zcGFjZS1mb3JjZXMtMTUtYmlsbGlvbi1idWRnZXQtZm9yLWZ5MjEtc2hvd3MtYS1zZXJ2aWNlLWluLXRyYW5zaXRpb24v/57588738498e574579743a61B10bb1f3b)
* [White House Budget Boosts Defense, Sets Up Battle on Non-Defense; What's in the Budget](https://mailchi.mp/defensecommunities/on-base-with-adc-z2vnpkmave?e=822f95e226)
* [Shah: DOD Should Invest in Innovation over Legacy](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=9811aac8d1&e=822f95e226)
* [DOD Bracing for Level Spending in New Budget](https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-defense/2020/02/07/esper-warns-force-to-avoid-partisan-wars-785121)
* [DOD Releases Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Proposal](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTAuMTY5MzQyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kZWZlbnNlLmdvdi9OZXdzcm9vbS9SZWxlYXNlcy9SZWxlYXNlL0FydGljbGUvMjA3OTQ4OS9kb2QtcmVsZWFzZXMtZmlzY2FsLXllYXItMjAyMS1idWRnZXQtcHJvcG9zYWwvP3NvdXJjZT1Hb3ZEZWxpdmVyeSJ9.FoamBsQkFd5dxy5VXaXRHqYLmgJndZ2CSgvfd-AM7Ns/br/74869952627-l)
* [Flatline: SecDef Esper says DoD budgets must grow 3-5%](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19380617.69690/aHR0cHM6Ly9icmVha2luZ2RlZmVuc2UuY29tLzIwMjAvMDIvZmxhdGxpbmUtc2VjZGVmLWVzcGVyLXNheXMtZG9kLWJ1ZGdldHMtbXVzdC1ncm93LTMtNS8/57588738498e574579743a61B813d7983)
* [Arizona adjutant general to lead National Guard Association](https://link.airforcetimes.com/click/19380617.69690/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2V0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLWFpci1mb3JjZS8yMDIwLzAyLzA2L2FyaXpvbmEtYWRqdXRhbnQtZ2VuZXJhbC10by1sZWFkLW5hdGlvbmFsLWd1YXJkLWFzc29jaWF0aW9uLw/57588738498e574579743a61Ba8738727).
* [DOD Budget Will Move $5.7B from Legacy Programs to Modernization](https://breakingdefense.com/2020/02/secdefs-review-is-in-and-hes-willing-to-shut-down-entire-offices/)
* [Space Force troops won’t be called ‘spacemen’](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19369156.64755/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1pbGl0YXJ5LzIwMjAvMDIvMDUvc3BhY2UtZm9yY2UtdHJvb3BzLXdvbnQtYmUtY2FsbGVkLXNwYWNlbWVuLw/57588738498e574579743a61Bdd2875fd)
* [How is the Space Force going to be organized? The Pentagon is still working out the details.](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19369156.64755/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3NwYWNlLzIwMjAvMDIvMDUvaG93LWlzLXRoZS1zcGFjZS1mb3JjZS1nb2luZy10by1iZS1vcmdhbml6ZWQtdGhlLXBlbnRhZ29uLWlzLXN0aWxsLXdvcmtpbmctb3V0LXRoZS1kZXRhaWxzLw/57588738498e574579743a61B13ff8978)

