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Monthly Update

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****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.

# **WRP Updates**

## **WRP Tribal Engagement Committee (TEC)**

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You are cordially invited to participate in the **WRP TEC**call on **Friday, May 30th.** This call will begin at 10:00 am Pacific. Please click [here](https://wrpinfo.org/rsvp/?meetingId=87294) to RSVP. The featured presentation is: **New Mexico Energy Conservation and Management (ECAM) Update** by Robert Gomez, Sustainability & Resilience Officer.

The **April 25th WRP TEC call** featured a presentation on the *USGS National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program* by Kate Ritzel, *Physical Scientist,* USGS, National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program*.* The post-presentation recording (starting with presentation discussion) is available [**here**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F6uDES0XN4ro&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C0e61083cc1af4c5fb77108dd84629126%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638812282422390227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Sdq0b7MtAYF7zGQuQYoJvxNfcVYBlJXb%2Btc1wjt1W%2Fs%3D&reserved=0)**.**

## **WRP Deep-Dives**

At the 2024 WRP Principals’ Meeting, Principals affirmed continuing the WRP Priority “*Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster.*” In support of this priority are the following Deep-Dives:

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

WRP Deep-Teams (comprised of state, federal and tribal entities) regularly meet to receive updates by SMEs and discuss WRP action items. For more details contact amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org

## **WRP 2024 Report**

[**2024 Report: Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster** (July 2024)](https://wrpinfo.org/media/1971/2024-wrp-report_final.docx) This report includes the outcomes and findings by the three WRP Deep-Dives.

# **Energy**

## **Federal Updates**

* EO: [Protecting American Energy From State Overreach](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/protecting-american-energy-from-state-overreach/)
	+ Fact Sheet: [President Donald J. Trump Protects American Energy from State Overreach](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-protects-american-energy-from-state-overreach/)
	+ [Trump targets California climate laws in new executive order](https://calmatters.org/environment/climate-change/2025/04/trump-order-california-climate-laws/?emci=9cc02e67-fd15-f011-8b3d-0022482a9fb7)
* EO: [Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/reinvigorating-americas-beautiful-clean-coal-industry-and-amending-executive-order-14241/)
	+ Fact Sheet: [President Donald J. Trump Reinvigorates America’s Beautiful Clean Coal Industry](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-reinvigorates-americas-beautiful-clean-coal-industry/)
	+ [Fact Sheet: [President Donald J. Trump Lifts Burdensome EPA Restrictions on Coal Plants](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-lifts-burdensome-epa-restrictions-on-coal-plants/)](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/02/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-establishes-the-national-energy-dominance-council/)
* EO: [Strengthening the Reliability and Security of the United States Electric Grid](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/strengthening-the-reliability-and-security-of-the-united-states-electric-grid/)
	+ Fact Sheet: [President Donald J. Trump Strengthens the Reliability and Security of the United States Electric Grid](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-strengthens-the-reliability-and-security-of-the-united-states-electric-grid/)
* Proclamation: [Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/rregulatory-relief-for-certain-stationary-sources-to-promote-american-energy/)
* [Trump to fast-track permits for fossil fuels and mining](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/energy-and-environment/3389934/trump-permitting-process-reform-environmental-projects/?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20042525_04/25/2025)

### **FERC**

* [100 Days, 1000+ FERC Actions](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/100-days-1000-ferc-actions)
* [April 2025 Highlights | FERC insight | Volume 4](https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/news/april-2025-highlights-ferc-insight-volume-4)
* [Chairman Christie's Letter Re: Review of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Agency Actions April 7, 2025, through April 18, 2025](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/chairman-christies-letter-re-review-federal-energy-regulatory-commission-agency-3)
* [Summaries: April 2025 Commission Meeting](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/summaries-april-2025-commission-meeting)
* [FERC.gov Website Update Features Consumer Power Costs and Grid Reliability](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/fercgov-website-update-features-consumer-power-costs-and-grid-reliability)
* [FERC, NERC Issue Report on System Performance During the January 2025 Arctic Weather](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/ferc-nerc-issue-report-system-performance-during-january-2025-arctic-weather)
* [Presentation: NERC Seeks to Address Reliability Impacts from Large Load Integration](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/presentation-nerc-seeks-address-reliability-impacts-large-load-integration)
* [FERC Issues Notice and Agenda Regarding Second Meeting of the Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/ferc-issues-notice-and-agenda-regarding-second-meeting-federal-and-state-current)

