

WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

MONTHLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 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 in creating greater awareness of current WRP Partner actions. If you have any updates you would like to share, please email that information to amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org.



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WRP PRIORITY

WRP 2023-2024 Priority is “*Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster.*” Per the survey results, and WRP SC actions, the 2023/2024 Deep-Dives in support of WRP Priority “*Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster*” are:

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

Please contact amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org for more information.

WRP WEBINAR FEATURING NOAA

You are invited to participate in the **WRP December 4th** webinar highlighting the tools and resources available by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to assist with climate change, climate predictions, and weather-related planning efforts. This webinar will run from **12 noon to 1:30 pm Pacific**. Please click [here](#) to register.

This webinar will feature the following presenters:

- Ned Gardner (NOAA Climate Program Office), will talk about the Climate Smart Communities Initiative
- Russ Vose (NOAA/National Centers for Environmental Information), will share several widely used climate data tools
- Andrea Bair (NOAA/NWS Western Region, Climate Services Program Manager), will share NWS climate predictions and tools

ENERGY

FEDERAL UPDATES

- [15 Onshore Clean Energy Projects with Potential to Power Millions of Homes](#)

- DOE and USGS Release [U.S. Large-Scale Solar Photovoltaic Database \(USPVDB\)](#) includes the location, size, and other characteristics of large-scale solar projects.

FERC

- [November 2023 Highlights | FERC insight | Volume 10](#)
- November 2023 Commission Meeting [Summaries](#)
- FERC Releases 2023 [Enforcement Report](#)
- [Joint Statement](#) of FERC, NERC on Reliability

DOE

- DOE Analysis Confirms Rich [Domestic Lithium](#) Resource in California
- [New Database](#) Will Help Decision Makers Better Understand and Plan Solar Energy Projects
- New Tool Connects Multiple [Microgrids](#) to Increase Community Resilience
- DOE [Analysis](#) Confirms California's Salton Sea Region to be a Rich Domestic Lithium Resource
- DOE [Celebrates Two Years](#) of Historic Investment in America's Clean Energy Future
- Up to \$3.5B for 58 [grid resilience projects](#) across 44 states
- Commitment of up to \$1.3B for three [interregional transmission projects](#) across six states aimed at adding 3.5 GW of additional grid capacity
- Nearly \$44 Million for [Innovations in Enhanced Geothermal Systems](#)
- \$42 Million To Strengthen Reliability, Resiliency, And Affordability of America's Power Grid
- \$38 million in [incentive payments](#) for 66 hydroelectric facilities
- Nearly \$8.4 Million to [Advance Grid-Enhancing Technologies](#)
- New Reports Detail Advanced Manufacturing Methods for [Novel Turbine Blade Designs](#)
- Offshore Energy Safety Institute Announces Six Projects to [Advance Safety of Offshore Wind](#)
- RFI: Information on [Coexistence of Wind Turbines and Radar](#). Responses due **January 12, 2024**
- **Funding Opportunities:**
 - \$121 Million to [Reduce Emissions across America's Industrial Sector](#) due by **December 18th**
 - Up to \$10 Million to Address [Critical Material Challenges in High-Impact Areas](#). Letters of intent and concept papers are due by **January 5, 2024**.
 - \$9.5 Million in Funding to [Increase Hydropower Flexibility](#). Due **January 18, 2024**
 - DOE Launches \$1.7 Million Prize to [Power Offshore Economy with Marine Energy](#). Due **July 26, 2024**

DOI

- Interior Department Announces [\\$18.24 Billion in Fiscal Year 2023 Energy Revenue](#)

DOI-BLM

- BLM to Analyze Potential Changes to [West-wide Energy Corridors](#)
- BLM sets aside land for proposed [solar project in White Pine County](#)
- BLM seeks comment on proposed [Wabuska Geothermal Exploration](#) in Nevada
- BLM seeks public feedback on proposed [Ranegras Plains Solar Project](#) in Arizona
- BLM seeks public comment for proposed [Esmeralda 7 Solar Projects](#) in Nevada
- BLM invites public input on [214-mile transmission line proposal](#) in Utah and Nevada
- [Clean energy project](#) on BLM-managed public lands in California goes operational
- BLM approves [renewable energy generation tie line construction](#) in Maricopa County
- BLM leases 96,605 acres for [clean geothermal energy production](#) in Nevada
- [BLM halts SunZia](#) Transmission Project in Arizona amid concerns over cultural impact