**REPI**

* The 2020 REPI Report to Congress is now available! This 14th annual report on the 2684a authority describes the REPI program’s partnership activities and accomplishments across all projects from the enactment of the authority in 2002 through Fiscal Year 2019. To-date, the REPI Program has leveraged $962 million with over $853 million in non-Department partner contributions to protect 688,258 acres in 109 locations across 33 states. To download the 2020 Report to Congress – click here: <https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2020RTC.pdf>
* REPI Program invites you to attend the premiere of “The Sentinels” on the evening of Friday, March 13th, 2020. “The Sentinels” is an exciting new documentary that tells the story of the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership—a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, and Department of the Interior that works across conventional boundaries to strengthen military readiness, preserve natural resources, and bolster agricultural economies. The premiere will take place as part of the D.C. Environmental Film Festival. Now in its 27th year, the D.C. Environmental Film Festival is considered the world’s leading showcase of environmentally-themed films. The festival event will run from 6:30 PM ET – 9:00 PM ET at the Department of the Interior, located at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. “The Sentinels” will be the third film to premiere that evening and will begin around 7:30 PM ET. “The Sentinels” will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmaker and several subjects of the film. The event is open to the public and free for all attendees. To reserve your seat please RSVP here: [<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conservation-center-stage-films-by-eric-bendick-joe-flannery-tickets-95852018969>]. To view a trailer of the film, please visit: [<https://vimeo.com/grizzlycreekfilms/sentinels>]. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Megan Dougherty at [[dougherty\_megan@bah.com](dougherty_megan%40bah.com)] or (301) 252-0426. To learn more about the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, please visit our website at: [<https://sentinellandscapes.org/>].
* The Conservation Finance Network [https://www.conservationfinancenetwork.org/] hosted a two-part webinar on February 5 to explain the basics of conservation finance and to discuss potential sources of funding and strategies for blending financing. These webinars were created with a REPI audience in mind. To view the webinars, click here: <https://www.conservationfinancenetwork.org/conservation-finance-101-0>
* The 2020 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 our website [https://www.smrconference.org/] today to sign up for the SMR Conference listserv and learn more about this exciting opportunity! Registration information will be coming soon.
* REPI Webinar Series for 2020. Unless otherwise noted, all webinars begin at 1:00 p.m. eastern. For detailed webinar descriptions and connection instructions, please click on a webinar below or visit the REPI website: <https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Webinars/> Please contact the REPI Office [[osd.repi@mail.mil](osd.repi%40mail.mil)] with any questions or suggestions.

2020 REPI Webinars:

* + April 8 - REPI and the National Defense Strategy
	+ May 20 - Annual REPI Help Session for FY21
	+ June 17 - Leveraging GIS to Identify New Partnership Opportunities
	+ September 9 - Effective Community Engagement
	+ November 4 - Preparing for Extreme Weather: Improving Installation Resilience and Exploring Emergency Response Programs
	+ December 9 - Exploring Endangered Species Crediting Strategies

