Western Regional Partnership

**February 2023 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

## **WRP Job Opening - -** **WRP Administrative Coordinator I**

**This position will provide administrative support to the Western Regional Partnership (WRP) and the WRP Coordinator**. This position is grant funded and administered through Texas A & M. This is a new position to help augment WRP Efforts. This position is remote (meaning no location requirements). We are looking for someone with bachelor’s degree or equivalent combination of education and experience plus an additional two (2) years of related experience. Preferred Experience includes working with: Federal, state, or Tribal entities; managing multiple projects and initiatives with varying subjects, timelines, and milestones; and developing informational materials to ensure understanding across diverse audiences. **The job link is available here:**<https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/AgriLife_Research_External/job/Administrative-Coordinator-I_R-056352>

## **WRP Tribal Engagement Committee**

Please join the WRP Tribal Engagement Committee for a call on Friday, March 31st from 10:00 to 11:30 am Pacific. On this call the featured presentation is Extreme Weather Threats and Trends - Western Region by Sunny Wescott - DHS CISA Infrastructure Security Division (ISD), Assistant Chief of Staff - Lead Meteorologist. Please click [here](https://wrpinfo.org/rsvp/?meetingId=69889) to RSVP.

## **WRP 2023-2024 priority “Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster.”**

Principals/WRP members are asked to respond to the accompanying survey ASAP (original due date was January 31, 2023) to identify areas of commonality for WRP focus to support WRP Partners’ efforts.

# Energy

## **Federal Updates**

### **FERC:** [February 2023 Highlights | FERC insight | Volume 2](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/february-2023-highlights-ferc-insight-volume-2)

### **DOE**

* [FACT SHEET: Biden-⁠Harris Administration Announces Actions to Expand Offshore Wind Nationally and Harness More Reliable, Affordable Clean Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/22/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-actions-to-expand-offshore-wind-nationally-and-harness-more-reliable-affordable-clean-energy/)
* [U.S. Department of Energy Releases Guidance for Second Award Cycle of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s $6 Billion Civil Nuclear Credits Program](https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-department-energy-releases-guidance-second-award-cycle-bipartisan-infrastructure-laws-6?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20030223%20b_03/02/2023)
* [Energy Provides $48M Toward Electric Grid Modernization Projects](https://link.nextgov.com/click/30641869.32196/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vdGVjaG5vbG9neS1uZXdzLzIwMjMvMDIvZW5lcmd5LXByb3ZpZGVzLTQ4LW1pbGxpb24tdG93YXJkLWVsZWN0cmljLWdyaWQtbW9kZXJuaXphdGlvbi1wcm9qZWN0cy8zODMzMTQvP29yZWY9bmV4dGdvdl90b2RheV9ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B20349367)
* DOE Opens Third Round of Applications for Remote and Island Communities Seeking Technical Assistance to Bolster Energy Resilience. The 2023 application period runs from Feb. 21 to May 19, and interested communities can [apply here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjEuNzE5MzM2MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ucmVsLmdvdi9zdGF0ZS1sb2NhbC10cmliYWwvZXRpcHAtdGVjaG5pY2FsLWFzc2lzdGFuY2UuaHRtbCJ9.mTW-r5WJd5Sz9Q5-5IJg5-rRK770uGTZ8XxaEtHKIDc/s/187069501/br/154796560951-l). Applicants are encouraged to consider community-driven project proposals using energy efficiencies and sustainable technologies that would improve their resilience and offer other community benefits. [Visit the ETIPP website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjEuNzE5MzM2MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvYWJvdXQtZW5lcmd5LXRyYW5zaXRpb25zLWluaXRpYXRpdmUtcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtcHJvamVjdCJ9.-TGX0IeF3OaUcE-x45ciwfaF2SLhAPea5N0qO7D48rI/s/187069501/br/154796560951-l)
* [DOE Announces $74 Million for Enhanced Geothermal Pilot Projects](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2MDMyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2FydGljbGVzL2JpZGVuLWhhcnJpcy1hZG1pbmlzdHJhdGlvbi1hbm5vdW5jZXMtNzQtbWlsbGlvbi1hZHZhbmNlLWVuaGFuY2VkLWdlb3RoZXJtYWwtc3lzdGVtcyJ9.06G01QH5aRl6FySyteEOwON-dsj_7ApAq1pLIDJCTls/s/187069501/br/154542630540-l) The first round of letters is due by March 8.
* [DOE Requests Information on Offshore Wind Workforce Development Hubs and Co-Location of Aquaculture with Ocean Renewable Energy](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2MDMyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvd2luZC9hcnRpY2xlcy9kb2UtcmVxdWVzdHMtaW5mb3JtYXRpb24tb2Zmc2hvcmUtd2luZC13b3JrZm9yY2UtZGV2ZWxvcG1lbnQtaHVicy1hbmQtY28ifQ.oSES0Vmg4TxtnV7Iy4a-h-7EUzyRsGUg-r1izYQ0gqk/s/187069501/br/154542630540-l) Responses are due by March 15.
* [Technical Assistance Is Available to Improve Interconnection Processes](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2MDMyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvd2luZC9hcnRpY2xlcy90ZWNobmljYWwtYXNzaXN0YW5jZS1hdmFpbGFibGUtaW1wcm92ZS1pbnRlcmNvbm5lY3Rpb24tcHJvY2Vzc2VzIn0.F8PjmgTYo3rnzcVnWKaZnO-YrvWPRsPGdvtN_eoltnw/s/187069501/br/154542630540-l) Applications are due by March 21.
* [DOE Announces $30 Million for Materials and Manufacturing to Lower Costs of Large Wind Turbines](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2MDMyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvYW1vL2FydGljbGVzL3VzLWRlcGFydG1lbnQtZW5lcmd5LWFubm91bmNlcy0zMC1taWxsaW9uLW1hdGVyaWFscy1hbmQtbWFudWZhY3R1cmluZy1sb3dlci1jb3N0cyJ9.Sk-MumCQ4CEDkcB-bNA7BsB1aXdpWHW4iaWkD4vE8bE/s/187069501/br/154542630540-l) Concept papers are due by March 23.
* [Ocean Energy Safety Institute Releases Wind Energy Research Road Map](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjMuNzIxMTc5MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL29lc2kudGFtdS5lZHUvcmVzZWFyY2gvIn0.b6vCivIYxv-fljcI7F9z9mIkvVYioNslQDLb_EdF2G8/s/1420386858/br/154970215908-l) The [Ocean Energy Safety Institute](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjMuNzIxMTc5MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL29lc2kudGFtdS5lZHUvIn0.PwPJCDu_OB7LFxl28loVb6fJlrTYrwaHo44wl5Do0zU/s/1420386858/br/154970215908-l), funded by DOE and others, published a research road map for wind energy that identifies strategic targets and pathways based on needs and gaps.
* [New Analysis Studying West Coast Offshore Wind Transmission Options](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjMuNzIxMTc5MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2dkby9vZmZzaG9yZS13aW5kLXRyYW5zbWlzc2lvbi1mZWRlcmFsLXBsYW5uaW5nLXN1cHBvcnQifQ.-wx_q87S4RJLJh5kbsE41dPc6fh6uHRGZxYQVArqDiI/s/1420386858/br/154970215908-l) The [*West Coast Offshore Wind Transmission Literature Review and Gaps Analysis*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjMuNzIxMTc5MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvd2luZC9hcnRpY2xlcy9kb2UtcmVwb3J0LWhlbHBzLXVuZGVyc3RhbmQtd2VzdC1jb2FzdC1vZmZzaG9yZS13aW5kLXRyYW5zbWlzc2lvbi1uZWVkcyJ9.CaukIvFn8C_2RS54NHzc1hnblCovexogqsrN9FYKtZI/s/1420386858/br/154970215908-l)*,* authored by [PNNL](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjMuNzIxMTc5MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5wbm5sLmdvdi9wcm9qZWN0cy93ZXN0LWNvYXN0LW9mZnNob3JlLXdpbmQtdHJhbnNtaXNzaW9uLWxpdGVyYXR1cmUtcmV2aWV3LWFuZC1nYXBzLWFuYWx5c2lzIn0.i5ifwuI-wEqK_zurtOrV5NEgJOOI0deaVf7aX5FCGh4/s/1420386858/br/154970215908-l) and published by WETO this week, reviews 13 existing studies that evaluate offshore wind energy transmission through potential points of interconnection along the coastlines of California, Oregon, and Washington—and identifies gaps and observations the wind energy industry must address to fully develop offshore wind energy off the nation’s West Coast.
* [A Critical Year for the Clean Energy Transition](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwMjA2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvYXJ0aWNsZXMvY3JpdGljYWwteWVhci1jbGVhbi1lbmVyZ3ktdHJhbnNpdGlvbiJ9.aqWygKj0ivQEq2szxLYuaHo0xunEtN7QA6CrbHPt934/s/1420386858/br/154864447960-l)
* [DOE Announces $25.5 Million to Improve Biofuels and Bioproducts](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2MDMyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvYmlvZW5lcmd5L2FydGljbGVzL2RvZS1hbm5vdW5jZXMtMjU1LW1pbGxpb24taW1wcm92ZS1iaW9mdWVscy1hbmQtYmlvcHJvZHVjdHMifQ.5vkTCB2UZM3ijhybfkPKnCJ2dku9Nfwkwu5KM8-EQmE/s/187069501/br/154542630540-l)
* [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Historic Investments to Support America’s Energy and Industrial Communities](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2MDMyNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2FydGljbGVzL2JpZGVuLWhhcnJpcy1hZG1pbmlzdHJhdGlvbi1hbm5vdW5jZXMtaGlzdG9yaWMtaW52ZXN0bWVudHMtc3VwcG9ydC1hbWVyaWNhcy1lbmVyZ3ktYW5kIn0.cvatrnVjjScI3dH-b88v-9rGL02yZt04zRVGkaJKEfk/s/187069501/br/154542630540-l)
* DOE’s [Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..0xZIAZFXjcD8cOOG-0JQSkYwz9f_yX2rTxMD5P-Pb_s/s/112186182/br/154466281168-l) formula Grant Program will provide $2.3 billion over a 5-year period to improve the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.
* [DOE Program Will Offer Technical Assistance for On-Site Energy, Including Wind](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTMuNzE0NzYxOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2VlcmUvYW1vL29uc2l0ZS1lbmVyZ3ktdGVjaG5pY2FsLWFzc2lzdGFuY2UtcGFydG5lcnNoaXBzIn0.CNzsjh37zIzmVPBrlgg_B6rl7Bvu9AeLbjdHwK0tSF4/s/1420386858/br/154414632390-l)
* [Reducing Cybersecurity Threats to the Nation’s Wind Fleet](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTMuNzE0NzYxOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2JpdC5seS9SRFMyM19DeWJlciJ9.UGdip0NXhjPNK1Z83201n6W8OIWkXT7Y-cdMrsTjztE/s/1420386858/br/154414632390-l)

### **DOI**

* [Interior Department proposes first ever offshore wind sale in Gulf of Mexico](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjQuNzIyMzA3ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvaW50ZXJpb3ItZGVwYXJ0bWVudC1wcm9wb3Nlcy1maXJzdC1ldmVyLW9mZnNob3JlLXdpbmQtc2FsZS1ndWxmLW1leGljbyJ9.IrWFjM9ZTX9Txh8PKP_y3dTIGM-i06RtK8c3y5hWCLk/s/854461416/br/155102575381-l)
* [Public input requested on exploratory drilling projects](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjQuNzIyMzA3ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLXNlZWtzLXB1YmxpYy1pbnB1dC1leHBsb3JhdG9yeS1kcmlsbGluZy1wcm9qZWN0LWtlcm4tYW5kLXNhbi1iZXJuYXJkaW5vLWNvdW50aWVzIn0.cQUDkl8zqUag0v5mygGm6h6m8kCl1S_peFPhj6tPHUY/s/854461416/br/155102575381-l)

### **DOI-BLM**

* [BLM Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement, Resource Management Plan Amendment for SunZia Southwest Transmission Project](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-issues-final-environmental-impact-statement-resource-management-plan-amendment)
* [Desert Quartzite Solar Project approved for construction](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTAuNzEzODg2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLWFwcHJvdmVzLWNvbnN0cnVjdGlvbi1kZXNlcnQtcXVhcnR6aXRlLXNvbGFyLXByb2plY3QifQ.ftDQyw9rnmiMDACJmYOA-GkwCCImGww5EnRrf2DVE5g/s/854461416/br/154355565602-l)
* [BLM adds virtual meeting for public input on potential changes to solar energy program](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTAuNzEzODg2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLWFkZHMtdmlydHVhbC1tZWV0aW5nLXB1YmxpYy1pbnB1dC1wb3RlbnRpYWwtY2hhbmdlcy1zb2xhci1lbmVyZ3ktcHJvZ3JhbSJ9.vCPiqAjGFE-NLttl_kw8BteYzr5vq2XSeug7kWvTruU/s/854461416/br/154355565602-l)

## **State Updates**

* [Governors Collaborate To Speed Energy Infrastructure Construction](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001STFX0lfQsGZbQ5ck-yscj5rkFZGC5vFSsvNLfkx7H74KIVjfP1-2D_gyLy-y7eH49tsr0A621Yh-osQeCeBlY7W6_qDQ07ro6bsrnQVwDTWeqo4A2vbD8WPFLuODdfq4vfwqo70G_i5zpMb6Nb7OYkXGtGDPmTT8pp_rhiNwU-d-WSvwQB0skmi1dERTMnE0SEiqlNc7aVHqrSjBtrY9JuKFDQczFpummLbQMFDl3oQ-YzJRKXa30ccjfIqr1XigXI2bBBENUs4=&c=gKKaTP9_yUWd-28hzNiU58UL9EMhjAjpALclXLnjdHsfvsNnOZ_ePg==&ch=yVnqAcQNoT6Hk_yMzW8m7afavSjnpe1gk7MiHzSi02VuJz6xxhaF0g==)

