



## **Western Regional Partnership**

*Reliable Outcomes for America's Defense, Energy,  
Environment and Infrastructure in the West*

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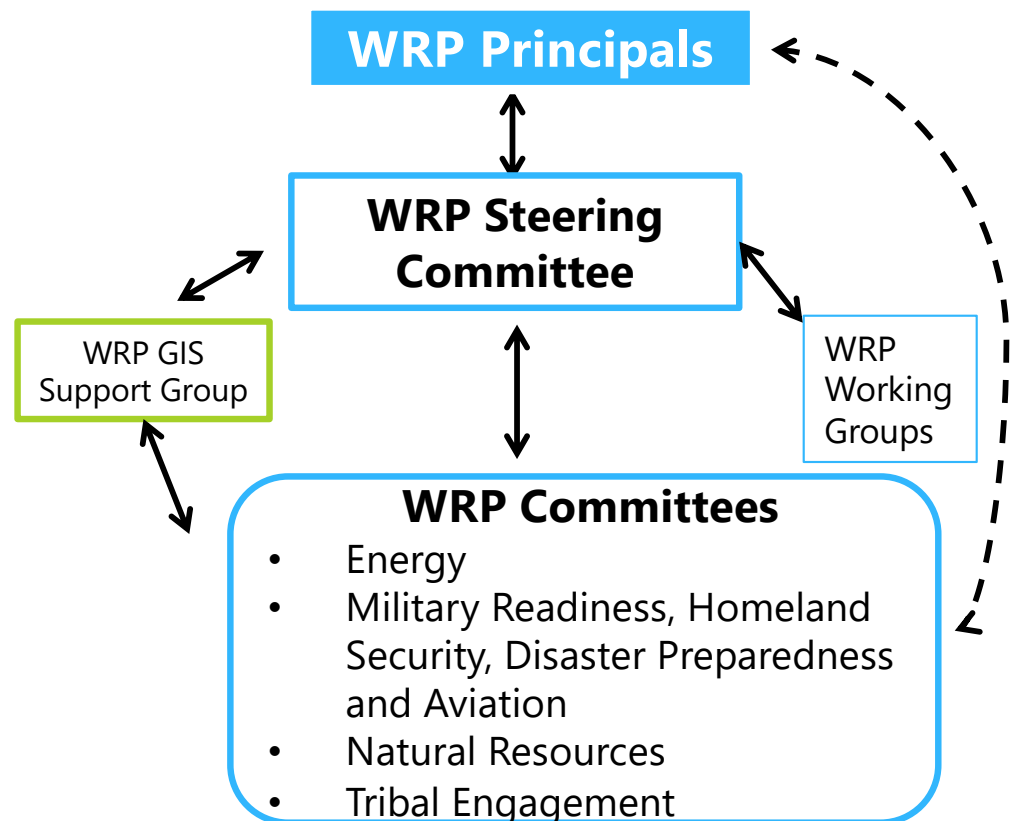
# WRP Mission

WRP provides a proactive and collaborative framework for **senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership** to identify common goals and emerging issues in the states of **Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah** and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

## WRP Co-Chairs:

- **Honorable Spencer Cox**  
Governor of Utah
- **Dr. Annalise Blum**,  
Deputy Assistant  
Secretary for Water and  
Science, DOI
- **Mr. Ron Tickle** for the  
Assistant Secretary of  
Defense for Energy,  
Installations, and  
Environment

## WRP Structure



# WRP Steering Committee



- Representatives of each of the six WRP States:
  - Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol
- Department of Homeland Security, HQ
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Office of Secretary of Defense
- U.S. Air Force Headquarters
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U. S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Marine Corps Installations West
- U.S. Navy
- Native American Leadership
- Western Governors Association Liaison

# WRP Goals

(Per the Charter)

- **Serve as a catalyst** for improved regional coordination among State, Federal and Tribal agencies
- **Address common goals**, identify and solve potential conflicts and develop solutions that protect our natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability and mission effectiveness
- Provide a **forum for information exchange**, issue identification, problem solving and recommendations across the WRP region
- At annual Principals' meeting, **adopt strategic priorities** to complete in the subsequent year
- **Leverage existing resources** and linking of efforts to better support key projects
- Identify geospatial requirements and leverage existing tools and resources to support WRP priorities.