**USAF**

* [Barrett highlights space, modernization, alliances, people as pressing priorities](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2096954/barrett-highlights-space-modernization-alliances-people-as-pressing-priorities/)
* [New Mexico aids military families with reciprocity bill; Air Force, Space Force leaders applaud effort](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2095762/new-mexico-aids-military-families-with-reciprocity-bill-air-force-space-force-l/)
* [Air Force to ask Hill for new space acquisition powers: Thompson](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19593695.76691/aHR0cHM6Ly9icmVha2luZ2RlZmVuc2UuY29tLzIwMjAvMDIvYWlyLWZvcmNlLXRvLWFzay1oaWxsLWZvci1uZXctc3BhY2UtYWNxdWlzaXRpb24tcG93ZXJzLXRob21wc29uLw/57588738498e574579743a61Be5034d60)
* [Air Force to Factor Military Family Support in Basing Decisions](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=0734836123&e=822f95e226)
* [Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett chats about her top four priorities](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19570172.70685/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2RpZ2l0YWwtc2hvdy1kYWlsaWVzL2Fpci13YXJmYXJlLXN5bXBvc2l1bS8yMDIwLzAyLzI3L2Fpci1mb3JjZS1zZWNyZXRhcnktYmFyYmFyYS1iYXJyZXR0LWNoYXRzLWFib3V0LWhlci10b3AtZm91ci1wcmlvcml0aWVzLw/57588738498e574579743a61Bbf24833a)
* [USAF to consider nearby schools, military family support in future basing decisions](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19537202.70673/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2VtYWcuY29tL2Z1dHVyZS1iYXNpbmctZGVjaXNpb25zLXRvLXRha2UtaW50by1hY2NvdW50LW5lYXJieS1zY2hvb2xzLW1pbGl0YXJ5LWZhbWlseS1zdXBwb3J0Lw/57588738498e574579743a61B644e8923)
* [The Air Force wants to retire aging aircraft. It will have to get past Congress first](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19527348.74672/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnkuY29tL2RhaWx5LW5ld3MvMjAyMC8wMi8yMy9haXItZm9yY2Utd2FudHMtcmV0aXJlLWFnaW5nLWFpcmNyYWZ0LWl0LXdpbGwtaGF2ZS1nZXQtcGFzdC1jb25ncmVzcy1maXJzdC5odG1s/57588738498e574579743a61B6581bd4e)
* [Air Force, Space Force Request $4.2 Billion in Unfunded Priorities](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=0699065ea4&e=822f95e226)
* [Arizona lawmakers to fight plan to retire some A-10s](https://link.airforcetimes.com/click/19504948.82799/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2V0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLWFpci1mb3JjZS8yMDIwLzAyLzE5L2FyaXpvbmEtbGF3bWFrZXJzLXRvLWZpZ2h0LXBsYW4tdG8tcmV0aXJlLXNvbWUtYS0xMHMvP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1Tb2NpYWxmbG93K0FJUiZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPXNvY2lhbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWZhY2Vib29rLmNvbSZmYmNsaWQ9SXdBUjB2cEczYU1tTXVvaFplbTUwVFdkaUQ5TFFOT0NJeDlNZzNuZEM2SkdSVGgzZjA0NXR5Y3RSQlhXbyZ1dG1fZXhwaWQ9LmpGUjkzY2dkVEZ5TXJXWGRZRXR2Z0EuMCZ1dG1fcmVmZXJyZXI9aHR0cHMlM0ElMkYlMkZ3d3cuZmFjZWJvb2suY29tJTJG/57588738498e574579743a61B4022e72e)
* [Air Force cuts pilot training goal in 2020](https://link.airforcetimes.com/click/19474167.75655/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyZm9yY2V0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLWFpci1mb3JjZS8yMDIwLzAyLzE0L2Fpci1mb3JjZS1jdXRzLXBpbG90LXRyYWluaW5nLWdvYWwtaW4tMjAyMC8_dXRtX2V4cGlkPS5qRlI5M2NnZFRGeU1yV1hkWUV0dmdBLjAmdXRtX3JlZmVycmVyPWh0dHBzJTNBJTJGJTJGd3d3Lm1pbGl0YXJ5dGltZXMuY29tJTJG/57588738498e574579743a61B6b957d8a)
* [Study finds 'significant noise impact' of F-35s for Tucson's Davis-Monthan](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://tucson.com/news/local/study-finds-significant-noise-impact-of-f--s-for/article_d09502a8-49e1-11ea-b5e4-53866e746fad.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoTODMzNzM2NTkzODUyNTI5MDU2NjIaNDQ3MzY1ZDI2OWNiOThlMTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNEut0XGiFQlJ_ipaIPV4x_5profVw)
* [Air Force Outlines ‘Lean’ Organizational Structure of Space Force](https://spacenews.com/u-s-space-force-organizational-plan-delivered-to-congress/)

**Army**

* [FY21 budget request focuses on readiness, modernization, people](https://www.army.mil/article/232620/fy21_budget_request_focuses_on_readiness_modernization_people)
* [Army end-strength goal gets bump this year, but growth to slow in the future](https://link.armytimes.com/click/19413060.93582/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYXJteXRpbWVzLmNvbS9uZXdzL3lvdXItYXJteS8yMDIwLzAyLzEwL2FybXktZW5kLXN0cmVuZ3RoLWdvYWwtZ2V0cy1idW1wLXRoaXMteWVhci1idXQtZ3Jvd3RoLXRvLXNsb3ctaW4tdGhlLWZ1dHVyZS8/57588738498e574579743a61B23b75b37)
* [The military is growing, but some services are getting smaller](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19413060.93582/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnl0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1pbGl0YXJ5LzIwMjAvMDIvMTAvdGhlLW1pbGl0YXJ5LWlzLWdyb3dpbmctYnV0LXNvbWUtc2VydmljZXMtYXJlLWdldHRpbmctc21hbGxlci8/57588738498e574579743a61B5de04a1f)