**CA**

* [California Joins White House Partnership on Offshore Wind Energy](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/02/22/california-joins-white-house-partnership-on-offshore-wind-energy/)
* [The Impacts on California of Expanded Regional Cooperation to Operate the Western Grid](https://www.caiso.com/Documents/Expanded-Regional-Cooperation-ACR-188-Final-Report-Feb2023.pdf)
* [CEC Determines Diablo Canyon Power Plant Needed to Support Grid Reliability](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjguNzI0NDY0NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2NvbnRlbnQuZ292ZGVsaXZlcnkuY29tL2FjY291bnRzL0NOUkEvYnVsbGV0aW5zLzM0YmI2ZTAifQ.QWpCPg_MhNj8Um1fh46vhschnGcRfWj8CO3yglFVY2M/s/2168090188/br/155280860177-l)
* The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has released the first [*California Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network Decadal Management Review*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMDguNzEyMDEyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3dpbGRsaWZlLmNhLmdvdi9Db25zZXJ2YXRpb24vTWFyaW5lL01QQXMvTWFuYWdlbWVudC9EZWNhZGFsLVJldmlldz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkjNTY2MzgxMjY0LTIwMjItcmV2aWV3LXJlcG9ydCJ9.P6eq-c9o2odUPjkFrhBTKIF-WP2ppShol6fYsamGrlw/s/1821941275/br/154170274906-l).
* A coalition of State agencies has put together [a plan for managing pests](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMDguNzEyMDEyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZHByLmNhLmdvdi9kb2NzL3ByZXNzcmxzLzIwMjMvMDEyNjIzLmh0bT91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.hGWca8uKdDAJgtjmC4aS_idOKlT61WHDiXNnGmPsgv0/s/1821941275/br/154170274906-l) in California. [*Accelerating Sustainable Pest Management: A Roadmap for California*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMDguNzEyMDEyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZHByLmNhLmdvdi9kb2NzL3N1c3RhaW5hYmxlX3Blc3RfbWFuYWdlbWVudF9yb2FkbWFwL3NwbV9yb2FkbWFwLnBkZj91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.VoK88UxV07dvZs3v0fqbF3a2WVZuczbREjVzGixKPgw/s/1821941275/br/154170274906-l) includes the elimination of high-risk pesticides by 2050.
* DWR has announced [$46 million in grants](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMDguNzEyMDEyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3dhdGVyLmNhLmdvdi9OZXdzL05ld3MtUmVsZWFzZXMvMjAyMy9GZWItMjMvRFdSLUF3YXJkcy0lMjQ0Ni1NaWxsaW9uLXRvLUhlbHAtQ29tbXVuaXRpZXMtU3RhdGV3aWRlLUltcHJvdmUtV2F0ZXItU3VwcGx5LVJlbGlhYmlsaXR5P3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.03mLeLZ6pTMgBj9b18AUsN9VXUSSYB5L01_w5DrDu7g/s/1821941275/br/154170274906-l) for projects that improve water supply reliability, groundwater recharge, and water use efficiency. The funding will be distributed among nine projects in six counties. The list includes $16 million for a recycled water infrastructure in Monterey County, and $1.6 million to the Scotts Valley Water District to use treated stormwater to recharge groundwater.
* Gov. Gavin Newsom wants FERC to investigate California’s wholesale natural gas market to determine why prices there are higher than other regions of the country. Prices [spiked in December](http://click1.trk-washingtonexaminer.com/bdcldnsgffzybzdfyjsgjysmkgynjctckvgkzsjplbdgdq_wsvlwvfnsllbdsngnjllgz.html?a=Daily+on+Energy+020723+b&b=02%2F07%2F2023&c=WEX_Daily+on+Energy&d=24307622&e=acc29f3c176ce66d97d74ade2fdba05b9e3c1d9e6214b0774d1c5a4f05579b94) during the winter storm that dropped feet of snow on parts of the state. West Coast spot prices there reached as high as $55 per MMBtu, rivaling prices Europe faced much of last year due to its supply crisis.

**NV:** [Governor Lombardo Announces Dwayne McClinton as Director of the Office of Energy](https://gov.nv.gov/Newsroom/PRs/2023/2023-02-02_OfficeOfEnergy/)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [DOE Announces $50 Million for Tribal Clean Energy Projects](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-50-million-tribal-clean-energy-projects) Applications are due May 16, 2023, at 5 p.m. ET. [Read the FOA press release](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTcuNzE3NTg4MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuZ292L2FydGljbGVzL2RvZS1hbm5vdW5jZXMtNTAtbWlsbGlvbi10cmliYWwtY2xlYW4tZW5lcmd5LXByb2plY3RzIn0.WciOCLnTs3VajobKIo2oVfzXG8J5p-5THeZkDO_wG1E/s/112186182/br/154685978918-l) and download the [FOA for Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands-2023 (DE-FOA-0002975)](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTcuNzE3NTg4MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2llLWV4Y2hhbmdlLmVuZXJneS5nb3YvRGVmYXVsdC5hc3B4I0ZvYUlkMDVlOTA5ZDYtMjhhMi00YTVhLWFlMzUtNjc2YjdkZTkxNzYzIn0.C-DwqTOfLTGvQERdcX-VTQmAK504x7dQsDytVkIZiPY/s/112186182/br/154685978918-l).
* [Indian Affairs announces Tribal Energy Development Capacity grants](https://www.bia.gov/news/indian-affairs-announces-tribal-energy-development-capacity-grants)
* [Utah Co-op Donates Transformers to Help Bring Power to Navajo Families](https://www.electric.coop/utah-co-op-donates-transformers-to-help-bring-power-to-navajo-families)
* Revised Agenda now available [for CEC and CPUC En Banc Meeting: Advancing Clean Energy in Partnership with California Native American Tribes](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwNTkyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbmVyZ3kuY2EuZ292L2V2ZW50L21lZXRpbmcvMjAyMy0wMy9jZWMtYW5kLWNwdWMtZW4tYmFuYy1tZWV0aW5nLWFkdmFuY2luZy1jbGVhbi1lbmVyZ3ktcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtY2FsaWZvcm5pYT91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.Wlv8heIyD0r1J4ymHPL4wqVhn6UYuUZEKEK2Dd9Y_U8/s/1821941275/br/154890382286-l).
* [Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands - 2023 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)](https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#FoaId05e909d6-28a2-4a5a-ae35-676b7de91763)

## **Regional**

* [West Warms to Geothermal Energy as a Path to Clean Power Goals](https://view.pewtrusts.org/?qs=2f297fdde77af5509cb853de8d13fd4a7586c3a726663a7673b37c600d822187780dbc224aab8e576e2a88a47cfe92464ea2b0d131d4d9ec7ac299dc2dd53e8eb4e5ac0ee3fe2d6342c91b0bfd940155e68fe3749d9bfcc8)
* Renewable Energy Wildlife Research Fund Webinar. Eagle Flight Characteristics & Wind Turbines and Raptor Carcass Persistence. This webinar explored two recent studies supported by the [Renewable Energy Wildlife Research Fund](https://rewi.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5d3d92cd3e2023b7014cc4e16&id=60efeee591&e=514925af40) (REWRF) highlighting work on eagles and wind energy. This webinar provided an opportunity to learn more about REWRF’s groundbreaking work in the renewable energy-wildlife space and what lessons can be learned from these efforts. [Watch the recording](https://rewi.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5d3d92cd3e2023b7014cc4e16&id=322d02c596&e=514925af40) today if you missed the webinar.
* [Final federal review released for SunZia power line project - Arizona Daily Star](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://tucson.com/news/local/final-federal-review-released-for-sunzia-power-line-project/article_3bc84072-b207-11ed-b448-838de452b732.html&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoSMzQ1MTk3NzQwNTMzMzA4Nzk2MhpjYmEzNDhkNTU0MGFiMDliOmNvbTplbjpVUw&usg=AOvVaw10W8Rnw5U3K1ede-b0LnNI)

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## **Federal Updates**

### [Biden-Harris Administration Celebrates Progress on Two-Year Anniversary of Executive Order](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2NDU1MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53aGl0ZWhvdXNlLmdvdi9icmllZmluZy1yb29tL3ByZXNpZGVudGlhbC1hY3Rpb25zLzIwMjEvMDEvMjcvZXhlY3V0aXZlLW9yZGVyLW9uLXRhY2tsaW5nLXRoZS1jbGltYXRlLWNyaXNpcy1hdC1ob21lLWFuZC1hYnJvYWQvIn0.VCMemnwPcJ8TZek2tLngYfEjkBp6hz800U89uAn0ucg/s/1420386651/br/154560378480-l)

### **DOI**

* [Interior Department Takes Action to Strengthen Endangered Species Act](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-takes-action-strengthen-endangered-species-act)
* [Biden-Harris Administration Delivers $728 Million in Historic Investments to Address Western Drought, Improve Climate Resilience](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-delivers-728-million-historic-investments-address-western)
* [Critical infrastructure investments](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTcuNzE4MDE2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvaW50ZXJpb3ItZGVwYXJ0bWVudC13ZWxjb21lcy1uZXctYmlkZW4taGFycmlzLWFwcG9pbnRlZXMtMSJ9.TFk5WxV6Lb-es3USh5mxKqLSQ01mEWPzV_VXSvcBX5s/s/854461416/br/154719800669-l) under President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act to provide clean, reliable drinking water to communities and support water conservation in the Upper Colorado River Basin
* [Biden-Harris Administration Protects Boundary Waters Watershed](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2NDU1MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvYmlkZW4taGFycmlzLWFkbWluaXN0cmF0aW9uLXByb3RlY3RzLWJvdW5kYXJ5LXdhdGVycy1hcmVhLXdhdGVyc2hlZCJ9.pVoCUIKAAF-krBJC0QS1ZtVIFL3NkMdRzW39qTPn3X8/s/1420386651/br/154560378480-l)
* [Interior Department takes action to strengthen Endangered Species Act](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTAuNzEzODg2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvaW50ZXJpb3ItZGVwYXJ0bWVudC10YWtlcy1hY3Rpb24tc3RyZW5ndGhlbi1lbmRhbmdlcmVkLXNwZWNpZXMtYWN0In0.seFE_eRHuhYkquWdYekdrSIVb4SY6a3xzhPZzIcu9i8/s/854461416/br/154355565602-l)

### **DOI-BLM:** [BLM takes measures to protect endangered species at Panoche Hills](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjQuNzIyMzA3ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ibG0uZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvYmxtLXRha2VzLW1lYXN1cmVzLXByb3RlY3QtZW5kYW5nZXJlZC1zcGVjaWVzLXBhbm9jaGUtaGlsbHMtMCJ9.w-fkCOLH8JD-XRjVRJzOO4wPK1sE_DJWNfSodnrjgSA/s/854461416/br/155102575381-l)

### **DOI-USFWS**

* [Seeking Comments on Recovery Plan for Endangered Arizona Flower](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2023-02/seeking-comments-recovery-plan-endangered-arizona-flower)
* [New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Final Recovery Plan](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2023-02/new-mexico-meadow-jumping-mouse-final-recovery-plan)
* [Public invited to comment on draft rule and DEIS for proposed Colorado gray wolf experimental population designation](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2023-02/public-invited-comment-draft-rule-deis-proposed-colorado-gray-wolf)
* [Public Comment Sought on Proposal to List California Spotted Owl](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2023-02/public-comment-sought-proposal-list-california-spotted-owl)
* [Service Seeks Comments on California Condor Incidental Take Permit Application](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2023-02/service-seeks-comments-california-condor-incidental-take-permit-application)
* [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Makes $15 Million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Available for Klamath Basin Restoration Projects](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2023-02/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-makes-15-million-bipartisan-infrastructure-law)
* [Nearly $19 Million To Help Coastal Community Resilience, Provide Economic Benefits and Protect Native Ecosystems](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE2NDU1MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5md3MuZ292L3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2UvMjAyMy0wMi91cy1maXNoLWFuZC13aWxkbGlmZS1zZXJ2aWNlLWF3YXJkcy1uZWFybHktMTktbWlsbGlvbi1oZWxwLWNvYXN0YWwtY29tbXVuaXR5In0.alQXQoBugPzQURfid32PVTzxpZDUNivyGoTicPvCcL0/s/1420386651/br/154560378480-l)
* FWS has issued a final rule to remove the San Clemente Island (SCI) Bell's sparrow, SCI bush-mallow, SCI paintbrush, SCI lotus, and the SCI larkspur from the federal Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants ([88 FR 4761](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/25/2023-01400/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-removing-five-species-that-occur-on-san-clemente)). The bird species and four plant species occur only on SCI, one of the California Channel Islands off the southern coast of California. DOD has issued a [notice](https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3276427/five-species-on-san-clemente-island-declared-fully-recovered/) addressing the delisting and highlighting the collaborative conservation efforts on the U.S. Navy-owned San Clemente Island.
* FWS has initiated five-year status reviews under the ESA of 31 animal and plant species [(88 FR 1602](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/11/2023-00383/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-initiation-of-5-year-status-reviews-of-31-species-in)). FWS has requested scientific and commercial information pertaining to these species from any interested party.
* The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior awards National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants to eight states, including California. [Learn more](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Awjp1Z7NjhaUCoa2mxbpkQK5gOO4nOMnxSqfsEsQ5Bas-gLbIETIT_edog8Nv1fNbO9yiuxkUPJ3yt2yP_JAzUgMaxbtlAdDTmFs4J_NX-CQ2vdc1lhnuQGcS5LDCA_bZP32l4Xdq1wyg-7DGbByNN92TJ8faWDv5tfZBpy56XPKJdomaSW-eLZIBrVHwtv9xq5lpv9mG-e6eYznJ3QcuQ==&c=-CzciZSU6_VU2j_9b0dAkl837FK_hBdfOH6cYs1zlOmV3tKP9hG7XQ==&ch=C44Dvs54-PM1beF6FEvYlf50zxTlMo-m_Uql3WC-cbZgroKWGgYs8A==)

### **DOI-Bureau of Reclamation:** [Biden-Harris Administration Delivers $728 Million in Historic Investments to Address Western Drought, Improve Climate Resilience](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/4421)

### **DOI-USGS**

* [USGS makes $5 million available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for mine waste research](https://www.usgs.gov/news/national-news-release/usgs-makes-5-million-available-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-mine-waste)
* [New tool models the future for wild horses on public lands](https://www.usgs.gov/news/national-news-release/new-tool-models-future-wild-horses-public-lands)

### **DOI-NPS:** [National park investments in 2023](https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-investments-in-2023.htm)

### **NRCS**

* The Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape was selected for their phase two of the FY23 Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership Projects. This project includes 4,100 acres of vegetation treatment, 5,735 acres of watershed restoration, 13 miles of road decommissioning, three sites for aquatic habitat improvement, and innovative monitoring components to help understand how to improve future management. Read the full announcement here [<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/usda-invests-more-than-486-million-to-manage-risks-combat-climate-change>]