### **DOE**

* [Secretary Wright Highlights 100 Days of Unleashing American Energy Under President Trump](https://www.energy.gov/articles/secretary-wright-highlights-100-days-unleashing-american-energy-under-president-trump)
* [Two DOE Critical Minerals Projects Added to Federal Permitting Dashboard](https://www.energy.gov/articles/icymi-trump-administration-adds-two-doe-critical-minerals-projects-federal-permitting)
* [Energy Department Acts to Unleash American Coal by Strengthening Coal Technology and Securing Critical Mineral Supply Chains](https://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-acts-unleash-american-coal-strengthening-coal-technology-and-securing)
* [DOE Statement on EIA Annual Energy Outlook](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-statement-eia-annual-energy-outlook)
* Funding Opportunities:
	+ **Aug. 28, 2025 |** $400 Million [Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas: Fiscal Year 2025 Release](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Foced%252Farticles%252Foced-announces-400-million-new-funding-lower-energy-costs-support-economic%2F1%2F01010192b5128389-28979e0e-7ea7-4bff-b8b4-d17a23d5680c-000000%2Foq4OvtzqmpDueFjh1Vf_gF88XJPO6inc7xauh63iaiY%3D375&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cdf3dca5093bd431c629f08dcf397aa73%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638653079975894712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PaQ7nHkJK8yHb5XMPEdHLNgCrqHfrSudoskRr%2FCal%2Bs%3D&reserved=0)**. Concept papers due Feb. 27, 2025; full applications due Aug. 28, 2025.**

**EIA**

* [EIA projections show U.S. energy consumption decreasing in the near term, increasing in early 2040s](https://www.eia.gov/pressroom/releases/press568.php)
* [EIA expects less oil demand and lower oil and gasoline prices in an uncertain market](https://www.eia.gov/pressroom/releases/press567.php)
* [U.S. energy flow and energy consumption by source and sector charts for 2024](https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/)
* [Annual Energy Outlook 2025](https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/)
* [Short-Term Energy Outlook - U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)](https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/steo/?utm_medium=PressOps)
* [Natural Gas Monthly](https://www.eia.gov/naturalgas/monthly/)
* [Monthly Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/production/)
* [Petroleum Supply Monthly](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/supply/monthly/)
* [U.S. Movements of Crude Oil by Rail](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/transportation/)
* [Monthly Energy Review](https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/)
* [Electric Power Monthly](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/)
* [Liquids Pipeline Projects](https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/data.php#movements)

### **DOI**

* [DOI SO 3417 - Addressing the National Energy Emergency](https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order/so-3417-addressing-national-energy-emergency)
* [DOI to Update Offshore Financial Assurance Rule to Support Future Energy Development](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-update-offshore-financial-assurance-rule-support-future-energy)
* [DOI Announces New 2025 Lease Sale in the Gulf of America](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-announces-new-2025-lease-sale-gulf-america)
* [DOI Highlights Critical Mineral Prospects on the Seafloor](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-highlights-critical-mineral-prospects-seafloor)
* [DOI Announces Eleventh National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-announces-eleventh-national-outer-continental-shelf-oil-and-gas-leasing)
* DOI [Boosts Offshore Oil Production with New Commingling Policy](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-boosts-offshore-oil-production-new-commingling-policy)
* [DOI Moves to Restore Coal Industry](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-moves-restore-coal-industry)
* [DOI Implements Emergency Permitting Procedures to Strengthen Domestic Energy Supply](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-implements-emergency-permitting-procedures-strengthen-domestic)