USFWS

- Service Issues Incidental Take Permit for [Pine Tree Wind Farm](#) in Kern County

USGS

- USGS and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory release [database and interactive map of all large-scale solar energy facilities in the U.S.](#)

STATE UPDATES

- Despite setbacks, states are still [counting on offshore wind](#)

ARIZONA

- APS unveils [15-year plan](#) that will meet rising energy demand

CALIFORNIA

- California makes it [harder for schools, farms and rental housing to go solar](#)

COLORADO

- Polis Administration & Colorado Energy Office Launch Grant Program to Support [Geothermal Energy Technology Adoption](#)

NEVADA

- A [diversified and balanced approach](#) to energy is working for Nevada
- [More solar, geothermal development planned](#) on NV public lands — and likely some conflict too
- EDF inaugurates [275MW solar + storage project](#) in Nevada

TRIBAL UPDATES

- Native American tribe is about to put [solar panels over its canals](#)
- 2024 DOE Tribal Clean Energy Summit on **February 27-28, 2024** at the Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, California. [Register now](#)
- Gila River Indian Community moves forward with [solar canal project](#), first in country
- Webinar Recording: Federal Incentives and Support for Tribal Housing Energy Projects
- **December 11th Webinar (1p.m. ET):** U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm [invites Tribal Leaders](#) to a virtual consultation on updating DOE's order and policy governing Tribal consultation and engagement. The invitation letter, registration information, and draft policy and order are [available here](#). Deadline for written comments **January. 31, 2024.**
- **Funding Opportunities**
 - Tribal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities - [Printable Flyer](#)
 - [BIA 2024 Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grants](#) - Awards range from \$10,000 TO \$1 MILLION. Due **January 11, 2024.**
 - [Tribal Electrification Program](#): \$145 Million (\$72.5 Million in current round) Due **December 22, 2023.**

REGIONAL UPDATES

- SunZia:
 - [BLM: SunZia transmission line construction to restart](#)
 - One mega wind project's [17-year odyssey](#)
 - [Construction suspended on part of SunZia transmission project](#)
 - [Native American tribes fight US over a proposed \\$10B renewable energy transmission line](#)
 - [\\$10 billion renewable energy project paused over concerns for Native American historic sites](#)
- [Major Renewable Energy Projects Announced](#) Across Western U.S.

- New [Google geothermal electricity](#) project
- Massive wind turbine blades made out of [wood](#)
- Residential solar power saves [less energy than expected](#)
- Compensatory Mitigation for Land-based Wind Energy Webinar Recording: [Thinking Outside the Box](#)
- As industry struggles, federal, state offshore [wind goals could get tougher to meet](#)
- Southern California just [secured a lot of power from the US's largest clean energy transmission project](#)

NATURAL RESOURCES

FEDERAL UPDATES

- NPS and USFS seek [public input on proposed guidance for managing climbing, protecting natural and cultural resources in wilderness areas](#)
- Request for [Public Nominations for Authors and Scientific/Technical Inputs for the First National Nature Assessment](#). Due: **January 4, 2024**
- The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership Federal Coordinating Committee (FCC) is pleased to join the CEQ and NFWF in announcing over \$141 million in grants through the [America the Beautiful Challenge \(ATBC\)](#). The 74 new grants will support projects that conserve, restore, and connect habitats for wildlife while improving community and installation resilience across 46 states and three U.S. territories.
- Report: [Army Corps of Engineers: Better Data and Planning Needed to Combat Aquatic Invasive Species](#) GAO-24-105960, November 6
- U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) released the [Fifth National Climate Assessment \(NCA5\)](#). Please see the [White House Fact Sheet here](#). In addition, a White House Fact Sheet highlighting the [findings from NCA5 on the regional impacts of climate change is available here](#).
 - Remarks by U.S. President on [Actions to Address the Climate Crisis](#)
 - Landmark Fifth National Climate Assessment Highlights [Key Climate Change Risks and Opportunities for the Transportation Sector](#)
 - Climate assessment [predicts growing threat to society](#)
 - New climate report shows [impact of drying on human health in Southwest](#)
 - The Fifth National Climate Assessment Webinar Series: The NCA5 chapter webinars are an opportunity for you to hear about the findings of a particular chapter from the authors themselves. Each virtual one-hour event is expected to include some time for Q&A. [Full List](#)
 - Water (**December 4th at 12pm - 1pm PT**): [Register](#)
 - Forests (**December 5th at 1pm - 2pm PT**): [Register](#)
 - Energy (**December 7th at 11am - 12pm PT**): [Register](#)