### **EPA**

* [EPA Releases 2022 Power Plant Emissions Data](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-2022-power-plant-emissions-data)
* EPA Announces Upcoming Virtual Regional Listening Sessions on the PFAS Strategic Roadmap. Learn more about [EPA’s efforts under the PFAS Strategic Roadmap](http://url6130.epa.mediaroom.com/ls/click?upn=3YOXLNZkrdOropJ86QpKoGhYs5trKtFjFIIylS-2BbMbcjz6OVBxe1nuK4o3ClAiSODMBO_AaQ4O2nolm4SzV0duT1lOPqcWDrFUWLTEL7jouypXbloZLC-2BQee4dgBZZemKYw7kcrwutYR1cPPadw-2B1V7W0F1V88aJ5RLUrgSnXaOk-2FSxfGObb0vgfQ4PJD2J1GYU6GwFWrklqIkxKzXPMEeIzcYJBd2V2BrfMLsAhbNTTqcMbOrGB63rYPr-2B55WflzqBqjcDWcWSNppNsKXoAlLUWZzE72i2d5rdW8JbApeyiWr037ATqXJEoYVjSNhu5PEOSd)
* Biden-Harris Administration Announces $2.4 Billion for Clean Water Infrastructure Upgrades. Nearly half of funding for states, Tribes, and territories is available as grants and forgivable loans for critical water infrastructure projects that will help underserved communities across the country. The CWSRFs have been the foundation of water infrastructure investments for more than 30 years, providing low-cost financing for local projects across America. For more information, including [state-by-state allocation of 2023 funding](http://url6130.epa.mediaroom.com/ls/click?upn=-2BroytcZInNRyuFbAvAoN5XCVSkGjpGRbUFryn2uDY-2BLpGqsScY7DbpDZdinG8CQm6q3bWrFLM-2BARm55QVVY0MSkFhjaqvvhGOq8QtwZnefo8y-2Bb5j8-2BQ0uXTkqdnIE0J_zOT_AaQ4O2nolm4SzV0duT1lOPqcWDrFUWLTEL7jouypXbloZLC-2BQee4dgBZZemKYw7kJ8-2Bu35r-2Brz7f3tN5gVmAYIrAyCPw9IRB-2BgklKFuuyNSIo2dlt9kVhoOoKHIoxBvMdcA1-2B62w9-2B5iVDwQl7NinZbryTSZCzKkBuDlsXOGZBwfI0dS4c9yiTsQvFlNYimsBRUl7F1WvRA0WocsMRgvUftKwy-2BhdhRauiJjh8a73JtYBzjxRXHccnIyUkHBfJSe), and a breakdown of EPA CWSRF funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, please visit: [http://www.epa.gov/cwsrf](http://url6130.epa.mediaroom.com/ls/click?upn=3YOXLNZkrdOropJ86QpKoAM4fKI-2FRdPNeupjaVivm-2F1qY3m8QI-2BwHr6BAF1UhaVOdcR9_AaQ4O2nolm4SzV0duT1lOPqcWDrFUWLTEL7jouypXbloZLC-2BQee4dgBZZemKYw7kJ8-2Bu35r-2Brz7f3tN5gVmAYIrAyCPw9IRB-2BgklKFuuyNSm8yVFHF-2BD3oFM78cqyLdEf7RX7LdQkmYS8n0CAh5FQ8ttZQhba1e-2FnlSAYAYaxyOl-2FDu-2BSmVoVmsLXn9HrOJ2ZfuxRaOB9Xop6rJMHO0jUOCJcrrgzYSHVmImTroMv1A3ix38HxB4qse5O0cX8Sjd) .
* Biden-Harris Administration announced the availability of $550 million from President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act to expedite investments through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) new Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) program. This new, innovative program will fund up to 11 entities to serve as grantmakers to community-based projects that reduce pollution. To view the Request for Applications, please visit: [www.grants.gov](http://url6130.epa.mediaroom.com/ls/click?upn=-2BroytcZInNRyuFbAvAoN5eJhBEt8m0DdyEEkSNo5f2Hgk13qyA7CGoQ20-2Fty7gi8AqhHEbNGlNHI9rxeqNSoGLC0TDtH6u9aiXqi6s-2FdYUfVrTW2JSp49xgK9QaKQ4vy73mzqIcn-2FUlRSlfucNMtYoi9kQNSIbaOYIuN8vQ2qAEKuuGoQ8lEIzSPdAiizMOgT1RGcij3yECo5YW2ySdC0eloGvvdL-2FuE2XKidWMXkpPAJS5gU4gBkM-2Fj0A00knYdHURScoZDEMB72mPlo0D2PHLqQGggD-2FHlOP84NjbAyC5b5XxghARy9iBTCmPOFyGsfgLyguXSDuzd1NgoyacQSwwvmPKcG3We-2Be38wfBxQ2nkHJbeWSLOfRxGRPtpi5grpcf8BaCUfaq2SZLG0VhIQ1-2BeD43Xn5bXuA8ePyrhk2WyZvEqFPV-2F9dFX712LBldtECXBYQhgjjZ1gqtx2uzyi2dZNdMdL1dxoLvFRjWgdbX7xefqOP-2BQ-2BocQl2CBxbSHqUMEiuV35OGkWqCypWfIFueCYIM-2BH7qW1CEsWQx9YV25xoqQeBXJnVhin3w-2FOYYibYsSOeX-2FT72IKK0YT7S7burfmmO-2FLC1FOgHhOF9Il8M-3DY3L6_AaQ4O2nolm4SzV0duT1lOPqcWDrFUWLTEL7jouypXbloZLC-2BQee4dgBZZemKYw7kTx6CmzCee06t-2FrunrtpXMW0r-2BvP9cYJMVHTVypsVSbBZoT2SJxfgcGnpf0X-2B7rR6z-2FZ-2BRNG-2BC1a5YwRMssAOCQrCvhL44EYNv7tgDeJfAjTBt79-2FiGbJ4bzlAYyU1Hz4ccdbannu5p4STOJhsS41EhxsIXtiwK5ZymVCvURDgJR0MAAtqX5cnKnF7o4NPM29)
* [Biden-Harris Administration Announces $2 Billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding to States and Territories to Address Emerging Contaminants like PFAS in Drinking Water](http://url6130.epa.mediaroom.com/ls/click?upn=-2BroytcZInNRyuFbAvAoN5f7Doln4kd-2B1Mw-2Bf6L2oOdhl8NP6JBREhxisXTYEFQxZ-2F-2BLlpbeqaLM1Av-2FK-2BrHYGYthhEK1MrNJZ-2FOwWdzHL4sSV9shftqwhFyoQ5EyOo6FC-2BWD-2F5hAV09D2st0d-2F6zOQ-3D-3D1DgF_AaQ4O2nolm4SzV0duT1lOPqcWDrFUWLTEL7jouypXbloZLC-2BQee4dgBZZemKYw7k2d584fL6cLWqOXAKlCWlgP3Ov3jw48Q-2Bod157d4mx1FcH1ylVP8F7nwtfgb3FYDciOAWceuHVonZD3BuZqJSODPzt8P8zT4nErTL4Lca3fcp4zvAPPwhavws2-2F3-2BY1tMayJaHHaC5qY3iv7rPZuDfzuFwaonCnR6vRVmStUGB-2BNnZngv2wGEJEtUYmacc1R4)

### **USDA**

* [News Release: USDA Announces Conservation Reserve Program Signup for 2023](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001dWnqX0NmjfkxgcfwH4hewuFlr8Df6mQTr3a9SLYc3rkLhI_prcnJ8_SZkEyDmF13pdXJlOTMEjgWv61ny3kCz6BzDqAldOfrSY3bqUDRM4IYKRYHhk80uugZIbEZ7QPVdltbW1XCi7FBGO0zTekjIThh9t2MlXbKCMqrLLJ8j0pTxcLIDQOrAwGD14PIpGJsBVLw586d2VkxXtaidPtPYGQ3Ygzwu1oWi_OfQ3xMLuVA4UuOurdSKg==&c=UgLm53s3huBV2IufksitHgsD5rMGBttfLujObCDUE6r7KF4okItq4A==&ch=W9syogclZKuu25tPKFxrlzcJTQIIkqGdXHzILwveUAyMKv4IpNCL1Q==)
* [NRCS Advanced Climate-Smart Agriculture, Broadened Reach of Conservation in Past Two Years](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/nrcs-advanced-climate-smart-agriculture-broadened-reach-of-conservation-in-past-two-years)
* [USDA Unveils Strategic Approach and New Investments for Addressing Water Supply Challenges for Producers in the West](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/usda-unveils-strategic-approach-and-new-investments-for-addressing-water-supply-challenges-for)
* [Biden-Harris administration invests nearly $10 million for reforestation through forest nursery and native seed partnerships](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=323bf4aada&e=e56d7a4004)
* USDA will invest more than $48.6 million this year through the [Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration Partnership](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001LItZcJ2meCjNiayIldIMcLyaRSSazKgOiw-vHiIOL1Rb9FaQsW_7UfqJFm9LgHUTh7IVx4ODqW84Ivjzb9Yaa_rGnPAGyq7jlKqkEfkLGBMMRrjK35pxO8sLDnQJqBXEZEaDy0NjX68OXqqkr9WsBDTaSoHk-JnJOeiEmmm8bPcZE5PoNZTlQTnHf1sih-5MrYOMq6pPmUUtfvqnBdo8x7TFxrM4qTBBGDuxhSxmNBzDax7rSY0_Bw==&c=iW_KbtYJQmP4gaWDcY76yH5ywBNVYDioMiKHCykUNIHXBCoItHeJcA==&ch=-BvSnbp6P9SmAQ_W_rWD--mFucpNlsJ8rkZ5wW4Ygz8Q4ZI8z_Ayvg==) for projects that mitigate wildfire risk, improve water quality, restore forest ecosystems, and ultimately contribute to USDA’s efforts to combat climate change. This year, the USDA Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will invest in projects, including 14 new projects, bringing together agricultural producers, forest landowners, and National Forest System lands to improve forest health using available Farm Bill conservation programs and other authorities. USDA is investing in 14 new projects, 2 are in the WRP Region:
  + Arizona, Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Phase Two
  + California, Forest Health and Fire Resilient Rural Communities Phase Three

Additionally, USDA is investing $31.2 million in 25 existing projects. For full project descriptions and information on completed projects, visit the [Joints Chiefs’ webpage](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001LItZcJ2meCjNiayIldIMcLyaRSSazKgOiw-vHiIOL1Rb9FaQsW_7UfqJFm9LgHUTh7IVx4ODqW84Ivjzb9Yaa_rGnPAGyq7jlKqkEfkLGBMMRrjK35pxO8sLDnQJqBXEZEaDy0NjX68OXqqkr9WsBDTaSoHk-JnJOeiEmmm8bPcZE5PoNZTlQTnHf1sih-5MrYOMq6pPmUUtfvqnBdo8x7TFxrM4qTBBGDuxhSxmNBzDax7rSY0_Bw==&c=iW_KbtYJQmP4gaWDcY76yH5ywBNVYDioMiKHCykUNIHXBCoItHeJcA==&ch=-BvSnbp6P9SmAQ_W_rWD--mFucpNlsJ8rkZ5wW4Ygz8Q4ZI8z_Ayvg==)

**USDA-USFS:** [U.S. Forest Service report shows tree mortality is worsening in Lake County, California](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=d2a4022dcc&e=e56d7a4004)

### **NOAA:** [New data gives NOAA more extensive picture of global climate](https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/new-data-gives-noaa-more-extensive-picture-of-global-climate)

## **State Updates**

* [Western States Negotiate Future of Colorado River](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=18a74c59d602cc8a06c87cdd2276a57a6d79c2a6195a5429f68ea1cce71117256c705aa96006d8f8bab940c81d76ae849804e7c124482b9c)
* [Flush with Cash, State Lawmakers Consider Water Risks](https://circleofblue.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb4d96410aa2ebf5c8d0b17a3&id=f1e682e509&e=fc9532f654)

**CA**

* [6 Ways California is Capturing & Storing Water from Storms](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/02/24/6-ways-california-is-capturing-storing-water-from-storms/)
* [National Groundwater Awareness Week](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAzMDEuNzI0ODQ4MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uZ3dhLm9yZy9nZXQtaW52b2x2ZWQvZ3JvdW5kd2F0ZXItYXdhcmVuZXNzLXdlZWsvZ3JvdW5kd2F0ZXItYXdhcmVuZXNzLXdlZWs_dXRtPSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.I7LG7xKgX9NiHoWS3NpiP1qpm-vE_5xDe7eLy9eDNHI/s/1821941275/br/155313493082-l) begins this Sunday. DWR will celebrate with an interactive [kickoff event](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAzMDEuNzI0ODQ4MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2NvbnRlbnQuZ292ZGVsaXZlcnkuY29tL2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzL0NOUkEvMjAyMy8wMi8yMy9maWxlX2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzLzI0MTY5NTYvU2F2ZXRoZURhdGVfR3JvdW5kd2F0ZXJBd2FyZW5lc3NXZWVrX0ZJTkFMLnBkZiJ9.igI2Xjbu858XEa8S6ZJpyrZClMJVUF4DJJyTo7P1G-M/s/1821941275/br/155313493082-l) on Monday, March 6, in Sacramento.
* [Caltrans to Help Build Highway/Rail Wildlife Overpass](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001XGiQNE7g4bQHnRakBbPJa5d9v7Ww7p07GSxb7LeTTZsDYjyx69vR4X6AzpqoYmQc4kSOEdjSxYEpHgC1QGb39uD7wHLpdRwspYChlhrvpR7Hit188VsqpDKAGn_bTFL_X_ZKKPMFx0xa_jqI49I5o-YqUzOVhZ7J9JlAu4Hw0cVdJgIJfM_yOUjn2c_bgbu8FaCCTqOAiLohLW-Q0cDF0ZHspO0VWnrbesmwm0Pp3DPySur2VvSQog==&c=J6WFPw_0r-FxYZ4AzGmyiQpkhjNRX3JssezEWZEZXgFZDXKyIV8dHg==&ch=gQ84R59eY5iy550d9zMy9V2z8_8lKYIJ_Mq7566hlquk2xSnxCF2MA==)
* [California boosts state water allocation again, as heavy snow returns to the mountains](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=88e666c0854e9e8659c9b3d94fe3cd071c79064ab2c68ba0bb556a347c97fb43c50b15a4a5c5f2d3c5f2b30f484b047ddd8b48aff4acbec8)
* On March 15 the California Water Plan team will host a [virtual workshop](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwMTA2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3dhdGVyLmNhLmdvdi9OZXdzL0V2ZW50cy8yMDIzL01hci0yMy9DYWxpZm9ybmlhLVdhdGVyLVBsYW4tVXBkYXRlLTIwMjMtLS1GbG9vZC1SZXNvdXJjZS1NYW5hZ2VtZW50LVN0cmF0ZWd5LVdvcmtzaG9wP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.062mEPD7-U0QTuyttS32Xa3zU5D2t8Iv6SHQv1si9Zo/s/1821941275/br/154848463699-l) to get public input on the draft Flood Management Resource Management Strategy for [California Water Plan Update 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwMTA2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3dhdGVyLmNhLmdvdi9Qcm9ncmFtcy9DYWxpZm9ybmlhLVdhdGVyLVBsYW4vVXBkYXRlLTIwMjM_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.SdagEmWGRH5sGoI5NVIAoz8DEIjYJKvotLUO3OoqaVg/s/1821941275/br/154848463699-l). An agenda and draft for review will be sent to those who complete the [registration form](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwMTA2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Zvcm1zLm9mZmljZS5jb20vUGFnZXMvUmVzcG9uc2VQYWdlLmFzcHg_aWQ9VWxZZHQ0TkxWMEt2elhfUmQ0aEZaSXNNNzliQXIwOUhua2NoMzV3NHlzVlVOMDVEUVVZMFJ6TXpWVTFFTmtGWFVWZFJVMFpCVERSWlNDNHUmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JndkTE9SPWM5RUI3OEY2Ni0zM0Q2LTI0NDEtQTNDNi1BOERDNjgwNzE3RTkifQ.x5U-fpymuHvPO5nvpdZTkmT8pAfz9D1KL0Y_40mAP-Q/s/1821941275/br/154848463699-l).
* DWR has awarded [a total of $15 million](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwMTA2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3dhdGVyLmNhLmdvdi9OZXdzL05ld3MtUmVsZWFzZXMvMjAyMy9GZWItMjMvQ0EtU2VuZHMtJTI0MTUtTWlsbGlvbi10by1DZW50cmFsLVZhbGxleS1Db21tdW5pdGllcy10by1TdXBwb3J0LUZsb29kLUNvbnRyb2wtV2F0ZXItU3VwcGx5LVJlbGlhYmlsaXR5P3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.WMybiYTykxCvjGczVze1poXAh8HJWvNyD3YaTe0Q9bU/s/1821941275/br/154848463699-l) to eight San Joaquin Valley projects that will support flood control, water supply reliability, and groundwater recharge. The projects include using captured stormwater to recharge groundwater basins.
* A [new report from the California Water Data Consortium](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwMTA2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Nhd2F0ZXJkYXRhLm9yZy9uZXdzL25ldy1yZXBvcnQtcHV0dGluZy1kYXRhLXRvLXdvcmsvP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.Opb9obVbYCVZoXjqklsobBUB7uh4tuU_0vbCEdbghbk/s/1821941275/br/154848463699-l) looks at why high-quality, accessible data are critical in supporting an equitable and resilient water future in California. [*Putting Data to Work: Why Investing in Water and Ecological Data in California Matters*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjIuNzIwMTA2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Nhd2F0ZXJkYXRhLm9yZy9hYm91dC11cy9wdXR0aW5nLWRhdGEtdG8td29yay8_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.G25kBewidVLAMsvn-ajUTQClTdlYMDZHcdO01zb4ZC4/s/1821941275/br/154848463699-l) outlines six recommendations to improve water data and data infrastructure in the state. The report says the recommendations would help water leaders plan for shortages, flooding, groundwater conservation, and sustainable water consumption.
* [California governor wants to waive environmental rules in the delta amid drought worries](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=23fc6274cb36f0a5dd5fb19d3430a56af3d931be24e5aa0f509f5cefb3cbb4519105e4871422437fa8eb4e432c644bf39b0f6b2c69518a0a)
* Updated information has been added to the [Open and Transparent Water Data Act Implementation Journal](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTUuNzE1OTM3NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2R3ci5tYXBzLmFyY2dpcy5jb20vYXBwcy9NYXBKb3VybmFsL2luZGV4Lmh0bWw_YXBwaWQ9NTAzMjMyNDZlOGQxNDhhMGE1MDQwMzhhMGQ0MGZiN2YmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.yQTn36OVgpJFM-kOjQ4efO2lVjygL33pQnml7K68JCM/s/1821941275/br/154529145312-l).