# WRP Region's Uniqueness

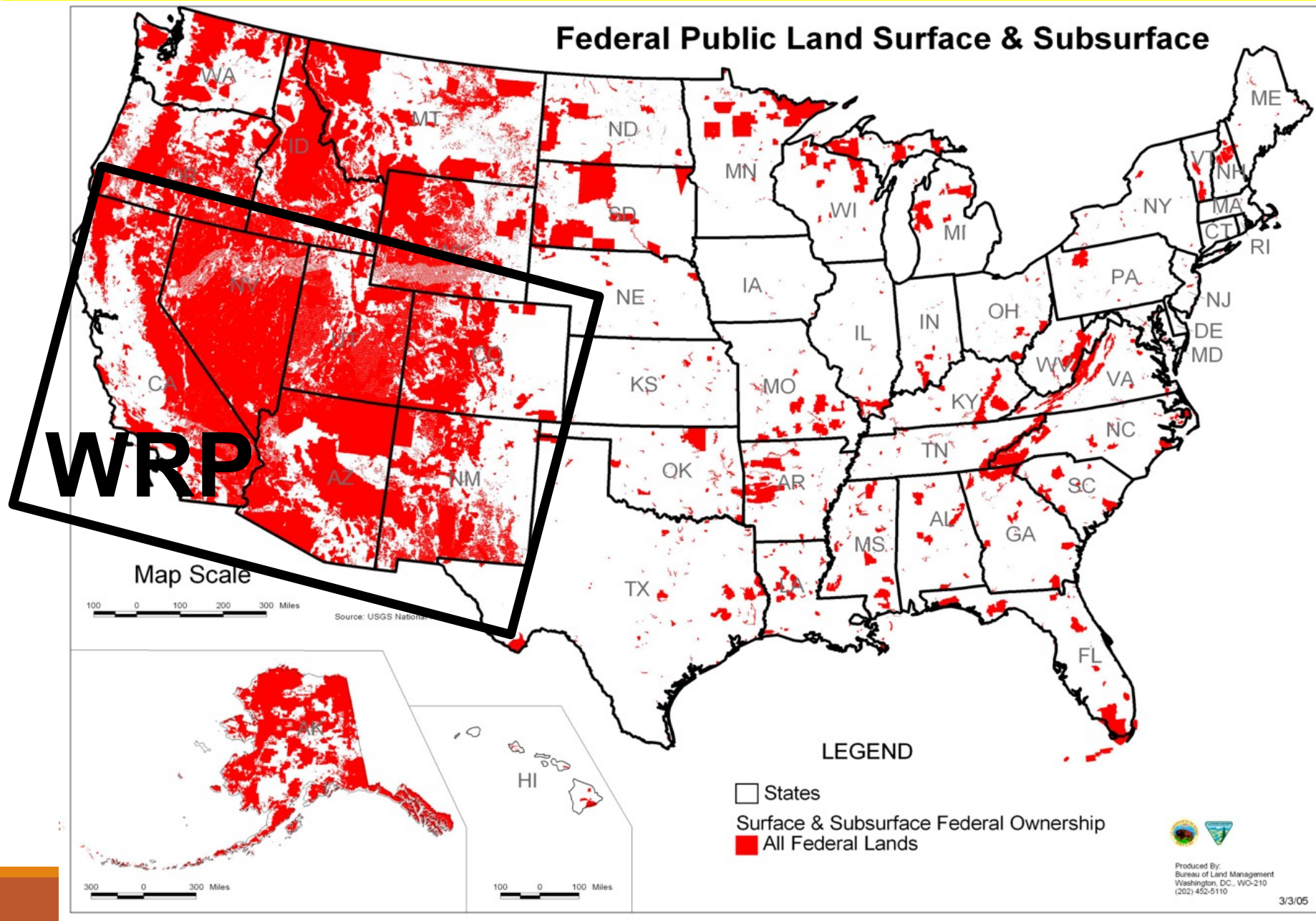
- **Importance to the Military**
  - Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space
    - **Army:** ~55% of the Army's landholdings
    - **Navy:** Over 33% of Navy's landholdings
    - **Marine Corps:** 67% of Marine Corps' airspace  
85% of Marine Corps' Live Fire Ranges
    - **Air Force:** Includes four of the largest USAF range complexes - Edwards, Nellis/Creech/NTTR; Luke/Goldwater; and UTTR
    - 75% of DoD Special Activity Airspace is located within the WRP Region
- **Significant amounts of Federally managed land**
  - In WRP states, Federal land ranges from 34.1% - 84.9% of total state
- **Significant State Trust Landholdings**
- **Approximately 172 Federally recognized Tribes**