EPA

- Proposal to Strengthen the [Lead and Copper Rule](#) to Protect All Communities in America from Lead in Drinking Water
- State and Tribal Allocations for \$48 Million Grant Program to [Protect Groundwater Resources and Tackle Climate Change](#)
- EPA [Celebrates Two Years of Progress](#) Under BIL
- \$2 Billion to Fund [Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants](#)

- New EPA Data Shows PFAS Contaminated Water Across US:
 - [Interactive Map](#) – and - [EPA's PFAS Roadmap Resources](#)

DOI

- Over \$140 Million in *America the Beautiful* Challenge [Grants Announced](#)
- Nearly \$64 Million for [New Water Conservation Agreements](#) to Protect the Colorado River System
- Biden-Harris Administration, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Announce [Over \\$140 Million in Grants from the America the Beautiful Challenge to Restore Lands and Waters](#)
- \$51 Million from Investing in America Agenda for [Water Resources and Ecosystem Health](#)
- Investing in America Agenda Provides \$50 Million for [Water and Energy Efficiency Projects](#)
- BIL Projects Stewarded by Interior Department [Support Nearly 18,000 Jobs, \\$2 Billion to the Economy Annually](#)
- Interior Department Announces Nearly \$22 Million for [Local Parks and New Actions to Increase Outdoor Access in Urban Areas](#)

DOI-BLM

- BLM Public Meetings in Colorado for the [Big Game Habitat Conservation Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#)
- BLM welcomes comments on [draft plan for big game habitat conservation](#) in Colorado
- BLM seeks public input for plan supporting [Gunnison sage-grouse recovery](#)
- **Funding Opportunities: Wildlife Program:** To support maintaining functioning wildlife habitats, developing, and implementing restoration projects, and the inventory and monitoring of priority habitats and species to track trends and use on public lands. Due: **January 19, 2024**

DOI-BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

- 30 new Environmental Water Resource Projects in 11 states, including one in California, that focus on water conservation, water management and restoration efforts that will result in significant benefits to ecosystem or watershed health. [Learn more](#)
- Nearly \$64 Million for [New Water Conservation Agreements to Protect the Colorado River System](#)
- Reclamation to support [construction activities on the lower Colorado River below Davis Dam](#)
- Reclamation updates [rules regarding public access to and conduct on Reclamation lands](#)
- NVIS Fall 2023 Seminar: [Culture, Education, and Water Sovereignty in Southern California Tribal Communities](#) **December 5, 2023** at 12-1pm MT
- **Funding Opportunities**
 - Bureau of Reclamation's [Cooperative Watershed Management Program](#) is open through **December 5th, 2023**.
 - [WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program:](#) This grant is for Local governments, Tribal entities, and other partner organizations to study, design, and construct restoration projects that will enhance the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitats. Grant funds range from \$500,000 to \$2 million. Due **January 24, 2024**
 - To support maintaining functioning [wildlife habitats](#), developing, and implementing restoration projects, and the inventory and monitoring of priority habitats and species to track trends and use on public lands. Due **January 19, 2024**
 - For projects that will result in or facilitate national implementation or outreach of tangible on the ground actions that will [improve species populations](#) or reduce population level threats. Due **January 19, 2024**

DOI-USFWS

- USFWS [finalizes designation of gray wolf experimental population](#) in Colorado

- Service approves updated habitat conservation plan for San Diego Gas
- Sagebrush Habitat Improvements after 2 years of BIL Funding
- Public Comment Period Reopened for Salamander Proposed Listing and Critical Habitat
- Service Reopens Comment Period for Sacramento Mountains Checkerspot Butterfly Critical Habitat Proposal

DOI-USGS

- USGS partners with Arizona to map critical mineral potential with cutting-edge data
- USGS provides \$2 million to states to identify critical mineral potential in mine waste
- USGS Groundwater and Streamflow Monitoring Funding: The USGS offers a cooperative agreement **funding opportunity** to state or local water-resources agencies that collect groundwater data to participate in the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN). Due **January 18, 2024**. Opportunity number: G24AS00405.