**CO**

* [Governor Polis Signs First Bill of the Legislative Session to Support Colorado’s Water Quality & Clean Drinking Water Infrastructure](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/9621-governor-polis-signs-first-bill-legislative-session-support-colorados-water-quality-clean)
* [CO Dept of Natural Resources Launches study on Native Pollinating Insects](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/9611-co-dept-natural-resources-launches-study-native-pollinating-insects)

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* [2023 New Mexico Water Data Act Updated Fact Sheet](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012tVlx4ykox8QtrBwjjt5tTc7ToLuGEcVya0Q9DBra2bD-aNtUSB9JxnSafirvYy1ObwfjBiFBm0n99Bj9DKqOg09yFVKoLk8wy6W8G9CI5ssAIPyaaO5LBlOWvi4MN9QUUnHIeeKfLZ9vs2v5EEsZFiDH6fNEnhjY3AuQPT4GSKRmZGyhep0_Dor69H2lcNwYX3cePLkaWLM3J1dRvM0lde_J_wXULBzAe3YP89CzoznRsshI0H80g==&c=e9vjnKKA44ZXVteeZFFZNkd_St-JYpnR2Ws3HY_RzEcF3efY9QNWHQ==&ch=9yR3XsINxGtMZy957rFdSb0703GVs1FEseChxNsoPWbgLCsTJHq7oA==)
* Save the Date: MAY 4th! NM Water Data Workshop. Come build your data literacy and learn with us at this FREE IN-PERSON event in Socorro, NM on Thursday, May 4th, 2023 from 8:30am - 5:30pm. Learn new ways to find and access water data! We'll have updates from state agencies working to implement the NM Water Data Act! Or join one of three tracks of concurrent sessions on a range of topics - from application demos, to data access, to developer skills. Who should attend: Anyone curious about water data or working on any aspect of water-related data in New Mexico. [Register Now!](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012tVlx4ykox8QtrBwjjt5tTc7ToLuGEcVya0Q9DBra2bD-aNtUSB9JxnSafirvYy1DdQ_YdRKBYsjMk6fm_Y0jCPetcLT_CMK1ltOObeG1vIzK4juoft0hnbMnZ8PY5LTPeJ9qoxTHl6XnsV70mqWyhC_LgcS2rTszRFq1oCu1cwSjYVlWLkch0Hw0D3AC_opEK3RA_OGpZTEfeCLXSyT5VuOjBsjfyK9hp2ux04g--VXcENXiyIAZg==&c=e9vjnKKA44ZXVteeZFFZNkd_St-JYpnR2Ws3HY_RzEcF3efY9QNWHQ==&ch=9yR3XsINxGtMZy957rFdSb0703GVs1FEseChxNsoPWbgLCsTJHq7oA==)

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* [Gov. Cox issues executive order to raise the Great Salt Lake Causeway Berm](https://governor.utah.gov/2023/02/03/gov-cox-issues-executive-order-to-raise-the-great-salt-lake-causeway-berm/)
* [From Utah: Will strategic forest thinning help save the Great Salt Lake?](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=5b96bd6719&e=e56d7a4004)

## **Tribal Updates**

## [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Supports $580 Million Investment to Fulfill Indian Water Rights Settlements](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-supports-580-million-investment-fulfill-indian-water)

## For Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized): To support the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats and species of Tribal cultural or traditional importance, including species that are not hunted or fished. Due: June 23, 2023. [Learn more](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017RcmgWaRWPU6kYOc6_OMN5LHnu0xt0nVWgNOEBBcT2Tv3iuJhTvZknKh_BQ-xo1lg5XIJtbaP_Hs7ssUkuQgHyqbGQc6qXnJsZRCqtXYEdakQcDrjtGqCQjf6Dz0T5ps8hkgX5lTAk03r5_T7Aegletx_ha7xEvRT9E5nS1-vokajLL6BjBLITT-MEhfJOw7jyReOSt82VkjL_HDjEqN5A==&c=89gyU2_UuZYW5Bgx0WG5wWXIIgr5dztgWsZXXvRPtW1Z0i5VvAi_pw==&ch=39kz_s0awj6iLYhhyqQwhrhtN-g1LBBFMAyZG7anKXWlJzCHgDAWSg==)

## Register for: Wildlife Connectivity, Corridors and Crossings Conference – Co-Sponsored by NAFWS - May 9th and 10th - Tucson, Arizona. [Register here](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=296dca87eb0bd69b769a7692187a176e4085b174b4bbcd342c2cf11372c665766e5539cc63fcd31bc8db93dc0b12adbabdedfe681a731e3d)! The event will feature experts and leaders from the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, and Transportation along with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society and other academic and non-governmental organizations.

## [USDA Forest Service releases action plan to advance nation-to-nation relations](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=39157fbc44&e=e56d7a4004)

## **Regional Updates**

* **America The Beautiful Challenge:** The Biden-Harris administration and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced the release of the 2023 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the [America the Beautiful Challenge](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAzMDEuNzI0OTQxNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uZndmLm9yZy9wcm9ncmFtcy9hbWVyaWNhLWJlYXV0aWZ1bC1jaGFsbGVuZ2UifQ.qJjKYNFUV5XsnCrasAGHDsg-jU-f-Bp3MyhVQXCu-yU%2Fs%2F2136142079%2Fbr%2F155370565307-l&data=05%7C01%7Caashipp%40usgs.gov%7Cc4092c4cd8054535b3c108db1bf336eb%7C0693b5ba4b184d7b9341f32f400a5494%7C0%7C0%7C638134503652667550%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=h4UCV5P4DanqfnvEdL4KC4UPpoE7odgwoomplvfWVuk%3D&reserved=0). The program, which was [launched in 2022](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAzMDEuNzI0OTQxNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53aGl0ZWhvdXNlLmdvdi9jZXEvbmV3cy11cGRhdGVzLzIwMjIvMDQvMTEvYmlkZW4taGFycmlzLWFkbWluaXN0cmF0aW9uLWxhdW5jaGVzLTEtYmlsbGlvbi1hbWVyaWNhLXRoZS1iZWF1dGlmdWwtY2hhbGxlbmdlLXRvLXN1cHBvcnQtYW5kLWFjY2VsZXJhdGUtbG9jYWxseS1sZWQtY29uc2VydmF0aW9uLWFuZC1yZXN0b3JhdGlvbi1wcm9qZWN0cy8ifQ.G6dgwFj2kuaNIjJUOjz9N_ulDr3w1f3bOeWyfBpf_Xg%2Fs%2F2136142079%2Fbr%2F155370565307-l&data=05%7C01%7Caashipp%40usgs.gov%7Cc4092c4cd8054535b3c108db1bf336eb%7C0693b5ba4b184d7b9341f32f400a5494%7C0%7C0%7C638134503652667550%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p3bwU7RD97NLGvYr8Jnh%2FCgkR1UvxrqQLq68kTbLOvo%3D&reserved=0), is dedicated to funding locally led landscape-scale conservation and restoration projects that implement existing conservation plans across the nation. In 2023, the program expects to award up to $116 million in grants. The Challenge is a partnership between the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture and Defense, NFWF and Native Americans in Philanthropy. It makes funding more accessible to communities by offering eligible states, Tribes, territories, local groups, non-governmental organizations, and others the opportunity to apply for multiple grant programs through a single application that is managed by NFWF. **ATBC grant pre-proposals are due April 20, 2023**, and the full RFP can be found on [NFWF's Request for Proposals webpage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAzMDEuNzI0OTQxNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uZndmLm9yZy9wcm9ncmFtcy9hbWVyaWNhLWJlYXV0aWZ1bC1jaGFsbGVuZ2UvYW1lcmljYS1iZWF1dGlmdWwtY2hhbGxlbmdlLTIwMjMtcmVxdWVzdC1wcm9wb3NhbHMifQ.y_0iN5IuObUMIiKKE-8UFaNJtDDce04I9YcrPP4lfzg%2Fs%2F2136142079%2Fbr%2F155370565307-l&data=05%7C01%7Caashipp%40usgs.gov%7Cc4092c4cd8054535b3c108db1bf336eb%7C0693b5ba4b184d7b9341f32f400a5494%7C0%7C0%7C638134503652667550%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xwUpgNhwErC0y%2BhSL2bcqD9YIcV%2BzHbYZyTatw9GzGw%3D&reserved=0). Awards are expected to be announced in November 2023. An applicant webinar will be held **Thursday, March 9, 2023, between 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time**.  To register for the webinar, please visit: [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2321614833007978325](https://usg01.safelinks.protection.office365.us/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fregister.gotowebinar.com%2Fregister%2F2321614833007978325&data=05%7C01%7Crobert.m.rule6.civ%40mail.mil%7C9032832addf841bd521f08db1aa64715%7C102d0191eeae4761b1cb1a83e86ef445%7C0%7C0%7C638133073694128277%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6a0MXm2jal1YEQiRN7yZDi6XIzAgeO98HQKEdVf03O4%3D&reserved=0) The full RFP, including information on how to apply, can be found here: [https://www.nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge/america-beautiful-challenge-2023-request-proposals](https://usg01.safelinks.protection.office365.us/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nfwf.org%2Fprograms%2Famerica-beautiful-challenge%2Famerica-beautiful-challenge-2023-request-proposals&data=05%7C01%7Crobert.m.rule6.civ%40mail.mil%7C9032832addf841bd521f08db1aa64715%7C102d0191eeae4761b1cb1a83e86ef445%7C0%7C0%7C638133073694128277%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lkQApHrFBju9c4lr9%2Bxnr3%2BLp4ZO3PR7E%2B%2FxGX750gk%3D&reserved=0)
* [What We Can Do About Wildlife Collisions](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=2dd1e55c166ea1cb00e5555c96582da44932e0bb0868e571299f6ecbe251e4488da2577506d79f74946ffb93d115f82bebec7cb828ab3130)
* [Snowpack in the upper Colorado River basin has reached its annual average with more winter to go](https://kjzz.org/content/1839871/snowpack-upper-colorado-river-basin-has-reached-its-annual-average-more-winter-go)
* [REGISTER NOW](https://sweri.org/cross-boundary-landscape-restoration-workshop/) for Cross Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop May 2-4.
* April 26 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM Eastern Time for the 10-Year Anniversary of the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership webinar to hear reflections and case studies from key sentinel landscape partners. Read the event details about the webinar here [<https://www.repi.mil/Resources/Webinars/ModuleID/84948/ItemID/4675/mctl/EventDetails/>].
* [Sentinel Landscapes Partnership Newsletter: Winter 2023 Edition](https://repiprogram.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/d/06EB7B0916F883602540EF23F30FEDED?alternativeLink=True)
* Springs Monitoring for the Four Forest Restoration Initiative in Northern Arizona. Date: March 21st, 2023. Time: 1:00 PM Pacific/2:00 PM Mountain/3:00 PM Central. Presenter: Larry Stevens, Ph.D., Springs Stewardship Institute. Zoom Webinar Registration: <https://arizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpcOGopzwoH9xvNP9uSVD_97RUxcgg3dIR>
* [Can Western States Agree on the Future of the Colorado River?](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=ee2227d2f328d8a413bb25efe2d4a40188820371805dc67470bec9a4e7f5761ecc556722e4e91544b670584b8cd5efca04c061360258b9bd)
* [Experts: Plan for Effect of Climate Change on Wildlife Crossings](https://click.pewtrusts.org/?qs=a48a56c8bd3c3b5ac5456fec4655ceb891d2be8461d78f45d438064f7649505a05951d599cb59d9519a0d2f71a37f1f4200e916d0b298055)
* [A New Strategy for Western States to Adapt to Long-term Drought: Customized Water Pricing](https://link.route-fifty.com/click/30538940.26292/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGUtZmlmdHkuY29tL21hbmFnZW1lbnQvMjAyMy8wMi9uZXctc3RyYXRlZ3ktd2VzdGVybi1zdGF0ZXMtYWRhcHQtbG9uZy10ZXJtLWRyb3VnaHQtY3VzdG9taXplZC13YXRlci1wcmljaW5nLzM4Mjg5OS8_b3JlZj1yZi10b2RheS1ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B79b618dc)

**WestFAST**

* The February WestFAST Newsletter is posted to the [WSWC website](https://westernstateswater.org/westfast-newsletters/2023/westfast-february-2023-newsletter/): Biden-Harris Administration Announces $2 Billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding to States and Territories to Address Emerging Contaminants like PFAS in Drinking Water; Biden-Harris Administration Delivers $728 Million in Historic Investments to Address Western Drought, Improve Climate Resilience; USDA Unveils Strategic Approach and New Investments for Addressing Water Supply Challenges for Producers in the West; January 2023 was Nation’s 6th Warmest on Record; and more.