### **DOI - BLM**

* [BLM seeks initial input for December 2025 sale of oil and gas leases in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-initial-input-december-2025-sale-oil-and-gas-leases-utah)
* [BLM announces July 2025 sale of oil and gas leases in New Mexico](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-announces-july-2025-sale-oil-and-gas-leases-new-mexico)
* [BLM approves Chapita Wells natural gas pipeline in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-chapita-wells-natural-gas-pipeline-utah)
* [BLM geothermal leases in Utah sale net over $5.6 million](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-geothermal-leases-utah-sale-net-over-56-million)
* [Interior will no longer pursue lengthy analysis for oil and gas leasing decisions in seven states](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/department-interior-will-no-longer-pursue-lengthy-analysis-oil-and-gas-leasing)
* [BLM approves Pinyon Pipeline near Valmy in Humboldt County, Nevada](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-pinyon-pipeline-near-valmy-humboldt-county-nevada)
* [BLM announces update to June 2025 sale of oil and gas leases in Utah](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-announces-update-june-2025-sale-oil-and-gas-leases-utah)
* [BLM announces June 2025 sale of oil and gas leases in Nevada](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-announces-june-2025-sale-oil-and-gas-leases-nevada)
* [BLM approves Elisabeth Solar Project in Yuma County](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-elisabeth-solar-project-yuma-county)
* [BLM approves Park Mountain Pipeline](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-approves-park-mountain-pipeline)

### **DOI - USGS**

* [USGS releases assessment of undiscovered oil and gas resources in the Los Angeles Basin](https://www.usgs.gov/news/national-news-release/usgs-releases-assessment-undiscovered-oil-and-gas-resources-los-angeles)

## **State Updates**

* AZ: [South32 breaks ground on Centro to enhance sustainable mining efforts](https://azbigmedia.com/business/south32-breaks-ground-on-centro-to-enhance-sustainable-mining-efforts/)
* AZ: [Governor rejects fast-track for small nuclear reactors at Arizona data centers](https://azmirror.com/briefs/governor-rejects-fast-track-for-small-nuclear-reactors-at-arizona-data-centers/?emci=2481b2bb-3420-f011-8b3d-0022482a9fb7)
* CA: The [agenda](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fefiling.energy.ca.gov%252FGetDocument.aspx%253Ftn%3D262825%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101966fc710cc-e4de99db-44f0-4cee-80eb-43f1d871d42b-000000%2FEWWy5FNZoHoilX8Bkaz5L18I1aHxcUrM-RrrsPHrpUM%3D402&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cbcc215eea81a4fd2626f08dd847353b5%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638812353070109687%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PJdHsnjpwhnIsgNl2dUy3P8QbQbmKZGrHfLgsFsB%2BwQ%3D&reserved=0) is now available for the [May 8, 2025, Energy Commission Business Meeting](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.ca.gov%252Fevent%252Fmeeting%252F2025-05%252Fenergy-commission-business-meeting%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101966fc710cc-e4de99db-44f0-4cee-80eb-43f1d871d42b-000000%2FeX4h2rfmd_kVaPicnyxS1v_i_B_FVYaH3jeMljY9xDg%3D402&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cbcc215eea81a4fd2626f08dd847353b5%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638812353070081095%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qB6Y08dLxBj3pSfjmvCBkhVW8r0M2qxu2Ql%2F3GoJLVc%3D&reserved=0).
* CO: [$17 million in geothermal grants from Colorado Energy Office](https://denvergazette.com/news/17-million-in-geothermal-grants-from-colorado-energy-office/article_5ac1600e-6da1-4d5c-94bc-89e10c710ce3.html)
* CO: [Nuclear is now “clean energy” in Colorado after Gov. Polis signs bill](https://www.cpr.org/2025/04/01/polis-declares-nuclear-is-clean-energy/)
* NM: [Renewable energy continues to grow on public lands](https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2025/04/11/renewable-energy-continues-to-grow-on-public-lands/)
* UT: [Utah Leaders Sign MOU with Idaho National Laboratory](https://governor.utah.gov/press/utah-leaders-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-with-idaho-national-laboratory/)
* UT: [Governors of Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming sign tri-state agreement to strengthen regional energy collaboration](https://governor.utah.gov/press/news-release-governors-of-utah-idaho-and-wyoming-sign-tri-state-agreement-to-strengthen-regional-energy-collaboration/)
* UT: [‘The West will lead’: Utah, Idaho, Wyoming team up on nuclear energy development](https://utahnewsdispatch.com/2025/04/29/utah-nuclear-hub-state-leaders-team-up-with-idaho-national-laboratory/?emci=9afd90e4-b425-f011-8b3d-6045bded8cca)
* UT: [Utah Takes Steps to Diversify Its Energy Mix](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/fact-sheets/2025/03/utah-takes-steps-to-diversify-its-energy-mix?utm_campaign=2025-04-16+Rundown)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [The tribal-led push to build clean energy projects in Indian Country](https://www.quittingcarbonmedia.com/the-tribal-led-push-to-build-clean-energy-projects-in-indian-country/)