USDA

- Invests over \$1 billion in 81 projects nationwide, including three in California, through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program

USDA-NRCS

- NRCS Nevada accepting applications for FY2024 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- FACT SHEET: USDA Streamlines Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Invests Unprecedented \$1 Billion in 81 Conservation Projects
- NRCS Announces FY-24 EQIP and CSP Conservation Funding Opportunities in Colorado
- RCPP Projects in California Receive a Combined \$56 Million
- Producers in New Mexico Encouraged to Apply Now for USDA Conservation Programs
- Applicants Needed for Initiative to Improve Habitat and Water Quality in Provo and Weber Watershed Due **December 23, 2023**
- Millions Available for Special Conservation Priorities in California (through February 16, 2024)

USDA-USFS

- Seeks public comment on proposed policy for monitoring health of national forests and grasslands
- Proposes rule to facilitate carbon capture and sequestration permitting on national forest lands
- USFS and NPS seek public input on proposed guidance for managing climbing, protecting natural and cultural resource

WRRC

- WRRC Participates in One Water Summit
- Yuma County Water Factsheet
- La Paz County Water Factsheet
- Dec 5: NVIS Fall 2023 Seminar: Culture, Education, and Water Sovereignty in Southern California Tribal Communities
- WRRC Weekly Wave – December 1, 2023
- WRRC Weekly Wave – November 17, 2023
- WRRC Weekly Wave – November 9, 2023
- WRRC Weekly Wave – November 3, 2023

STATE UPDATES

- Wildfire Costs Are Up, but States Lack Data to Act
- How States Are Protecting Critical Wildlife Species

ARIZONA

- Governor Hobbs' Bipartisan Water Policy Council Delivers [Critical Recommendations to Protect Arizona's Water Security](#)
- ADEQ Seeks Comments on Advanced Water Purification Program: [Advanced Water Purification \(AWP\) Proposed Program Roadmap](#).
- [Feds pay to keep Arizona water in Lake Mead](#)

CALIFORNIA

- December 12 DWR seminar: [overview of a new "Weather Generator" tool](#). The tool is designed to help water resources managers prepare for the effects of climate change. (The [seminar](#) will be in Sacramento; an [online option](#) will be available.
- Governor Newsom [Streamlines Major Water Storage Project](#)
- As part of the [Go Golden Initiative](#), DWR has presented [\\$38 million in grants](#) to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.
- The Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program has updated the [ResilientCA Adaptation Planning Map](#) (RAP-Map).
- The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board has [awarded a total of \\$13.3 million](#) for three climate-benefit projects.
- California may require [railroads](#) to eliminate pollution, EPA rules

NEW MEXICO

- Bureau of Geology Publishes [Report](#) and [Dashboard](#) with Recommendations for State-Wide Groundwater Monitoring Network
- [Funding Opportunities: New Mexico Environment Department's River Stewardship program](#) opportunity is open until **January 4th, 2024**

UTAH

- Utah Commits to [Improving Driver and Animal Safety](#)

TRIBAL UPDATES

- Tribal Wildlife Grants Program Support [Species of Cultural and Traditional Importance](#)
- Conserving Water for the Navajo Nation with Environmental Quality Incentives Program [WaterSMART Funding](#)
- **Dec 5:** NVIS Fall 2023 Seminar: [Culture, Education, and Water Sovereignty in Southern California Tribal Communities](#)
- New Tribal Water Institute to [Assist Tribes with Water Rights Issues](#)
- NIDIS Invests Approximately \$2 Million to [Build Tribal Drought Resilience](#)
- [Funding Opportunities: Landscape Scale Restoration: Tribes](#) | Due: **December 15, 2023**

REGIONAL UPDATES

- **December 13–15:** [2023 Colorado River Water Users Association \(CRWUA\) Annual Conference](#)
- New [Report](#) Assesses Water and Salt Balance in Agriculture
- New white paper explores prevailing perspectives on the relationship between collaborative capacity and landscape outcomes. [Read the Full Paper](#). [Read the Research Brief](#). [Register for the January webinar](#)
- Ranchers' land conservation crucial to [sage grouse recovery](#)
- The future of the Colorado River hinges on [one young negotiator](#)

- [NFWFs Southwest Rivers Headwaters Fund](#) is now open until November 9th, 2023 and includes capacity opportunities for implementing NRCS Inflation Reduction Act dollars in New Mexico.