**WRRC**

* New Release! [Updated Version of the Cochise County Factsheet](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FgFn9F30K1JUIU66hccwl29vcahSASI8dihOzRa1_NZd8UPRYn5TVaxTuPVedfT_m7_GFWq1uZ45GxisHUyLhZKkWdcD-5rULDEzvp6xItzMz2ukJ-MMhmnH-zsgeaShCoJL1J-PGxK8OEBazd5-ZNv_CHiYS8bYgm4ioebPXZQjlzz9rRxfi7uzE5fdWMf_zkEj2K6rtRL424Uow7wGIg==&c=gdGlFLDv8c7VsGTdZ6LUwvNlS7iLkRAR6ZOcWBWdQI2PkR-eoGmfNw==&ch=3Z9QXCWi1Pw4YWFsqVE4TohYdjBzItzWVmFij4lUoIT-r0VM5zAoqA==) [Seminar Series Webinar](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FgFn9F30K1JUIU66hccwl29vcahSASI8dihOzRa1_NZd8UPRYn5TVaxTuPVedfT_6kbaN49EsOwt7en2yXmQjg55ysvga4cdGdJqL-UCRvsi1AUDnxgUB0nAloA-BjQhsutdmqep_fTs8hxncUOW1_WG304CW0N-YRBBQ4FXUz2BjstM8Aic_EvnL69O-pPErlMPhzlZhw0q3WFt1SkMC9cMZJLQyI0lR2FQDWbbw16cHPZFQaCZfg==&c=gdGlFLDv8c7VsGTdZ6LUwvNlS7iLkRAR6ZOcWBWdQI2PkR-eoGmfNw==&ch=3Z9QXCWi1Pw4YWFsqVE4TohYdjBzItzWVmFij4lUoIT-r0VM5zAoqA==)
* WRRC Hosts Webinar on Clean Water for Tribal Communities. On February 22, Anne Castle and Heather Tanana gave a joint presentation titled “Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities.” [View the Recording](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FgFn9F30K1JUIU66hccwl29vcahSASI8dihOzRa1_NZd8UPRYn5TVaxTuPVedfT_vbg9gwn1Ib28hLxhmW_iHavACXpqPWJf_f9cJ49EELJ0MWdEHYbdY251Y0REUzdlA7nWLZMMuyjwAKeGfIESyPvRvRm2942BXVYiQuf_vWjdqv1oN3VI68kSx5DJTwbnqnua1IN2DURAKrbn6AFkW2VVSfx6MM5dn4SFBocLvTHAMegjlj8iOCjqlOtQVc0t&c=gdGlFLDv8c7VsGTdZ6LUwvNlS7iLkRAR6ZOcWBWdQI2PkR-eoGmfNw==&ch=3Z9QXCWi1Pw4YWFsqVE4TohYdjBzItzWVmFij4lUoIT-r0VM5zAoqA==) [WTI Report](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FgFn9F30K1JUIU66hccwl29vcahSASI8dihOzRa1_NZd8UPRYn5TVaxTuPVedfT_Q08XZGLF24gf5tweo_r4muoOeWEBq-EmA7cDVzOhg4QQ11-gJWT1vXFxUFlNGiW6nUibvmbP0qTyVeyjvhH67-YjP3D-mIoCSLqv_KvlsEPoSLv82a7_eagEWrxSCoaGVhzWV-j657OjBYselC-wWq5e-iooQeMhMano5BVIp8o=&c=gdGlFLDv8c7VsGTdZ6LUwvNlS7iLkRAR6ZOcWBWdQI2PkR-eoGmfNw==&ch=3Z9QXCWi1Pw4YWFsqVE4TohYdjBzItzWVmFij4lUoIT-r0VM5zAoqA==) [Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FgFn9F30K1JUIU66hccwl29vcahSASI8dihOzRa1_NZd8UPRYn5TVaxTuPVedfT_o_o8XZS-XaVOStopTwfxmiKiULdFLCQNXiVveLBRObZytPHPwhitqUBWpzNGGDgm5UPpfcPI1TxdWrY3u6sdbA==&c=gdGlFLDv8c7VsGTdZ6LUwvNlS7iLkRAR6ZOcWBWdQI2PkR-eoGmfNw==&ch=3Z9QXCWi1Pw4YWFsqVE4TohYdjBzItzWVmFij4lUoIT-r0VM5zAoqA==)
* Mar 29 at 12:00 pm: [WRRC Seminar Series: Geophysical Imaging as a Tool for Groundwater Management](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2MIL8QjJ79sEDD9c0NjesLEaCwXBVGLQwjyeupKqmfackirZJdrLVSh73cB7L2en8s9lNt_pTSNwdPgXCpthLxnpfL_THuhvEJvSdZ2PFLag-P5lnYAP-_M=&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==)
* Mar 16 at 12:00 pm: [WRRC Seminar Series: Water in Cochise County: Challenges and Solutions](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2PX-ddbmnSgNopZhKnXstA-2f5pjG-naA73UScU2gMxWgcbPWu3CNXvmodT-xkY4nm7GQeN75Enb44G1sEhQuT314DOfwGDbB9DDkOCn3Pms&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==)
* Sonoran Institute Panelists Present on Santa Cruz River Report [View Recording](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2H6tMscOql3XsS5VDIdu3PY_othspeIg5NoVthv_YkNLqkXnU4svn5IojJ88oWyuEF6N23DrsoRl5SS4aCg5VWVnoYiQejae8Yvn1Wh7YQeDSPR1r8i7LIk-5P2htxoJOdB3n2DR_XPO4Ws2Wvw8eN_ud_ywnFJ5nQqmOCIivIfgCCpNKyZqHegJvlL5z_e4LPZ8L84XdTVi&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==) [Living River Reports](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2NocmYFw43ybiDTSEQfSnK1CboA1opRKO-hi7QINjI8eo-fbLmftFI5DmWW4oknpnALqleTQcwv8eyWB4HNH8SPbnyR_WW565i0VddsA83ik3Jz8fh23EzOW4Cn-wBPYoIa6wrfnLYgG&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==) [Seminar Info](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2H6tMscOql3X-KjzcHiX3tee87OJz8USArQapcWpvd1rXrCDH40yQ8zF85QYLGGg_tJDHgKESqYb_byIkAMBJwdoP8iriUfoip-MqWgpRlwx-b5VkmhChXdbLGbZoNs5v8m5hidmNnoAhnOsGB68Yw-nFdGwoLD2r7QreP2uJ26ZanhCnhBkrCDm2pQuyNcoPw==&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==)
* The Hassayampa River Study - Assessing Low Impact Development for Stormwater Management [Buckeye General Plan](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2H6tMscOql3X_3W0bfh_5CFPQvRX-LfpnSsJS5lFeUP61be0PKglD1KqChvsmzBCF2gX7xivGwb_DibpufjnlE-N9wxS6N7f1CYG6-Qr9_nTGIxrbgTLwKu9qsN8bQDAOGKJYJ1iUXZtFNVxI4g0ufsOYcDOhK3_Hk2EPpFHlN9MxdqGhrZ9jNM=&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==) [Reclamation Studies in AZ](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2H6tMscOql3X-boLYdiYQw-oPcf0ncbe8v5g9ZCzDYfTlUFJjJFZcMo5yc6mrcbKaN2xtIwkD-8ZswTNSGyeK0c0l6mHmj1JSpvYKvx37lAMke6CMayCoK-qX2HTvilN91FPkaQdB6xPfnwAahkMQXA=&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==) [August 2021 Stakeholder Presentation PDF](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2H6tMscOql3XOYvuwcX7mO6jalgtCrktgU-zPZEGY1ZpkMY5odJOWjI1sF5hApSK90oCgarO5kw8c632dH1ffHrKr7Hrgd3pYjI6Dx_c4cdWhrbiz2k35T-_uGL_rVnRE1RuSNPFv-190ItE8-TRXPzBmVE5e0PK8NlOdp39GmpXmJiwR2xKqJ_tQzVMO5QYl1RCGzqHmyKR1OTYOnCNfchvuhvJTsi0uRHT28lR2itF&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==) [January 2023 Stakeholder Presentation PDF](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M-cT0Zs-HzHZCiHKVn2_opUeYEnOuaAX-wtK6mLruYQrAfd7MPhN2H6tMscOql3XVRsXiTJ_svy4Th2vYO6r41c3UJzacxIlsEkqmR-f5lv8JQKpqhGbOOdYa4TF8n9Y2MffZbc1pblsvCs4nEa18Gou5qY2ZTL20M7qveS435xGKxRuwrGJnVMptgS3GhmK1Wjn51Hv3DR3Z8x-HNjOnacP2hoKwmJLOowS6UPknA0soI5xjhMtwouOGUdkQ6wN96tpgyWvuEhZpfqdg0z2x19jCx_5h3A1&c=mBznWFKl2HldlgjvxTVSH4ycrtZ9M6jaX7Fxmup1q7M2ursVIrLfdg==&ch=fiGvBvqGCxDVQJVlO2sUXEBqXlTPZyXjOWvhUQHs19tnj38bJBWP9g==)
* [WRRC Weekly Wave – Feb 17, 2023](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ltF9F-YZPrWf2ZqoMU3g5Z5O1wt61v0P8egypZg-13EsHBkDotFdulS8mnqh5XdjyJr-clAxS5BNaxwCdD3H0cfBsa-Ys5sPynKb4_sHHK1yOv7WKLDQH5hqiBQnJf7P3qZdCJzW30Q81VflGzEeKA==&c=6WeQV_La_TxYiceva7V2T3drT8X0KZQRM3fylwr8qByOhZbYGngrfQ==&ch=4OXLkuf1B0KLKZYeAmntAW9x1SN1WkvkmxvpgkE_GIRNicIWDEr-nw==)
* [WRRC Weekly Wave – Feb 10, 2023](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001pExfj8lb5z0PJgzWlip6iN2eSgaIcDwV27RCs5AsZl0EwVJqQ8KLDzagDspzKqWr2ikVhDykbPBEo9Yv9IaXVyKyzhZX-Njw8FTLB92rp4JBsd4Z6n-vn1ZBRSQIi7Ao7UQF8o-YyLWnRmAFYct3jg==&c=vNRYYzwdwX9WqoGbVtWAypVVU0eWvV4ljvHdBsukiujjb-cBLrInZg==&ch=Bif_vHcQIwiz-s1qHoqwuwZIX1KRt7ArzGxVUIKplzFySBFoNKMUZw==)
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## **Military Readiness**

### **DoD**

* [State of defense 2023](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30718631.122368/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGhyZWF0cy8yMDIzLzAzL3N0YXRlLWRlZmVuc2UtMjAyMy8zODM1NDkvP3V0bV9zb3VyY2U9c2FpbHRocnUmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bWlsLWViYiZTVG92ZXJsYXk9ZGU4ODc0MmYtNDZmNy00ZjJjLTgxOWQtM2IzNmE0N2Q2YTdl/57588738498e574579743a61B102b4c72)
* The DOD Climate Resilience Workshop will take place July 10-13 in St. Louis, Missouri, bringing together military installations, environmental organizations, and climate change professionals to share lessons learned on built and natural infrastructure solutions to climate risks. Follow this link to sign up [<https://www.dodclimateworkshop.org/>
* [Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen Hicks and DoD Senior Leaders Attend 26th Council of Governors Plenary Meeting](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTAuNzEzODgzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kZWZlbnNlLmdvdi9OZXdzL1JlbGVhc2VzL1JlbGVhc2UvQXJ0aWNsZS8zMjk1ODM3L2RlcHV0eS1zZWNyZXRhcnktb2YtZGVmZW5zZS1kci1rYXRobGVlbi1oaWNrcy1hbmQtZG9kLXNlbmlvci1sZWFkZXJzLWF0dGVuZC0yNnQvIn0.uTQX5TVGyz2_jgDFZWQASDi8wnZYOIW99Hra-Irg_vg/s/37607666/br/154354824303-l)
* [Senior Defense Official Holds a Background Briefing on High-Altitude Surveillance Balloon](https://www.defense.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript/Article/3287204/senior-defense-official-holds-a-background-briefing-on-high-altitude-surveillan/)
* The Climate Adaptation Guide Webinar recording has been posted on the Cultural Resources website at: [Cultural Resources News and Outreach – Cultural Resources (osd.mil)](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.denix.osd.mil%2Fcr%2Fnews%2F&data=05%7C01%7CGKnight%40stellee.com%7C341ed90c2e204f1ae67108db1f3ec268%7C47e8ea78d3994ad993582c027c32dc69%7C0%7C0%7C638138126658665422%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ViBIjDJc3cWc9ZHxWLjBKxSp4PizboNP1Y2lgjMbUOg%3D&reserved=0) underneath the Webinars subheading.

### **REPI**

### The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is pleased to join the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in announcing the 2023 America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC) Request for Proposals (RFP). Hosted by NFWF, the ATBC is a public-private grant program designed to support locally led, voluntary ecosystem restoration projects. The REPI Program serves as one of the federal partners on the ATBC, along with the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture’s U.S. Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The 2023 ATBC RFP supports applicants with developing landscape-level proposals that conserve fish and wildlife, enhance carbon sequestration and storage, benefit underserved communities, and protect ecosystems through nature-based solutions. In its second year, the ATBC will allocate $116 million to projects that conserve, connect, and restore critical lands, waters, and wildlife. Of this $116 million, the REPI Program will contribute $5 million to ATBC projects that benefit sentinel landscapes or other critical habitats outside military installations and ranges. Pre-proposals for the 2023 ATBC are due on Thursday, April 20, by 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET). If you would like to learn more about the 2023 ATBC, please visit NFWF’s website at [<www.nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge>]. You can also join NFWF’s ATBC pre-proposal webinar on Thursday, March 9, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM ET. To register for the webinar, please visit [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2321614833007978325]. To learn about last year’s ATBC projects or for more information on the REPI Program’s partnership with NFWF, visit the REPI Complementary Federal Program’s page at [<www.repi.mil/Resilience/Complementary-Federal-Programs/>].