**Navy**

* [Here’s $5.4 billion of stuff the US Navy says it wants but didn’t fit in its FY21 budget request](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19527348.74672/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL25hdmFsLzIwMjAvMDIvMjEvaGVyZXMtNTQtYmlsbGlvbi1vZi1zdHVmZi10aGUtdXMtbmF2eS1zYXlzLWl0LXdhbnRzLWJ1dC13YXNudC1mdW5kZWQtaW4tMjAyMS8/57588738498e574579743a61B31fca6dc)
* The DOD, National Wildlife Federation, and Naval Information Warfare Center have developed [Climate Adaptation for DOD Natural Resource Managers: A Guide to Incorporating Climate Considerations into Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans](https://www.denix.osd.mil/nr/dodadaptationguide/) to help installation managers implement that policy guidance.
* [The US Navy is planning to get serious about a next-generation large surface combatant](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19445161.94733/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL25hdmFsLzIwMjAvMDIvMTMvdGhlLXVzLW5hdnktaXMtbG9va2luZy10by1nZXQtc2VyaW91cy1hYm91dC1hLW5leHQtZ2VuZXJhdGlvbi1sYXJnZS1zdXJmYWNlLWNvbWJhdGFudC8/57588738498e574579743a61Be47f0051)
* [Department of Defense Press Briefing on the President's Fiscal Year 2021 Defense Budget for the Navy](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTEuMTcwMTkxOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kZWZlbnNlLmdvdi9OZXdzcm9vbS9UcmFuc2NyaXB0cy9UcmFuc2NyaXB0L0FydGljbGUvMjA4MTU3MS9kZXBhcnRtZW50LW9mLWRlZmVuc2UtcHJlc3MtYnJpZWZpbmctb24tdGhlLXByZXNpZGVudHMtZmlzY2FsLXllYXItMjAyMS1kZWZlbnNlLz9zb3VyY2U9R292RGVsaXZlcnkifQ.pFuTrk05sDo5mwES8ROBDXjMyqyeIxmcQzxTgsxUe4I/br/74937348496-l)
* [Experts say Navy has ‘no foreseeable solution’ to build a 355-ship fleet](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19403402.67656/aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnVzbmkub3JnLzIwMjAvMDIvMDcvZXhwZXJ0cy1zYXktbmF2eS1oYXMtbm8tZm9yZXNlZWFibGUtc29sdXRpb24tdG8tYnVpbGQtYS0zNTUtc2hpcC1mbGVldA/57588738498e574579743a61B964a3d14)
* [Navy sets date for crucial hypersonic weapons flight test](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19403402.67656/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnkuY29tL2RhaWx5LW5ld3MvMjAyMC8wMi8wNy9uYXZ5LXNldHMtZGF0ZS1jcnVjaWFsLWh5cGVyc29uaWMtd2VhcG9ucy1mbGlnaHQtdGVzdC5odG1s/57588738498e574579743a61Bc5f24d3f)
* [Defense Secretary Mark Esper on how the Navy can get to 355 ships](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19403402.67656/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2JyZWFraW5nLW5ld3MvMjAyMC8wMi8wOS9kZWZlbnNlLXNlY3JldGFyeS1tYXJrLWVzcGVyLW9uLWhvdy10aGUtbmF2eS1jYW4tZ2V0LXRvLTM1NS1zaGlwcy8/57588738498e574579743a61Bf59f442e)
* The U.S. Navy would like to thank all attendees of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public informational meeting held on Jan. 28, 2020, at the Fallon Convention Center. [The Navy’s presentation from the informational meeting](https://frtcmodernization.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a15c167b01e85293585c92bce&id=c87a19280b&e=47cd0ca8fe) is now available on the project website. For more information about the EIS, visit [www.FRTCModernization.com](http://www.FRTCModernization.com). The Navy appreciates your interest and participation in the environmental planning process.
* [Pentagon watchdog raises concerns over Navy warship readiness](https://link.navytimes.com/click/19358166.65755/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmF2eXRpbWVzLmNvbS9uZXdzL3lvdXItbmF2eS8yMDIwLzAyLzA0L3BlbnRhZ29uLXdhdGNoZG9nLXJhaXNlcy1jb25jZXJucy1vdmVyLW5hdnktd2Fyc2hpcC1yZWFkaW5lc3Mv/57588738498e574579743a61B50fd68a7)