WestFAST

- November WestFAST Newsletter is posted to the [WSWC website](#): Google's 'A Passage of Water' Brings NASA's Water Data to Life; USDA Streamlines Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Invests Unprecedented \$1 Billion in 81 Conservation Projects; Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$2 Billion to Fund Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants as Part of Investing in America Agenda; Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$64 Million for New Water Conservation Agreements to Protect the Colorado River System; and more.

WGA

- The second workshop of Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon's WGA Chair initiative, [Decarbonizing the West](#), will be held in Boise, Idaho, on **December 12 and 13** at the Inn at 500 Capitol. View the agenda and register [here](#) to join in the conversation.
- Urges Congress to consider long-term funding for transportation infrastructure projects that [support habitat connectivity](#)
- Calls for increased collaboration to improve [public safety on public lands](#)
- Western Governors call on the BLM to incorporate more input from cooperating agencies in the [development of new grazing regulations](#)

MILITARY READINESS, HOMELAND SECURITY, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND AVIATION

MILITARY READINESS

DOD

- [America's Defense Communities: Episode 8: Installation Leadership Insights](#)
- DOD Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is hosting a December 6th webinar on foreign investment near military installations: [register now for the event](#).
- [Countering Unmanned Aerial System Attacks a Priority](#)
- DOD Official Describes Crucial Role of [National Defense Strategy](#)
- US military says national security depends on 'forever chemicals'
- ADC's annual magazine: [America's Defense Communities](#)
- [Why the US military is investing billions in directed-energy weapons](#)
- Security remains a challenge as Pentagon broadens [5G plans](#)
- DOD's Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) is seeking environmental research and development proposals. The [Core Solicitation](#) provides funding opportunities for basic and applied research and advanced technology development. All Core pre-proposals are due **January 9, 2024** by 2:00 p.m. ET. The [SERDP Exploratory Development \(SEED\) Solicitation](#) provides funding opportunities for work that will investigate innovative environmental approaches that entail high technical risk or require supporting data to provide proof of concept. SEED proposals are due **March 14, 2024** by 2:00 p.m. ET.

REPI

- **December 6, 2023** Webinar: [REPI & Community Conservation Finance Opportunities](#)
- [REPI Project Insights Across Regional Partnerships](#) recording. Features three presentations including one on [WRP](#).

- Pleased to join the CEQ and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in announcing over \$141 million in grants through the new [America the Beautiful Challenge \(ATBC\)](#). The DOD REPI Program is thrilled to contribute over \$5.2 million to seven projects in nine states and territories. Read more on the [2023 ATBC Projects](#)
- [REPI Program Newsletter](#)

USAF

- As adversaries advance, US Air Force increasingly reliant on [synthetic training](#)
- Airpower experts: [US needs more than 100 B-21s](#) to meet future high demand
- Luke AFB advances training during [Exercise Desert Hammer](#)
- Electric aircraft starts flight testing at USAF base with its own version of 'hot pitting'
- Air Forces Cyber turns [focus to information operations](#)
- Air Force plans production of [CCA wingman drones](#) by FY28: Kendall
- [First T-7 trainer lands](#) at Edwards Air Force Base for test flights
- [B-21 takes flight, heads to Edwards AFB for more tests](#)
- [Air Force asks Congress to shield nuclear launch sites from wind power](#)
- [What's next for Air Force special tactics?](#)
- Senate confirms [Gen. David Allvin](#) as Air Force chief of staff

ARMY

- Army boot camp will soon include [counter-drone training](#)
- Army looks to update [tactical blimps](#)

NAVY

- Navy releases [inaugural Cyber Strategy](#)
- [US Navy: 'Non-kinetic effects'](#) will likely decide the next war
- Navy publishes first cyber strategy, prioritizing [defense of 'information ecosystem'](#)
- US Navy tests [sub-launched drones](#) while industry continues designing
- Navy issues new RFI for [large unmanned surface vessel](#)
- Senate finally confirms [Adm. Franchetti](#) as Navy's top officer

USMC

- Marine Corps looks at ocean glider for rapid resupply to fight China
- UH-1Y Venoms Airlift Water Tanks to Endangered Bighorn Sheep
- Extreme Readiness: Marines Train on Search and Seizure
- The Marines are marching into the [Metaverse](#). Here's what that could look like.
- Video for Marine Corps' [248th birthday](#) emphasizes combat readiness
- See it: the Marines deadly new '[robot goat](#)'