### Save the Date! DOD Climate Resilience Workshop. The Offices of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment are pleased to invite you to attend the 2023 DOD Climate Resilience Workshop from July 10-13 in St. Louis, Missouri. This workshop will provide a forum for DOD stakeholders and partners to explore the many facets of climate change, a national security threat that has tangible impacts to military readiness. Installations, environmental organizations, and climate change professionals will be broadly represented to help inform the Military Departments on data, tools, and resources for addressing and combatting climate change threats. To stay informed on the latest workshop updates, including registration information, sign up for updates on the event website [<www.dodclimateworkshop.org/Home>].

### REPI Program Newsletter: February 2023 Edition. Web-Version: <https://repiprogram.createsend1.com/t/d-e-zdjlilt-l-r/>

### **USAF**

### [State of the Air Force and Space Force 2023](https://link.defenseone.com/click/30711397.50036/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGhyZWF0cy8yMDIzLzAzL3N0YXRlLWFpci1mb3JjZS1hbmQtc3BhY2UtZm9yY2UvMzgzNDg2Lz9vcmVmPWRlZmVuc2VvbmVfdG9kYXlfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Bd1ced1df)

### [Air Force’s Task Force 99 conducts first successful drone tests](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30678842.114281/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWlyYW5kc3BhY2Vmb3JjZXMuY29tL2Fpci1mb3JjZXMtdGFzay1mb3JjZS05OS1jb25kdWN0cy1maXJzdC1zdWNjZXNzZnVsLWRyb25lLXRlc3RzLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61B56dd0775)

### [Air Force mulls remote control of drone wingmen](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30543956.101900/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2Fpci8yMDIzLzAyLzEzL2Fpci1mb3JjZS1tdWxscy1yZW1vdGUtY29udHJvbC1vZi1kcm9uZS13aW5nbWVuLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61Bb6d6905a)

### [FIMSC collaboration with local community, industry brings solar power to Edwards AFB](https://www.afmc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/3287662/afimsc-collaboration-with-local-community-industry-brings-solar-power-to-edward/)

### [Everything and the kitchen sink: USAF plots new refueling tanker](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30475995.106200/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2Fpci8yMDIzLzAyLzA2L2V2ZXJ5dGhpbmctYW5kLXRoZS1raXRjaGVuLXNpbmstdXNhZi1wbG90cy1uZXctcmVmdWVsaW5nLXRhbmtlci8_dXRtX3NvdXJjZT1zYWlsdGhydSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1taWwtZWJiJlNUb3ZlcmxheT1kZTg4NzQyZi00NmY3LTRmMmMtODE5ZC0zYjM2YTQ3ZDZhN2U/57588738498e574579743a61B8db79afe)

### **Army**

* [Army selects 5 companies for drone development program](https://r.smartbrief.com/resp/qamWCTuxcODvomeqCigmirCicNvWic?format=multipart)
* [State of the Army 2023](https://link.defenseone.com/click/30616984.13505/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGhyZWF0cy8yMDIzLzAzL3N0YXRlLWFybXktMjAyMy8zODM0ODUvP29yZWY9ZDFfYXJteV9ubA/60881a23aa72246f8b29b0e4B8dfd70b6)
* [Largest private-public collaboration in DoD history reflects commitment to clean energy](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/3291605/largest-private-public-collaboration-in-dod-history-reflects-commitment-to-clea/)
* [The time is now to prepare for China conflict, Army leaders say](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30692882.96352/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2hvbWUvMjAyMy8wMi8yOC90aGUtdGltZS1pcy1ub3ctdG8tcHJlcGFyZS1mb3ItY2hpbmEtY29uZmxpY3QtYXJteS1sZWFkZXJzLXNheS8_dXRtX3NvdXJjZT1zYWlsdGhydSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1taWwtZWJiJlNUb3ZlcmxheT1kZTg4NzQyZi00NmY3LTRmMmMtODE5ZC0zYjM2YTQ3ZDZhN2U/57588738498e574579743a61B43ac567f)
* [Unmanned drones take too many humans to operate, says top Army aviator](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30678842.114281/aHR0cHM6Ly9icmVha2luZ2RlZmVuc2UuY29tLzIwMjMvMDIvdW5tYW5uZWQtZHJvbmVzLXRha2UtdG9vLW1hbnktaHVtYW5zLXRvLW9wZXJhdGUtc2F5cy10b3AtYXJteS1hdmlhdG9yLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61Bfe9fd3c4)
* [Small drones launched from ‘wherever’ excel in US Army experiment](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30512702.103234/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3VubWFubmVkLzIwMjMvMDIvMDkvc21hbGwtZHJvbmVzLWxhdW5jaGVkLWZyb20td2hlcmV2ZXItZXhjZWwtaW4tdXMtYXJteS1leHBlcmltZW50Lz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61Bd3f96bbb)
* [New Futures Command chief shifts main effort to designing Army of 2040](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30500190.109872/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2xhbmQvMjAyMy8wMi8wOC9uZXctZnV0dXJlcy1jb21tYW5kLWNoaWVmLXNoaWZ0cy1tYWluLWVmZm9ydC10by1kZXNpZ25pbmctYXJteS1vZi0yMDQwLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61B5eb0e652)
* [Army wants ideas from industry on autonomous, anti-drone capabilities](https://link.govexec.com/click/30471255.55044/aHR0cHM6Ly9mY3cuY29tL2RlZmVuc2UvMjAyMy8wMi9hcm15LXdhbnRzLWlkZWFzLWluZHVzdHJ5LWF1dG9ub21vdXMtYW50aS1kcm9uZS1jYXBhYmlsaXRpZXMvMzgyNTg3Lz9vcmVmPWRlZmVuc2VvbmVfdG9kYXlfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B8dc97086)

### **Navy**

* [State of the Navy 2023](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30718631.122368/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGhyZWF0cy8yMDIzLzAzL3N0YXRlLW5hdnktMjAyMy8zODM1NDcvP3V0bV9zb3VyY2U9c2FpbHRocnUmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bWlsLWViYiZTVG92ZXJsYXk9ZGU4ODc0MmYtNDZmNy00ZjJjLTgxOWQtM2IzNmE0N2Q2YTdl/57588738498e574579743a61B60c99df0)
* [Fix Navy Infrastructure's 'Worst Problems' First, Secretary Says](https://link.defenseone.com/click/30580938.35113/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGhyZWF0cy8yMDIzLzAyL2ZpeC1uYXZ5LWluZnJhc3RydWN0dXJlcy13b3JzdC1wcm9ibGVtcy1maXJzdC1zZWNyZXRhcnktc2F5cy8zODMwODEvP29yZWY9ZGVmZW5zZV9vbmVfYnJlYWtpbmdfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Ba148b85f)
* [How the US Navy is creating the ‘nirvana of one combat system’](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30500190.109872/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL25hdmFsLzIwMjMvMDIvMDgvaG93LXRoZS11cy1uYXZ5LWlzLWNyZWF0aW5nLXRoZS1uaXJ2YW5hLW9mLW9uZS1jb21iYXQtc3lzdGVtLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61B85a69303)
* [A return to the Philippines](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30500190.109872/aHR0cHM6Ly9uYXZ5dGltZXMuY29tL25ld3MveW91ci1uYXZ5LzIwMjMvMDIvMDgvYS1yZXR1cm4tdG8tdGhlLXBoaWxpcHBpbmVzLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61B37403a01)

### **USMC**

* [State of the Marine Corps 2023](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30718631.122368/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGhyZWF0cy8yMDIzLzAzL3N0YXRlLW1hcmluZS1jb3Jwcy0yMDIzLzM4MzQ4MS8_dXRtX3NvdXJjZT1zYWlsdGhydSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1taWwtZWJiJlNUb3ZlcmxheT1kZTg4NzQyZi00NmY3LTRmMmMtODE5ZC0zYjM2YTQ3ZDZhN2U/57588738498e574579743a61Bcd06de12)
* The U.S. Marine Corps would like to introduce you to "[OCRAP](https://link.govexec.com/click/30699258.16404/aHR0cHM6Ly90d2l0dGVyLmNvbS9pbG9ld2Vuc29uL3N0YXR1cy8xNjMwOTY4NDk2NTUyMDY3MDcy/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B41106a62)**,"** which is one of the service's newest acronyms. It stands for Overseas C-sUAS and Approval Package—in true Marine Corps fashion, the acronym contains another acronym. That nested acronym stands for counter-small unmanned aerial systems. The [Marine administrative message](https://link.govexec.com/click/30699258.16404/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWFyaW5lcy5taWwvTmV3cy9NZXNzYWdlcy9NZXNzYWdlcy1EaXNwbGF5L0FydGljbGUvMzMxNDcyNS9leHRlbnNpb24tb2YtbWNidWwtNTUzMC1hbmQtZ3VpZGVsaW5lcy1mb3Itb3ZlcnNlYXMtY291bnRlci1zbWFsbC11bm1hbm5lZC1haXJjLw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B4861e37f) from which this delightful acronym came is about protecting USMC installations from small drones.
* [Marine Corps’ 2030 Plan Includes Quality of Life Improvements and Installation Resilience](https://defensecommunities.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=b701139f37&e=822f95e226)
* [Unmanned supply drones, forward basing key to Marines’ new logistics plan](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30667877.117953/aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnVzbmkub3JnLzIwMjMvMDIvMjMvdW5tYW5uZWQtc3VwcGx5LWRyb25lcy1mb3J3YXJkLWJhc2luZy1rZXktdG8tbWFyaW5lcy1uZXctbG9naXN0aWNzLXBsYW4_dXRtX3NvdXJjZT1zYWlsdGhydSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1taWwtZWJiJlNUb3ZlcmxheT1kZTg4NzQyZi00NmY3LTRmMmMtODE5ZC0zYjM2YTQ3ZDZhN2U/57588738498e574579743a61Bd9fcdd96)
* [Here’s how the Marine Corps plans to overhaul its 25 installations](https://link.marinecorpstimes.com/click/30646999.123234/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWFyaW5lY29ycHN0aW1lcy5jb20vbmV3cy95b3VyLW1hcmluZS1jb3Jwcy8yMDIzLzAyLzIzL2hlcmVzLWhvdy10aGUtbWFyaW5lLWNvcnBzLXBsYW5zLXRvLW92ZXJoYXVsLWl0cy0yNS1pbnN0YWxsYXRpb25zLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61B5a442775)
* [Marines to Begin Testing Leased Vessel for Pier-less Operations](https://link.defenseone.com/click/30616629.8404/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vcG9saWN5LzIwMjMvMDIvbWFyaW5lcy1iZWdpbi10ZXN0aW5nLWxlYXNlZC12ZXNzZWwtcGllci1sZXNzLW9wZXJhdGlvbnMvMzgzMjM0Lz9vcmVmPWRfYnJpZWZfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Be2babdbd)
* ['We Didn't Have the Ships' to Send 'Best Option' to Help Earthquake Victims, Commandant Says](https://link.defenseone.com/click/30572660.73586/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vdGhyZWF0cy8yMDIzLzAyL3dlLWRpZG50LWhhdmUtc2hpcHMtc2VuZC1iZXN0LW9wdGlvbi1oZWxwLWVhcnRocXVha2UtdmljdGltcy1jb21tYW5kYW50LXNheXMvMzgzMDE4Lz9vcmVmPWRlZmVuc2Vfb25lX2JyZWFraW5nX25s/60881a23aa72246f8b29b0e4Bc58a343f)

### **Space Force:** [Space Force seeks ideas for potential ‘commercial space reserve’ fleet](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30512702.103234/aHR0cHM6Ly9icmVha2luZ2RlZmVuc2UuY29tLzIwMjMvMDIvc3BhY2UtZm9yY2Utc2Vla3MtaWRlYXMtZm9yLXBvdGVudGlhbC1jb21tZXJjaWFsLXNwYWNlLXJlc2VydmUtZmxlZXQvP19nYT0yLjI1MTQwOTAyNC43ODUxNzUzNS4xNjc1OTk0MDk0LTE0Nzc3NTYzNjQuMTY3NTk5NDA5NCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61B2988fed2)

## **Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness**

### [DHS Announces $2 Billion in Preparedness Grants](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20230227/dhs-announces-2-billion-preparedness-grants)

### [Western Governors share policy recommendations with HUD to improve disaster recovery funding](https://westgov.org/news/article/western-governors-share-policy-recommendations-with-hud-to-improve-disaster-recovery-funding)

### For Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized): To enhance the ability to prevent, prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks. Due: May 18, 2023. [Learn more](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017RcmgWaRWPU6kYOc6_OMN5LHnu0xt0nVWgNOEBBcT2Tv3iuJhTvZknKh_BQ-xo1ld2lSAQ0l72ig-AwLiLs3P6uWGW85b38Ed8YR289BGsNQTVWhPBtYPoEF1z568GkFgpAmT8iBfSU1_4p-qqjXKm2EpCSHHw0nGGUkyKGVKBos2cYuv69BHiZtCA1N3KK746MRMt2v5Izxmb-ygXm7pA==&c=89gyU2_UuZYW5Bgx0WG5wWXIIgr5dztgWsZXXvRPtW1Z0i5VvAi_pw==&ch=39kz_s0awj6iLYhhyqQwhrhtN-g1LBBFMAyZG7anKXWlJzCHgDAWSg==)

### Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas today announced more than $2 billion in funding for eight fiscal year 2023 preparedness grant programs. These grant programs provide critical funding to help state, local, tribal, and territorial officials prepare for, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. Further information on DHS’s preparedness grant programs is available at [www.dhs.gov](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjcuNzIzNDExMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3LmRocy5nb3YvIn0.YxU5mZDZWbYD-eDUz2SRcuTK4mKVORLsSdYR0rql5So/s/187178900/br/155177251435-l) and [http://www.fema.gov/grants](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjcuNzIzNDExMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3LmZlbWEuZ292L2dyYW50cyJ9.sLwnZN3mjSRoaJCdpDcVlcjTm83WkNPEfc25o3tDZdE/s/187178900/br/155177251435-l)