State	% of Federal Public Land (not including DoD managed lands)	% of DoD Managed Land	% of Indian Trust Land	Private Land	State Trust Land	Size of State in square miles and ranking by area
Arizona	35.5%	6.6%	27.6%	17.5%	12.7%	114,000; 6 <sup>th</sup> largest state
California	40.2%	4.0%	0.5%	50.3%	2.5%	160,000; 3 <sup>rd</sup> largest state
Colorado	38.9%	0.7%	1.1%	54.9%	4.4%	104,100; 8 <sup>th</sup> largest state
Nevada	78.8%	6.1%	1.42%	13.03%	0.15%	110,561; 7 <sup>th</sup> largest state
New Mexico	29.7%	4.4%	10.2%	43.9%	11.6%	121, 593; 5 <sup>th</sup> largest state
Utah	63.6%	3.4%	4.5%	21.0%	7.5%	84,904; 13 <sup>th</sup> largest state

**These six states are home to 18% of the U.S. population and constitute 19% of the total land mass.**



# 88% of Federal Public Land is in the 12 most western states



## SURVEY RESULTS

Words that describe **WRP**

coordination  
collaboration  
partnership communication information military  
effective sharing Amy Duffy planning awareness regional western results policy strategic  
leadership knowledge facilitation southwest transparency solutions experienced professional people  
7 generations coaching innovative engagement science cooperation needed opportunity  
diverse open-minded education progressive open participation webinar network



# Select WRP Reports, Analysis and Activities

Collaborated on broad-based regional planning in Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave Ecoregion

- Fort Huachuca won REPI Challenge & Area designated a Sentinel Landscape

## Reports and Fact Sheets:

- 2022 Building Resilience in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities
- 2019 Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities
- 2018 Advancing Regional Strategies
- 2018 Meteorological Evaluation Tower (MET) Fact Sheet
- 2017 WRP Regional Assessment Report
- 2016 WRP Regional Strengths, Areas of Commonality and Emerging Issues Report
- 2015 WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview
- 2015 WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
- 2015 WRP Guide to Working with DoD
- 2015 WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
- 2015 WRP Intro to Federal Partners
- 2015 WRP Energy Guide
- 2015 Brief Overview of Water-Related Resources Available to WRP Partners
- 2015 WRP Partner Input on Species of Concern
- 2015 Renewable Energy and Transmission Siting Coordination and Potential Impacts to the Military Mission



**2022 WRP Principals' Meeting**  
December 8-9 ❖ Phoenix, AZ  
137 senior policy-level leaders and supporting staff in attendance



# 2023/2024 Deep-Dives in support of WRP Priority Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster

- Water Security/resilience
- Wildland Fire (response/prevention)
- Aviation/ Airspace Needs



# Value of WRP

## Resource: WRP Leadership Perspective



A forum to engage with high-level representatives of states, federal and Tribal entities across WRP Region



Opportunities to enhance situational awareness of policy and emerging issues



Enable interagency dialogue for identifying, addressing, and avoiding these potential conflicts



Recommendations and innovative solutions in the gap between real time problems and long-term policy development



Access to tools and WRP Deliverables

# For more information

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Please:

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