SPACE FORCE

- Space Force takes over [missile-warning ground stations](#) previously run by the Army
- Space Force plans [21 national security launches](#) in 2024

HOMELAND SECURITY / DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- CISA [Roadmap for Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)
- **Funding Opportunities:** FEMA and CISA have released multiple cybersecurity resources including funding available through the [Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program \(TCGP\)](#), the "[Planning Considerations for Cyber Incidents: Guidance for Emergency Managers](#)" document, and the [Logging Made Easy](#) tool. The [application process](#) for the [TCGP](#) is open through **January 10, 2024**, to help tribal governments address cybersecurity risks and threats.

FEMA

- [Second Round of Funding to Mitigate Repetitive Flooding](#). The application period opened on November 15th and the last eligible disaster declaration date is **May 31, 2024**. The funding opportunity is available on [Grants.gov](#).
- [\\$211M to Fund Dam Safety Grants](#): The funding opportunities are open now and will close on **February 29, 2024**. Available opportunities may be found on [Grants.gov](#).
- The [Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams](#) program is [making about \\$185 million available](#) and another approximate \$26 million available through the [National Dam Safety State Assistance Grant Program](#). Due **February 29, 2024**
- FEMA Publishes Resources for [Developing BRIC and FMA Grant Applications](#)
- Information about the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Funding Opportunities Webinar Series](#) is available online and includes an opportunity to watch the video or download the presentation.
 - [BRIC and Flood Mitigation Assistance FY 2023 Funding Opportunities](#)
 - [BRIC and Flood Mitigation Assistance FY 2023 Funding Opportunities for Tribal Governments](#)
 - [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Application Pitfalls and Best Practices](#)
 - [BRIC Building Codes Plus Up](#) Learn about how this year, the program is offering “plus up” funds for communities who incorporate eligible building code activities for proposed mitigation projects and planning.
 - [BRIC Competition Criteria](#) This video provides an overview of the competition criteria for applying for a BRIC grant.
 - [Examples of Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects](#)
- [Planning Considerations for Cyber Incidents: Guidance for Emergency Managers](#)” which provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency managers with foundational knowledge of cyber incidents to increase cyber preparedness efforts in their jurisdictions.

CYBER

- [These federal grants could help shore up your cyberdefences](#)

WILDFIRE

- [Why wildfires are burning hotter and longer](#)
- [More Than \\$468 Million to Advance Wildfire Resilience Across the Country](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Agencies Sign Interagency Agreement to Address Wildfire Risk and Protect Communities from Smoke](#)
- Climate change will lead to [more large wildfires burning at the same time](#)

FEDERAL

- The Forest Service’s [Carbon Dilemma](#): Carbon capture on National Forests or sustainable forestry?
- Agencies sign interagency agreement to address [wildfire risk and protect communities from smoke](#)
- [The Nature Conservancy to Expand Prescribed Fire Workforce and Partnership with the USDA Forest Service](#)

ARIZONA

- Arizona saw [fewer wildfires](#) in 2023 than usual. Here’s why

CALIFORNIA

- From California: [Burning forests now means fewer mega-fires later. But who’s gonna light the match?](#)
- ‘We’re setting the rules’: [A success story from a managed—not suppressed—California wildfire](#)

- California has released the beta version of a tracking system designed to improve the state's resilience to wildfires. The [Interagency Treatment Dashboard](#) provides the size and location of all government forest and landscape resilience projects in California.
- California sees below-average wildfire activity, but [experts warn that fire season isn't over yet](#)

AVIATION

- White House proposes transportation, commerce agencies handle [new space regulations](#)
- [NBAA's new working group](#) addresses aviation safety
- U.S. Air Force, FAA [Sign Advanced Air Mobility MOU](#)
- NTSB chair says US near-miss aviation incidents '[clear warning sign](#)'
- [Near-Miss Aviation Incidents](#) to Be Subject of US Senate Hearing

FAA

- [Statement of Timothy L. Arel Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization Hearing Before the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations, and Innovation](#)
- 'Near Misses' Add [Urgency To FAA Reauthorization Efforts](#)
- Senate Leaders Press FAA To Speed Up [Space Launch Approvals](#)
- FAA to award \$300M in [sustainable aviation grants](#)