**USMC**

* [Larger manpower cuts coming to the future Corps, Marine commandant says](https://link.marinecorpstimes.com/click/19570172.70685/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWFyaW5lY29ycHN0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1hcmluZS1jb3Jwcy8yMDIwLzAyLzI3L2xhcmdlci1tYW5wb3dlci1jdXRzLWNvbWluZy10by10aGUtZnV0dXJlLWNvcnBzLW1hcmluZS1jb21tYW5kYW50LXNheXMv/57588738498e574579743a61Bee24bb12)
* [The Marine Corps must get smaller to get better, commandant says](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19433853.70615/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnkuY29tL2RhaWx5LW5ld3MvMjAyMC8wMi8xMi9tYXJpbmUtY29ycHMtbXVzdC1nZXQtc21hbGxlci1nZXQtYmV0dGVyLWNvbW1hbmRhbnQtc2F5cy5odG1s/57588738498e574579743a61Bf572a3a9)
* [F-35Cs arrive at Miramar as Marines prepare first carrier squadron](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19347157.68689/aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnVzbmkub3JnLzIwMjAvMDIvMDMvZi0zNWNzLWFycml2ZS1hdC1taXJhbWFyLWFzLW1hcmluZXMtcHJlcGFyZS1maXJzdC1jYXJyaWVyLXNxdWFkcm9u/57588738498e574579743a61B608c9572)

## **Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness**

* FY19 Assistance to Firefighters Grants. March 13, 2020 deadline. Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and State Fire Training Academies. Grants.gov page: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=323949>

Program page: <https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>

* On Friday, March 6, 2020, FEMA will host a webinar and conference call for tribes to discuss the FY2020 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program and answer any technical assistance questions. The Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program provides $15 million to eligible tribal nations to implement preparedness initiatives to help strengthen the nation against risk associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.
	+ Event Title: FY2020 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program
	+ Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 -1-2:00 PM EST
	+ Dial-In: 1-877-446-3914. Guest Code: 232966
	+ Webinar Link: [https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpd/](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpd/%20)

Participants are asked to join the teleconference 5-10 minutes prior to scheduled start time. When prompted, provide the confirmation code. If you have any questions, please contact Tribal Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov](FEMA-Tribal%40fema.dhs.gov).

* Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf today announced the release of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Notices of Funding Opportunity for eight DHS preparedness grant programs totaling nearly $1.8 billion. The grant programs provide funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as transportation authorities, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector, to improve the nation’s readiness in preventing, protecting against, responding to, recovering from and mitigating terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies. To allow enough time for FEMA to conduct an initial eligibility review of the application prior to the final submission deadline, applicants are strongly encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov no later than April 8, 2020, which is seven days prior to the end of the application period for all programs. All preparedness Notices of Funding Opportunities can be found at [*www.grants.gov*](http://www.grants.gov). Final submissions must be made through the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants system located at [*https://portal.fema.gov*](https://portal.fema.gov). Further information on DHS’s preparedness grant programs is available at [*www.dhs.gov*](http://www.dhs.gov) and [*http://www.fema.gov/grants*](http://www.fema.gov/grants). If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Tribal Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov
* DHS Strategic 2020-2024 plan can be found: [https://www.dhs.gov/publication/department-homeland-securitys-strategic-plan-fiscal-years-2020-2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMDQuMTY1ODA2ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kaHMuZ292L3B1YmxpY2F0aW9uL2RlcGFydG1lbnQtaG9tZWxhbmQtc2VjdXJpdHlzLXN0cmF0ZWdpYy1wbGFuLWZpc2NhbC15ZWFycy0yMDIwLTIwMjQifQ.3Du5XTI0FGB716XGH-x-qxC2onkda9xaV_frPfkNPQo/br/74642861064-l)
* National Tribal Emergency Management Council [http://www.ntemc.org/](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMDQuMTY1ODA2ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3Lm50ZW1jLm9yZy8ifQ.o3ugsJLZ2oNU9Zntjwfdbb1clfDVLgzyfU2_HMo63dE/br/74642861064-l) “save the date” for their annual conference the week of Sept 28th