### **FEMA**

* [FEMA Administrator Criswell Addresses Tribal Leaders at the National Congress of American Indians](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20230223/fema-administrator-criswell-addresses-tribal-leaders-national-congress)
* FEMA is seeking public feedback on [nine Hazard Mitigation resource typing documents](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjguNzI0MzI5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9ldmVudC9mZW1hLXNlZWtzLXB1YmxpYy1mZWVkYmFjay1oYXphcmQtbWl0aWdhdGlvbi1yZXNvdXJjZS10eXBpbmctZG9jdW1lbnRzIn0.kl3Itmogep5UWwp_S-e1J4UVYYDFWisFYr0-COw_VIU/s/10033766/br/155272798030-l). These resource typing documents include two National Incident Management System-typed Hazard Mitigation teams for operations and planning and seven positions that make up the teams. This 30-day national engagement period will conclude at 5 p.m. ET on March 16.
* FEMA is accepting applications to the [Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjguNzI0MzI5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9ncmFudHMvbWl0aWdhdGlvbi9zdG9ybS1ybGYifQ.LPdhGAlX9NrE51RMVvUKRkysZa89Vpjn6wNQHLsczQ8/s/10033766/br/155272798030-l) grant program. Loans will be available to help local governments satisfy non-federal cost share requirements under FEMA [Hazard Mitigation Assistance](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjguNzI0MzI5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9ncmFudHMvbWl0aWdhdGlvbiJ9.3jzLPqfsSzxdE4bTL9gMbNUxIP25e3A_Ab9AwMKGms0/s/10033766/br/155272798030-l) programs, update building codes adoption, and enforcement and make zoning and land use changes. The funding notice is available at [Grants.gov](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjguNzI0MzI5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3LmdyYW50cy5nb3YvIn0.PSJbfCAhGsWn3W5Qy1xzMNU-2xfnjGF1eFRgFj8cm2Q/s/10033766/br/155272798030-l). Eligible entities must apply for funding using the [Non-Disaster (ND) Grants Management System (ND Grants)](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjguNzI0MzI5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9ncmFudHMvdG9vbHMvbm9uLWRpc2FzdGVyLWdyYW50cy1tYW5hZ2VtZW50LXN5c3RlbSJ9.sdSe56n3y3hxB7GgBY6WIZptGM_otYmHeEgTg4rcPVs/s/10033766/br/155272798030-l). Applications must be received by 3 p.m. ET on April 28.
* FEMA invites nonprofit organizations to participate in upcoming webinars regarding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. To attend a webinar, register in advance on [FEMA.gov](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjguNzI0MzI5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9ncmFudHMvcHJlcGFyZWRuZXNzL25vbnByb2ZpdC1zZWN1cml0eSJ9.X5BLZzqRLd6sA4XRqWcaBuuv_PiZppalq8zhgVs6l2Q/s/10033766/br/155272798030-l).
* A new law signed by the president, the [Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMDcuNzExNTg1NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53aGl0ZWhvdXNlLmdvdi9icmllZmluZy1yb29tL2xlZ2lzbGF0aW9uLzIwMjIvMTIvMjAvcHJlc3MtcmVsZWFzZS1iaWxscy1zaWduZWQtaC1yLTI2My1oLXItMTE5My1oLXItNTc5Ni1oLXItNzA3Ny1zLTE5OC1zLTIzMS1zLTE2MTctcy0yNzk2LXMtMzA5Mi1zLTMxMTUtcy0zNDk5LXMtMzY2Mi1zLTM4NzUvIn0.oErGsblKPWncphW6pCpiHwO7fkuym-OIYyiKmlb3OSE/s/10033766/br/154129296157-l), will enhance disaster resilience across the nation. The act will create and designate disaster resilience zones that identify disadvantaged communities most at-risk to natural hazards. This new law amends the [Robert T. Stafford Disaster Recovery and Emergency Act](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMDcuNzExNTg1NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9zaXRlcy9kZWZhdWx0L2ZpbGVzL2RvY3VtZW50cy9mZW1hX3N0YWZmb3JkX2FjdF8yMDIxX3ZvbDEucGRmIn0.czEkVPtc8mFqlg8m9Zm1d6916L6z29SV5R8l3SvyqVk/s/10033766/br/154129296157-l) and uses FEMA’s [National Risk Index](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMDcuNzExNTg1NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9mbG9vZC1tYXBzL3Byb2R1Y3RzLXRvb2xzL25hdGlvbmFsLXJpc2staW5kZXgifQ.KdKUFT38ManP75WrJF8DgbkAvx3c1Dkh0aB8LSRMUWc/s/10033766/br/154129296157-l) to identify these communities.

**Cyber**

* [New National Cyber Strategy: Raise Defensive Baseline for Critical Infrastructure](https://link.defenseone.com/click/30711397.50036/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW9uZS5jb20vcG9saWN5LzIwMjMvMDMvbmV3LW5hdGlvbmFsLWN5YmVyLXN0cmF0ZWd5LWFza3MtbW9yZS1pbmR1c3RyeS1hbmQtZ292ZXJubWVudC8zODM1MzEvP29yZWY9ZGVmZW5zZW9uZV90b2RheV9ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13B4aa57a45)
* [Pending National Cyber Strategy to Feature 'Strong Stand' on Quantum Cryptography](https://link.nextgov.com/click/30515976.42201/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV4dGdvdi5jb20vY3liZXJzZWN1cml0eS8yMDIzLzAyL3BlbmRpbmctbmF0aW9uYWwtY3liZXItc3RyYXRlZ3ktZmVhdHVyZS1zdHJvbmctc3RhbmQtcXVhbnR1bS1jcnlwdG9ncmFwaHkvMzgzMDEwLz9vcmVmPW5leHRnb3ZfdG9kYXlfbmw/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Bac809ba1)
* [Cybersecurity High-Risk Series:](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTQuNzE1NDM3MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL2dhby0yMy0xMDY0NDM_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPXVzZ2FvX2VtYWlsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWRheWJvb2smdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.9WVnyzrSx6-k-jJpX8Ib6juFP_OjaWzL9j9ChgNdiHk/s/571607519/br/154479218807-l) [Challenges in Protecting Privacy and Sensitive Data](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTQuNzE1NDM3MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nYW8uZ292L3Byb2R1Y3RzL2dhby0yMy0xMDY0NDM_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPXVzZ2FvX2VtYWlsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWRheWJvb2smdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.E_7YQ0e0rV1QjA9AIZwMRSyKAXfAqdCSiegK_ng1BSk/s/571607519/br/154479218807-l) GAO-23-106443, February 14

### **Wildfire**

* [Wildfire effects on microclimate conditions and tree regeneration](https://eepurl.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f6de7b069a57255f980944b4&id=fd4f282eae&e=34607e62b5)
* [Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission Releases Strategy to Meet Aerial Firefighting Equipment Needs](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20230214/wildland-fire-mitigation-and-management-commission-releases-strategy-meet)
* [New study finds humans cause majority of destructive wildfires in the West](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=256af1e5b7&e=e56d7a4004)
* Joint Webinar Series: Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Effects on Wildlife. This joint webinar series brought to you by the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network and the Association of Fire Ecology will focus on recent research of fire effects on wildlife species and communities. It is based on a special issue of Fire Ecology currently available [here](https://eepurl.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f6de7b069a57255f980944b4&id=2f093f14f3&e=34607e62b5).
* The Biden-Harris administration’s Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission released [a report outlining a strategy to meet aerial firefighting equipment needs through 2030](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjEuNzE5NTk0MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy51c2RhLmdvdi9zaXRlcy9kZWZhdWx0L2ZpbGVzL2RvY3VtZW50cy93aWxkZmlyZS1jb21taXNzaW9uLWF2aWF0aW9uLXJlcG9ydC5wZGYifQ.DCDuwncgSM5PK3sxTwf_ueSZEhA84aGy0lm3UW3i4OY/s/10033766/br/154807581203-l).
* Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission Releases Strategy to Meet Aerial Firefighting Equipment Needs The Commission’s work builds on existing interagency federal efforts, such as the [Wildland Fire Leadership Council](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..NirTRnP5TRSN-q3mdjYsmHGzPqAc9BSHee6y-lSxTeY/s/10033766/br/154491364414-l) and the White House Wildfire Resilience Interagency Working Group, and will continue to pursue an all-of-government approach to wildfire risk reduction and resilience. For more information visit the [commission website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..i1t48pkv8pM26LqwV-rae0dwsbOASOZJpAoR40NOjW8/s/10033766/br/154491364414-l) or email <wildlandfirecommission@usda.gov>.

**DOI:** The Biden-Harris administration’s Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission released a [report](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTcuNzE4MDE2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5kb2kuZ292L3ByZXNzcmVsZWFzZXMvd2lsZGxhbmQtZmlyZS1taXRpZ2F0aW9uLWFuZC1tYW5hZ2VtZW50LWNvbW1pc3Npb24tcmVsZWFzZXMtc3RyYXRlZ3ktbWVldC1hZXJpYWwifQ.YN1As9mXhO_TnfOzQ7VC0UB9LaBAzXEkOvllsVh7N48/s/854461416/br/154719800669-l) outlining a strategy to meet aerial firefighting equipment needs through 2030. As climate change fuels longer and more intense wildfire seasons, aerial assets bring unique response capabilities to wildland fire suppression.

**USDA**

* The USDA Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service invest more than $48.6 million to improve forest health through 14 new projects, including one in California. [Learn more](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017RcmgWaRWPU6kYOc6_OMN5LHnu0xt0nVWgNOEBBcT2Tv3iuJhTvZknKh_BQ-xo1lXbkgcCABs1Fjzu75AEhvR7kVuA3R1_jSosqNoOw4rjYp7jw-kZ9JMlw9GPAohK5UE_nwGjAEGjduEoVt6135e3DTIMpiivXlwazIoc5wo4glvHIswpufcawSgYOvoZr0vCsSmwThYZan6DypizWaqoApMBWSWE4ttEUD-Z0rZwiiUC_bIiAqTjBCPmiDzKPG&c=89gyU2_UuZYW5Bgx0WG5wWXIIgr5dztgWsZXXvRPtW1Z0i5VvAi_pw==&ch=39kz_s0awj6iLYhhyqQwhrhtN-g1LBBFMAyZG7anKXWlJzCHgDAWSg==)
* [Biden-Harris administration announces availability of inflation reduction act funding for climate-smart agriculture nationwide](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=ca0b5189d6&e=e56d7a4004)

**CA**

* [From California: Fuel from the forest](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=4249036456&e=e56d7a4004)
* [USFS to fight wildfires by clearing dead and diseased trees in California](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=6f0a8a4e3d&e=e56d7a4004)
* [California’s snowpack is melting faster than ever before, leaving less available water](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=b1e17e6824&e=e56d7a4004)
* [Despite rains, California's forests remain in dire health](https://stateforesters.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06c384d90c91720901353e8bf&id=d6ad45bd5c&e=be712403a1)
* [More than 36 million trees died in California in 2022](https://stateforesters.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06c384d90c91720901353e8bf&id=1a39d793c1&e=be712403a1)

**CO**

* [Colorado’s forests are stressed and vulnerable, increasing the likelihood of large fires](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=325642cf75&e=e56d7a4004)
* [Bennet, Hickenlooper, Neguse welcome $37 million in new wildfire funding for the front range](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=fe4e463ab3&e=e56d7a4004)

**NM**

* [From New Mexico: Legislators look to protected water for firefighting efforts](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=cfbea4d26e&e=e56d7a4004)
* [From New Mexico: A look inside a prescribed burn as practice resumes with new safety protocols](https://stateforesters.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2492b27b98fbec5ae0cfbf521&id=a6e5604c67&e=e56d7a4004)

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## **Aviation**

### [NTSB Releases Data Visualization Tool for General Aviation Accidents](https://www.ntsb.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20230215.aspx)

### [White House advisory group to explore DoD use of commercial space](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30646999.123234/aHR0cHM6Ly9icmVha2luZ2RlZmVuc2UuY29tLzIwMjMvMDIvd2hpdGUtaG91c2UtYWR2aXNvcnktZ3JvdXAtdG8tZXhwbG9yZS1kb2QtdXNlLW9mLWNvbW1lcmNpYWwtc3BhY2UvP3V0bV9zb3VyY2U9c2FpbHRocnUmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bWlsLWViYiZTVG92ZXJsYXk9ZGU4ODc0MmYtNDZmNy00ZjJjLTgxOWQtM2IzNmE0N2Q2YTdl/57588738498e574579743a61Ba9691606)

### [Phoenix Sky Harbor Sets Record for Busiest Day Ever](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=573395524a&e=6edabe5e85)

### [NASA prepares first flight for X-59](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/pYeMDKbjocuFrQucfDlgfMfCkOie?format=multipart)

### [NTSB Releases Data Visualization Tool for General Aviation Accidents](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GBhgx0g7FWXNdgnZ2EcPJ5cMCi6N4NqdBz7p7ImuXTnwZmiEES67Q01CVG6bu3TmUVcYQDxPC0oqgv6y9U9Tg7pxW7431El2O9KZPTcrXgeHfFpfGbFACWFXAdojtThKgjjFynwTlch95bt7OVfkru4OKdp0XrX-dQ9GqEpOxKpYKd5EwWfCGzaO2LeUc6TuW3yR2Q4JBD8=&c=AskbDhxgw9vIGHKO1Y4cJLbPf6A1duogVR4UxLpWIyYBzSAll9vrPw==&ch=uOw0s81Tq1yzZa95qVZ98XKnawayfnjGCEtCGmYXz2WUnVfuW3sVvw==)

### [Joby Aviation on track for 2025 air taxi operations](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/pXoTDKbjocuFgsvwfDlgfMfCoXyc?format=multipart)

### **FAA**

* FAA Airport Terminal Program awards $1 billion through 99 grants nationwide, including eight in California. [Learn more](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017RcmgWaRWPU6kYOc6_OMN5LHnu0xt0nVWgNOEBBcT2Tv3iuJhTvZknfGVZn1yNPl6j3uVjsBPm8L_5xIDWyzjZJA-8ClzETfXd7F6sJN0J6UObBdbeNc_YvjGHZjxsH1Z8xxJvKL-ZACLbUdtkWs6GnxUmsOFgcdwzCaB3l3iII=&c=89gyU2_UuZYW5Bgx0WG5wWXIIgr5dztgWsZXXvRPtW1Z0i5VvAi_pw==&ch=39kz_s0awj6iLYhhyqQwhrhtN-g1LBBFMAyZG7anKXWlJzCHgDAWSg==)
* With air traffic poised to reach or beat pre-pandemic levels this year, the FAA is awarding nearly $1 billion from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 99 airports of all shapes and sizes across the country. View a [data visualization](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjcuNzIzNDIyODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mYWEuZ292L2JpbC9haXJwb3J0LXRlcm1pbmFscyJ9.cWEiMO92w6G6c1Y_NtfC4PKYfo02fBopDDdncsLyU54/s/60191143/br/155182553886-l) of the airports receiving funding. Today’s funding is from the [Airport Terminal Program](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjcuNzIzNDIyODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mYWEuZ292L2JpbC9haXJwb3J0LXRlcm1pbmFscyJ9.D9Sai_indZZ0iFA3XJ6QTjWA0qyt04c62gSfNQhT3b4/s/60191143/br/155182553886-l), one of three aviation programs created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Learn more at [faa.gov/bil](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjcuNzIzNDIyODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3LmZhYS5nb3YvYmlsIn0.x4PrcZFeufO7xlMjaaMktNy5Vr4CZR0l6uSzX7UEGOM/s/60191143/br/155182553886-l).
* A new rule from the Federal Aviation Administration will help airports detect and mitigate safety problems before they result in accidents or incidents. The final rule requires certain airports to develop and implement a [safety management system](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTYuNzE2ODQ5MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3LmZhYS5nb3YvYWlycG9ydHMvYWlycG9ydF9zYWZldHkvc2FmZXR5X21hbmFnZW1lbnRfc3lzdGVtcy9leHRlcm5hbC8ifQ.qh-0jX1I4imcPNf49LRr9qj7McEIoHeUUu78C6OEL0Y/s/60191143/br/154623568978-l) (SMS).
* [FAA clears hydrogen-powered airplane for first flight](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00103Cjw9AvGOaqxQTA7ZTJVmg1BEnSthMdPKllv_YIj6MP9tz4lOgj6L44ARm9JtLOyEuWsIWQ15RZ-3HLSKgXnxETVmYgRRkf9lIeGcc-rBIRJsOK43Sn4PLXgFQQ8Q1WK6ki7pjHC9e1aZBlLIuAwWrpGD4dHCQP-3NHQsloQ3Z1Okmf3aK2mqDdka3QK54NQ1wdYvD9KQLTrFXZiX9cBNV8D94h8MeOAvaYsYxDEsfXvP9eHZlr_hk8Aa5-LaqYk7cpFLdV34ir19yqR-2y1B0g49Fq3N3sn4aVhItd4sI=&c=hcpJELMV67A0T02eYQjpNUvXsq9B_malfM0-fi4M3iCWsi3jXW6HRg==&ch=Yb2CK3uCL5l4DNTs47nvX3OFs6NkskaDzkzGg9qr3dlmidt6b6Xw_g==)
* [FAA wants safety warning on lasers](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/pXjADKbjocuFcSrMfDlgfMfCIGgl?format=multipart)
* [FAA Fact Book: Explore Commercial Space Data](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001EUGMQpFFRzVq6YxQ9SIoIHRIZ2AlHW24VWODCdJCPHsZVavARx4dE-XIl67gbZ3uQGtH5Aln113HzTALKeDMjqfPETAJagn9i5csiHQhXAsWCA2qv_zeCXitr7VWpw9hc86qQ0ISP5cJfpujjQpp_oSywUU23QZMKcmgnaVfnfGOfqjjASwcfTt5kwXw2GKg7LZuqO2TZVTFJvLyf9p-8g==&c=qY2CjnpL6FlNGsXLd7GUJ1zbtoUHhuELRWS4271xwX-zKdj0GM9QFw==&ch=VhCysGPxKFdiZRUxaH6ORcd9_D-JnCmrSaPCpYJ8lh-WoYys1rLBPw==)