## **Regional Updates**

* [Safety Improvements in Long-Duration Battery Storage (Western Way Report)](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5734cf71b6aa60fb98e91bf2/t/67f7f56b34ade32ea4968dc8/1744303471822/TWW_Safety%2BImprovements%2Bin%2BLong-Duration%2BBattery%2BStorage_v3.pdf)
* [US energy storage sector commits to $100B investment by 2030](https://www.utilitydive.com/news/acp-energy-storage-commitment-investment/746726/)
* **July 24, 2025**, 2:00 PM ET: [A Race to the Finish - Discussing the Intersections Between Desert Tortoises & Solar Development](https://rewi.org/webinars/intersections-between-desert-tortoises-solar-development/) Webinar
* [**August 26, 2025**, 2:00 PM ET: Wildlife Movement In and Around Solar Facilities](https://rewi.org/webinars/wildlife-movement-in-and-around-solar-facilities/) Webinar

# **Natural Resources**

## **Federal Updates**

* EO: [Unleashing America's Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/unleashing-americas-offshore-critical-minerals-and-resources/?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20042525_04/25/2025)
	+ [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Unleashes America’s Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-unleashes-americas-offshore-critical-minerals-and-resources/)
	+ [Trump Administration Advances First Wave of Critical Mineral Production Projects](https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/04/trump-administration-advances-first-wave-of-critical-mineral-production-projects/)

### **EPA**

* [Administrator Zeldin Releases Statement on POTUS’ New Energy-Related EO Signed Today](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-zeldin-releases-statement-potus-new-energy-related-eo-signed-today)
* [$49 Million in Technical Assistance to Help Rural, Small, and Tribal Communities Address Wastewater Challenges](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-49-million-technical-assistance-help-rural-small-and-tribal-0)
* [EPA Releases Strategy to Better Protect Endangered Species from Insecticides Using Commonsense Practices, Provides Flexibilities to States and Growers](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-strategy-better-protect-endangered-species-insecticides-using-commonsense)
* [Administrator Zeldin Announces Major EPA Actions to Combat PFAS Contamination](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-zeldin-announces-major-epa-actions-combat-pfas-contamination)
* [Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Excellence and Innovation](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-celebrates-drinking-water-and-wastewater-infrastructure-projects-excellence-and)
* [EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin Holds Press Conference on Tijuana River Sewage Crisis in San Diego](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-lee-zeldin-holds-press-conference-tijuana-river-sewage-crisis-san)

### **DOI**

* [Interior Boosts Offshore Oil Production with New Commingling Policy](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-boosts-offshore-oil-production-new-commingling-policy)
* [Interior Announces Eleventh National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-announces-eleventh-national-outer-continental-shelf-oil-and-gas-leasing?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20041825_04/18/2025)

### **DOI-Bureau of Reclamation**

* [Reclamation prepares for poor water runoff in New Mexico as drought continues](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5139)
* [Reclamation begins construction on major milestone of Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5138)
* [Reclamation announces additional funding to create new water storage in California](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5131)
* [Reclamation to Conduct Geotechnical Study at Lake Tahoe Dam](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5133)
* [Reclamation boosts California’s 2025 Central Valley Project water supply allocations](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5143)

### **DOI-USFWS**

* [Three Forks Springsnail’s Final Recovery Plan Available](https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2025-04/three-forks-springsnails-final-recovery-plan-available)

### **DOI-USGS**

* [Interior Highlights Critical Mineral Prospects on the Seafloor](https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-highlights-critical-mineral-prospects-seafloor)

### **USDA**

* [Reforms Announced to Protect National Forests and Boost Domestic Timber Production](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/04/04/secretary-rollins-announces-sweeping-reforms-protect-national-forests-and-boost-domestic-timber)
* [Secretary Rollins Announces Major Win for Texas Farmers and Ranchers in Water Negotiations with Mexico](https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/04/28/us-agriculture-secretary-brooke-rollins-announces-major-win-texas-farmers-and-ranchers-water)

### **USDA-NRCS**

* [NRCS California Announces Initiatives for Wildlife and Water Conservation](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/california/news/nrcs-california-announces-initiatives-for-wildlife-and-water)
* [After Setting Roots 90 Years Ago, NRCS Continues to Grow Its Conservation Legacy](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/our-agency/news/after-setting-roots-90-years-ago-nrcs-continues-to-grow-its-conservation-legacy)