**Cyber**

* [Homeland Security wants a new cyber coordination group](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19474167.75655/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmlmdGhkb21haW4uY29tL2NpdmlsaWFuL2Rocy8yMDIwLzAyLzE0L2hvbWVsYW5kLXNlY3VyaXR5LXdhbnRzLWEtbmV3LWN5YmVyLWNvb3JkaW5hdGlvbi1ncm91cC8/57588738498e574579743a61B16c39f49)
* [States Help Cities Punch Back Against Cybercrimes](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=09f38bc992db3969804ad882b532c54f436b2edadbf220676823f403fb052ca7a809784892c72364e9ebeb54b766b0a7e34d31700bd36ae8)
* [GAO to DHS: Assess How Agencies Implement Cyber Directives](https://link.nextgov.com/click/19353248.33514/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vY3liZXJzZWN1cml0eS8yMDIwLzAyL2dhby1kaHMtYXNzZXNzLWhvdy1hZ2VuY2llcy1pbXBsZW1lbnQtY3liZXItZGlyZWN0aXZlcy8xNjI4ODQvP29yZWY9bmV4dGdvdl90b2RheV9ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B9fce0230)
* [Information Technology:](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMDQuMTY2MDY0MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL0dBTy0yMC0xMzM_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPXVzZ2FvX2VtYWlsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWRheWJvb2smdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.dEg0cjDutoBw0ZgPCdz2-Kakg4JhJC6dgjIykaGN7_g/br/74657955646-l)  [DHS Directives Have Strengthened Federal Cybersecurity, but Improvements Are Needed](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMDQuMTY2MDY0MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL0dBTy0yMC0xMzM_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPXVzZ2FvX2VtYWlsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWRheWJvb2smdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.Vor_Ul_YFRGFE0VMTztR48WzAw-O7NoXGFJvJ6Gubjo/br/74657955646-l) GAO-20-133, February 4

**Wildfires**

* Building a prescribed fire program on the CO Front Range: the role of landowner engagement. Presenter: Katie McGrath, Colorado State University, Date: March 4, 2020 12pm MST [Register](https://eepurl.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f6de7b069a57255f980944b4&id=07acc1ebc1&e=34607e62b5)
* [BLM releases final plan to construct and maintain up to 11,000 miles of fuel breaks in the Great Basin to combat wildfires](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTQuMTcyMTk0NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLXJlbGVhc2VzLWZpbmFsLXBsYW4tY29uc3RydWN0LWFuZC1tYWludGFpbi0xMTAwMC1taWxlcy1mdWVsLWJyZWFrcy1ncmVhdC1iYXNpbiJ9.G5Um_fJJ8vxqWQJcCkgU9QgO24sT8w2TEyM3HPL4_ng/br/75063711179-l)
* [After the Fire: Perceptions of Land Use Planning to Reduce Wildfire Risk in Eight Communities Across the United States](https://blogspot.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4052ed78560498da372b666f&id=7abfe905f3&e=40d1b26742)
* [Researchers to Help Land Managers Use a Risk-Analysis Approach to the New Wildfire Reality](https://blogspot.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4052ed78560498da372b666f&id=72fccdd2aa&e=40d1b26742)

## **Aviation**

* [Mark Your Calendar for the 2020 UAS Symposium](https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=95031)
* [NV State Leaders Raise Profile of State's Airports as Economic Drivers](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=1b7d0c0fc4&e=6edabe5e85)
* [U.S. DOT Announces $520.5 Million to 287 Airports in 41 States](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=0dfbd21f49&e=6edabe5e85)
* [General Aviation Contribution to U.S. Economy Remains Strong](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=84db652641&e=6edabe5e85)
* [NASAO Announces Greg Pecoraro As New CEO](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=dc5c7dd017&e=6edabe5e85)
* [Airport Infrastructure:](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTMuMTcxNjM2NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL0dBTy0yMC0yOTg_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPXVzZ2FvX2VtYWlsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWRheWJvb2smdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.x6Jct2tbnC5CXMQk32oqBUcl2A04XzFo1rsypki3DDY/br/75033585534-l)  [Information on Funding and Financing for Planned Projects](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTMuMTcxNjM2NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL0dBTy0yMC0yOTg_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPXVzZ2FvX2VtYWlsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWRheWJvb2smdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.zGGRJfXS4sHSZlLg_bcNw3-ryY5oGEfIjLUadsCcV-U/br/75033585534-l) , GAO-20-298, February 13
* [CO Airports Generate $48.6 Billion in Annual State Economic Impact](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=1589cf53c6&e=6edabe5e85)
* [Record Number of Passengers Traveled through Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in 2019](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=25cc3172e7&e=6edabe5e85)
* [Top 10 busiest general aviation airports](https://generalaviationnews.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ab1e6854ec59c2cb6f57f7855&id=b62bfbfd9e&e=999311de7e)