### **UAV/Drones**

* [Recreational Flyers Can Now Get Instant Night Flying Authorization via LAANC](https://go.uavcoach.com/e3t/Ctc/ZL+113/bVpT04/VWNlJm1RwzlyW8x-2-57fjP_BVyCbyQ4XL9WTN13dgqk3q3n_V1-WJV7CgMX3W34Rd74826hypW3tLTYG7Y8FsJW45-HDL1y-v11W8slNXc199rDsW6pyRdT5BBW-3W2ldDjs4Flh4cW1kXlNj90BHXdW2v592C7Mg4ydW6CbFJ32DcxXZW2w93BG5nVkTpW4RjFqZ4LhQs5W61855J5ny6QfVK-_Vs7j6wy9W96mKs27Jyb1RW80WYbv2zY6WdW3DxmD9781j_1W3HFR5j7n2_JZW99bycM8R-5xsW8hzc2w5tQMkPVXVL8t4F3YTjW8Swnhb8PTJ6yW4NN80q8NpWVZW8XYgbl2Bq9glW7wsFyp9fJHTHW3gTJ0f5h3kB3W65n0YR2BPKwL3ln91)
* [Industry group unveils cyber vetting process for non-military drones](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30646999.123234/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3VubWFubmVkLzIwMjMvMDIvMjMvaW5kdXN0cnktZ3JvdXAtdW52ZWlscy1jeWJlci12ZXR0aW5nLXByb2Nlc3MtZm9yLW5vbi1taWxpdGFyeS1kcm9uZXMvP3V0bV9zb3VyY2U9c2FpbHRocnUmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bWlsLWViYiZTVG92ZXJsYXk9ZGU4ODc0MmYtNDZmNy00ZjJjLTgxOWQtM2IzNmE0N2Q2YTdl/57588738498e574579743a61Ba1ab1a92)
* The Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) recently announced the publication of [a legal white paper](https://stateaviationjournal.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e87f320d3afba63a319b38d2d&id=36d56837ae&e=6edabe5e85) analyzing airspace law and offering a plan for how states and localities can consider uncrewed aircraft system (UAS, or drone) laws that enable the rapidly growing industry without infringing upon existing authorities.
* [Charging Drones with Lasers So They Can Fly Forever](https://go.uavcoach.com/e3t/Ctc/ZL+113/bVpT04/VWHx306SjXH2W5LbZp25f2SYsW7lBRbf4X9gwKMkNllk3q3nJV1-WJV7CgHWJN68Gxj0fGpNMW8yVX-g89cQlwW3NPTcg5fLNBcW828ZyQ6DyZ4CW57Zyzh86yCdNW3YGWDp8pc5P1V17Dcn4ftmq3W914xK67TSzxCW2XTD3G3hVmfVVt1hny6GlT5gW8Zr6Mg8zR6kBW5drZ3l8bxTbGW8md9_d2_GtQsW1zV7t38n_gXyW4-hXh96XQK-gVdTcxf3l7zhdW6-N6c64--KDVW3zzDrg95K0g-V_wf4C10WcTjW1Zjr-j4W22hHW2L0SL76Yvx51W66fDdy5WyLrBTl21s8fkly_V3_QRg2lc4gh31141)
* [Air Force considers remotely piloted aircraft](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/pYasDKbjocuFoXeEfDlgfMfCdQhu?format=multipart)

## **Spectrum**

* [NTIA and DoD Launch Competition to Accelerate Adoption of Open RAN](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/press-release/2023/ntia-and-dod-launch-competition-accelerate-adoption-open-ran)
* [Senators Urge FCC to Support C-V2X Spectrum Needs](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vBJgJr9_YNwqHkTw59JLs5QMNBlC6pw9JkyLR8YRC-4WnZuXH1C0MymvniKNgbTcZzSyxA65nHlfYquxSlle_2mvyTNO-DojTsK6W0WwaiQsdUIbvX2rnpN-v_T9dNeszhCWh7ARvsc8X6SsXMZoUD03MxlltN9XIJnJJvtqg5P6uN6sOfTCJ6jTsAcne_hd_91LiCBgQSFGY4rQnxyjuPdt7dJMtsOLQaCWoW3OiEUReCeWOhqK6g==&c=aK06diY5hXxExprDj7nLBS4xKLjS56F5kqfqAEggumKlcY25tu_ixA==&ch=cUOeKxNvxxBAFjjLneVgowPARTXOZfjcHwujro35aPC4YleDwKcR2A==)
* [US Navy teams with Qualcomm to research 5G, artificial intelligence](https://link.militarytimes.com/click/30543956.101900/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL2luZHVzdHJ5LzIwMjMvMDIvMTMvdXMtbmF2eS10ZWFtcy13aXRoLXF1YWxjb21tLXRvLXJlc2VhcmNoLTVnLWFydGlmaWNpYWwtaW50ZWxsaWdlbmNlLz91dG1fc291cmNlPXNhaWx0aHJ1JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPW1pbC1lYmImU1RvdmVybGF5PWRlODg3NDJmLTQ2ZjctNGYyYy04MTlkLTNiMzZhNDdkNmE3ZQ/57588738498e574579743a61B1fb45f87)

# GIS

* The mapping support has taken the form of our newest [Data Basin Gateway](https://consbio.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3dea159e4cbe0a0ff3b43eadd&id=16c6491354&e=c5455c0952), which is the only online mapping resource of its kind serving this extremely important region of North America.

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# Miscellaneous

### The White House provides updates on the nearly $200 billion in funding and over 20,000 projects or awards under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law through its interactive map and state-by-state fact sheets. [Learn more](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Awjp1Z7NjhaUCoa2mxbpkQK5gOO4nOMnxSqfsEsQ5Bas-gLbIETIT_edog8Nv1fN0OpR6QOs9Qa-L0J_ImEDV6y9SU52IwRyuKR0EBXGx6fG9_BqNbp4TyJU9RnMsFMIgsz_rvA6tn0B1cHTgUmpZYWb-BL7K6_QUT9KOrpzmewvhsyePnAqISklV1iYSMz32CpijNTgSdHG5_E875MC5B0BGugoEHB2b-1NagBV33p8EamWYWZ0aUJmmYZV6bTBJ9TCcu7zM9SSn6jitEWiTonzOkLUbZLX-syvuLG06LiF5HnOoB5_Hf8bxguDZyE4Dk05xKbwNhR3X4pX2mpcZptvEq043uecDnaZD4o2rBz7VzokNbk6rDRhIPxpxDzoYm03UNG9Y3M=&c=-CzciZSU6_VU2j_9b0dAkl837FK_hBdfOH6cYs1zlOmV3tKP9hG7XQ==&ch=C44Dvs54-PM1beF6FEvYlf50zxTlMo-m_Uql3WC-cbZgroKWGgYs8A==) [Maps of Progress](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Awjp1Z7NjhaUCoa2mxbpkQK5gOO4nOMnxSqfsEsQ5Bas-gLbIETIT-ouUA9AG-xCwZ-MMZbQhbJ8Fz0uLbru2baBstIHugE7NYRSqcjIsLMqwxroAul6gXSdS0fli3TD_wsCo4B13SD65yAM8OnqEAUak47N4pXJjPrbIvW4olLQ_v9sWcCXa7QM6bYC1cTNNgbtOdkqMvPHKqTNRX6sbg==&c=-CzciZSU6_VU2j_9b0dAkl837FK_hBdfOH6cYs1zlOmV3tKP9hG7XQ==&ch=C44Dvs54-PM1beF6FEvYlf50zxTlMo-m_Uql3WC-cbZgroKWGgYs8A==)

### [The Office of Management and Budget proposes guidance revisions for grants and agreements](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WS1HYRkasVK83iZaMdCUf6Dl2prptIFbY19goX7XJ4Gc8zuSlwUjnbxLQdTuCwKWJBjr7V_w90nFniLRZJo34FEwme39bIDsgbpceoAmN_42mH6ZuU9L5hHr9JQcyvJl4ilgJqacInTjgUNpJBDnnDR-Yr-A2ws2q-qasQtwDS8tL3cgpLXZbQDyoFIKYQQN_dVpkcYy7Ar8t8DyrGBjZP6qUGuh0x9AwvDQswPvUJ1KZVnUnpRr4ZP4ovGEoo8X&c=eXh6S6zse1J6_duJHcgD5TKBLcwzTShP8gWw0LBQU8GjOwZrpAQy3A==&ch=38MCOTphUkK_el0QcroAgGx6CjZYUOtEV1vbUZkBzTaWRhkZO-hGXw==)

### **DOI**

* [Interior Department Welcomes New Biden-Harris Appointees](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-welcomes-new-biden-harris-appointees-1)
* [This Week at Interior - February 24](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMjQuNzIyMzA3ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3lvdXR1LmJlL1lzWThWNHdIUkpnIn0.DrRQ_8fEvdVdqU76cNt6POG75JuoYEOXgT2ronbTZW0/s/854461416/br/155102575381-l)
* [This Week at Interior - February 17](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzAyMTcuNzE4MDE2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy55b3V0dWJlLmNvbS93YXRjaD92PVpCRlczTUJKalFFIn0.n3m6jaFGU_muyMCI04O8P_2lkbqbpTvEC2y20FFktBM/s/854461416/br/154719800669-l)
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### [Biden Administration Recognizes States' Role in Highway Spending](https://link.route-fifty.com/click/30671619.14291/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucm91dGUtZmlmdHkuY29tL2luZnJhc3RydWN0dXJlLzIwMjMvMDIvYmlkZW4tYWRtaW5pc3RyYXRpb24tcmVjb2duaXplcy1zdGF0ZXMtcm9sZS1oaWdod2F5LXNwZW5kaW5nLzM4MzM2MC8_b3JlZj1yZi1hbGVydC1ubA/542dc73f3b35d0811c8bba13Cc21f9b4f)

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### [FHWA Issues Waiver to Speed Up Electric Charging Infrastructure](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0019xDGPL_2DGoZxilObMAjRd8VSKEqZt69D6pISRiCfD3vEfWRN6caEIeYhRp5LtZpKxUqepFsCKELHrNqCxc-bRA7W-niThDPzEdSd4ptdlEQI5W9LL5CuRwLte9sjJt8OPLLHgSX1vq5nE_FL-FP2PvY8Xq2m9P6Wb4qLhAaHQYb3qjiPXEga75xrNpF1kI58SozUaQOSufLZJcLnNRkEY4mrbjRpt6mmnKp36POhPQ=&c=dn83UBoRZjceLUPt1lyudHGJh09Fzy-NrNw0ov4J9vizfBV7MisDmQ==&ch=eq_jazZ242MIiYpq_POy_QT19QJ_DIf8HD9cmSYhVYtrwGn5LWjU8w==)

### [‘Next Steps’ Unveiled for National EV Charging Network](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vBJgJr9_YNwqHkTw59JLs5QMNBlC6pw9JkyLR8YRC-4WnZuXH1C0MymvniKNgbTcy7mp5ziS_IgCHnA-g4lp-DKWqbaG5xZzhh8-7lzIuhn2_iqRUjJErIXjdYF7AwlGQIXMfsgIVu7kRoxBUVj7q48XaOSBB1Cp3Nx_bawzfEsT8crwll1v9X9QC5Fi2w81rlZTjAkIv5b6QHF2IGZ7bLqMDjfjJeeUOKzow3IohfRouu_2rqW7YA==&c=aK06diY5hXxExprDj7nLBS4xKLjS56F5kqfqAEggumKlcY25tu_ixA==&ch=cUOeKxNvxxBAFjjLneVgowPARTXOZfjcHwujro35aPC4YleDwKcR2A==)

### [Caltrans, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Brightline Agree to Build Wildlife Overcrossings for Rail Project](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GBhgx0g7FWXNdgnZ2EcPJ5cMCi6N4NqdBz7p7ImuXTnwZmiEES67Q01CVG6bu3TmnKufLMwQ4cIVdHjAEx0DSgCqKaKx8CdPfdqTYjii406EEoB7_dvYjsdQxujL9U89OV2vDFP9OZ7eQZ_Vrm1ysw6aPgfg54rtgFhsajuPCMvRbm79akktofEpOhRptnKzyOGoFKfFEceBzsxtDuIfY-bjeQ7yc488QX8GkCKsPScBoQjdu708ioeTZJGQQv1n-iic7Ct_8Woag8XPPfJxzOJI0MPsW3fE9zamCq78TxM1OSgZt3CDJ8k3b6mjhH6Z&c=AskbDhxgw9vIGHKO1Y4cJLbPf6A1duogVR4UxLpWIyYBzSAll9vrPw==&ch=uOw0s81Tq1yzZa95qVZ98XKnawayfnjGCEtCGmYXz2WUnVfuW3sVvw==)

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### **States**

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