SPECTRUM

- [Memo on Modernizing United States Spectrum Policy and Establishing a National Spectrum Strategy](#)
- NTIA's Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and Department of Defense Select [2024 RIC Forum Presenters](#)
- Administration Awards \$13M from [Wireless Innovation Fund](#)
- FACT SHEET: Administration Issues Landmark [Blueprint](#) to Advance American Innovation, Competition and Security in Wireless Technologies
- What's New in Digital Equity: White House Launches [National Spectrum Strategy](#)
- White House [Spectrum Strategy](#) Directs DOD to Free Up Wireless Bandwidth
- The first U.S. [spectrum strategy](#) in six years doesn't immediately free up airwaves occupied by government users for auction to the private sector, but it does establish some ground rules for studying large swathes of federally held spectrum for use in emerging technologies and services.
- 'NTIA Reply Comments in FCC Proceeding on Facilitating Capabilities for [In-Space Servicing](#), Assembly, and Manufacturing
- Archive of Transition Plans and Transition Data for the [3450-3550 MHz Band](#)
- Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act Annual Progress [Report](#) for 2022
- Investment Meets Impact: Celebrating the [2nd Anniversary](#) of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Administration Launches [National Spectrum Strategy](#) To Advance U.S. Wireless Leadership
- Ensuring Robust Participation in the [BEAD Program](#)
- When We Say Internet for All, We Mean All: A Digital Inclusion Month [Recap](#)
- 5G seen as 'critical' enabler for Pentagon's simulation, [VR needs](#)

GIS

- [New Mexico Water Data Catalog](#): The water data catalog has been updated to a new version.

MISCELLANEOUS

FEDERAL

- Executive Order on [Interagency Security Committee](#)
- BLM, USFWS review [potential impacts of Northern Corridor highway in Utah](#)
- Reclamation Commissioner appoints [Rob Manning as director of communications](#)
- [White House Tribal Nations Summit](#)
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law [Two Year Report](#)
- Administration Released [State Fact Sheets](#) and [Map](#) for Infrastructure Investments

DOI

- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Two Year Report](#)
- This Week at the Interior - [December 1, 2023](#)
- This Week at the Interior - [November 17, 2023](#)
- This Week at the Interior - [November 9, 2023](#)
- This Week at the Interior - [November 3, 2023](#)

INFRASTRUCTURE

- USDOT Issues [Tribal-Focused Transportation Grants](#)
- Strengthening [Tribal Transportation](#)
- Utah Aims to [Double EV Fast Charging Capacity in 2024](#)
- [New study of I-40 between Arizona and Albuquerque](#) details major issues
- WGA calls for long-term funding for [transportation infrastructure projects that support habitat connectivity](#)
- [FHWA Finalizes Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Tool](#), Moves Climate Change Performance Measure Forward
- White House finalizes rule requiring states to [target vehicle pollution](#)
- Can [Solar Panels in Highway ROW](#) Be the Next Big Step in Renewable Energy?
- White House proposes transportation, commerce agencies handle [new space regulations](#)
- UDOT to place [15 new electric vehicle charging stations](#) along Utah highways
- The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced over \$653 million to fund [41 port improvement projects](#) across the nation, including four in California, through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

STATES

- AZ: Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs Releases [Maguire Report Highlighting Military Economic Impact on State of Arizona](#)
- CO: [This Month's Resiliency Conversation: Collaboration to Build Resilience](#)
- NM: Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department [Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst to depart administration](#) - Cottrell Propst leaves legacy of historic environmental progress and energy diversification
- [NM Governor announces \\$40 million to local and tribal governments for quality-of-life improvements](#)
- Utah's transportation partners release [statewide master plan](#) for future

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- Highlights and photos from [WGA's 2023 Winter Meeting](#)

- Explore WGA's archive of 'Out West' podcast episodes
- Western Governors formally approved four policy resolutions at their 2023 Winter Meeting. The resolutions represent the Governors' collective policy on: Strengthening the State-Federal Relationship; National Forest and Rangeland Management; Species Conservation and the Endangered Species Act; and Combating the Opioid Crisis.
 - Policy Resolution 2024-01, Strengthening the State-Federal Relationship
 - Policy Resolution 2024-02, National Forest and Rangeland Management
 - Policy Resolution 2024-03, Species Conservation and the Endangered Species Act
 - Policy Resolution 2024-04, Combating the Opioid Crisis