**UAV/Drones**

* [How drones can help the aviation industry](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/mmneDKbjocsaoHjUfDlgfMfCBlxB?format=multipart)
* [Esper won’t give up 5G spectrum to telecom firms, but he will share it](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19558516.79677/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYzRpc3JuZXQuY29tL2NvbmdyZXNzLzIwMjAvMDIvMjYvZXNwZXItd29udC1naXZlLXVwLTVnLXNwZWN0cnVtLXRvLXRlbGVjb20tZmlybXMtYnV0LWhlLXdpbGwtc2hhcmUtaXQv/57588738498e574579743a61B48592390)
* [US Air Force starts effort to buy a ‘flying car’](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19558516.79677/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2luZHVzdHJ5L3RlY2h3YXRjaC8yMDIwLzAyLzI2L3RoZS11cy1haXItZm9yY2UtanVzdC1zdGFydGVkLXVwLWFuLWVmZm9ydC10by1idXktYS1mbHlpbmctY2FyLw/57588738498e574579743a61Bd8678e32)
* [FAA takes another step toward drone integration](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/mjcXDKbjocrXpedIfDlgfMfClznH?format=multipart)
* [The US Navy is spending millions plotting the drone-enabled fleet of 2045](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/19445161.94733/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL25hdmFsLzIwMjAvMDIvMTMvdGhlLXVzLW5hdnktaXMtc3BlbmRpbmctbWlsbGlvbnMtcGxvdHRpbmctdGhlLWRyb25lLWVuYWJsZWQtZmxlZXQtb2YtMjA0NS8/57588738498e574579743a61Bcf6d40a5)
* FAA and the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) will co-host the 5th Annual FAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Symposium on June 16-18, 2020, at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. To receive updates on event programming and registration please [visit the symposium website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAyMTIuMTcwNzcxMzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vYXV2c2kub3JnL0ZBQXN5bXBvc2l1bSJ9.QsgBXsiYpKajhmfBUt6i28WGduEiEL0Y5C-a3FR90Fo/br/74972993834-l).
* [AOPA seeks to improve drone tracking](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/mihNDKbjocrWBewQfDlgfMfCMCax?format=multipart)
* [Boeing advances manned-unmanned pairings with Navy flight](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/mhwvDKbjocrWrWfYfDlgfMfCdQnk?format=multipart)

## **Spectrum**

* [ISART 2020 Conference Set for Aug. 11-13 in Boulder](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/blog/2020/isart-2020-conference-set-aug-11-13-boulder)
* [Working with States to Solve the Broadband Challenge](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/blog/2020/working-states-solve-broadband-challenge)
* [President’s FY21 Budget Boosts Spending for Spectrum Management, 5G Security](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/blog/2020/president-s-fy21-budget-boosts-spending-spectrum-management-5g-security)
* [Report: Two-Thirds of Counties Average Internet Speeds Slower Than Broadband](https://link.routefifty.com/click/19597848.28515/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGVmaWZ0eS5jb20vaW5mcmFzdHJ1Y3R1cmUvMjAyMC8wMy9yZXBvcnQtdHdvLXRoaXJkcy1jb3VudGllcy1hdmVyYWdlLWludGVybmV0LXNwZWVkcy1zbG93ZXItYnJvYWRiYW5kLzE2MzQyNi8_b3JlZj1yZi1hbGVydC1ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Bba9a96cb)
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* Oregon Gov. Kate Brown will host and speak at WGA's upcoming workshop of the Reimagining the Rural West Initiative in The Dalles, Oregon. The March 19-20 event will explore how rural communities manage their natural assets, as well as innovative strategies to address challenges in connectivity and affordable housing. [See the Agenda, Register](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uFQNv34Fcz4_4m_MW_L7SdzP7AR7PrMP1pR75uX2oG9sH3DcjtLjoZhS2LXnt4Y00QUD-i-nocVkzVy3IkrKwUplnlv8BQbao_-2d5LO4B4lq1SmmKbuVApfLK09GlVM5oRJSvaDIsO6_ekNLOaHDLGlhopSfa-ix-7YgRZBJIkUtG6bPS8dBAU0NjwfxFUfufV9LitAcUHVKEcJsSG0fEC9BEIx3WF22V79pqaOBKCwp57d2BRMMCLc_fT5BPW2b-xFjdKkpgeimyZYdl6hPDwMr8qhAiJW&c=TinJmdPvBdB05vnqBb8MNCowQraRPqysDGTSrgmTowRwiITTi1kzQA==&ch=-QWwNG-3Tjn00J-RLv1Zt8MrjEvtaSF73K6ptPSZ79z2E_HgYYj7gA==)