### **USDA-USFS**

* [USDA Secretary's Memorandum 1078-006: Increasing Timber Production And Designating An Emergency](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/sm-1078-006.pdf)
	+ [Implementation of Secretarial Memo 1078-006](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/implementation-secretarial-memo-1078-006.pdf)
	+ [Logging to be boosted, including in all California national forests](https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/news/woodworking-industry-news/logging-be-boosted-including-all-california-national-forests?utm_medium=email)

## **State Updates**

* [Upper Colorado River states are measuring their water use better](https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2025/04/01/upper-colorado-river-states-are-measuring-their-water-use-better/82696955007/)
* Western States Water Newsletters: [April 18, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/News-2657.pdf) | [April 11, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2656.pdf) | [April 3, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2655.pdf)

### **Arizona**

* [Reducing Groundwater Overdraft to Protect People and Farms: ADWR staff brief Willcox draft AMA Plan](https://www.azwater.gov/news/articles/2025-04-10)
* [Saudi-owned farm denies legal liability for damage caused by groundwater use](https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2025/04/14/saudi-owned-farm-denies-legal-liability-for-damage-caused-by-groundwater-use/?utm_campaign=az_morning)
* ADEQ welcomes comments on the proposed Monitoring Assistance Program Fees and Triggered Monitoring rulemaking.
	+ [View Public Notice/Related Documents](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fazdeq.gov%2Fpublic-notice-notice-proposed-rulemaking-monitoring-assistance-program-fees-and-triggered&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cb240476ce8c34b3489fa08dd791a71c2%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638799876676164623%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zgYNTsxrXpr%2FqtxhXmk9Uxj8%2FVD2as0d2cJmAsSVBKw%3D&reserved=0)
	+ **May 13, 2025**, 12PM (Pacific) Virtual Public Hearing Online - [Register here](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fregister.gotowebinar.com%2Fregister%2F157238305252800863&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cb240476ce8c34b3489fa08dd791a71c2%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638799876676185572%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Xe%2BBqcorw5jLktv%2BTsu9aEaL2yGGeZFNnu55N9gAELE%3D&reserved=0)
* ADEQ welcomes comments on the proposed New Source Review and PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards rulemaking.
	+ [View Rulemaking Details](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fazdeq.gov%2Frulemaking%2FNSR_PM25NAAQS&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6cae3114e025435b9ca308dd73b21759%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638793930917548283%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LJB4yrGrJIPHcR3VPm8I7Nw4JbU1UCjL0fyHGlBYWcs%3D&reserved=0). Comment Period Ends **May 6, 2025**
* Funding Opportunity: [Invasive Plant Grant Program Now Open](https://gn.ecivis.com/GO/gn_redir/T/jwwsmrz711c2). Applications due **May 28, 2025**.

### **California**

* [California cuts ‘green tape’: 500+ fast-tracked projects have restored nearly 200,000 acres and improved 700 miles of streams](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/04/10/california-cuts-green-tape-500-fast-tracked-projects-have-restored-nearly-200000-acres-and-improved-700-miles-of-streams/)
* [World’s largest wildlife crossing reaches new milestone as habitat project begins](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/04/02/worlds-largest-wildlife-crossing-reaches-new-milestone-as-habitat-project-begins/)
* [California breaks ground on critical flood protection project in the Central Valley](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/04/18/california-breaks-ground-on-critical-flood-protection-project-in-the-central-valley/)
* [California, federal government, Yuba Water Agency partner up in historic project to reopen North Yuba River to native fish](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/04/25/california-federal-government-yuba-water-agency-partner-up-in-historic-project-to-reopen-north-yuba-river-to-native-fish/)
* **May 7, 2025** at 12:00 PM | [Data for Lunch: Sharing Data for Drought Resilience Tickets](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/data-for-lunch-sharing-data-for-drought-resilience-tickets-1325911570199?aff=email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* **May 8th** 1:30–3:45 p.m. | Join DWR’s [California Water Plan Team](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252FPrograms%252FCalifornia-Water-Plan%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019687014d59-fd83bc00-f0a7-47cb-8c46-b98c5b6540e0-000000%2FuMiS3Umf0fE3KqCD5hiePvFzC7NdlhXY8nDN9hXr0K0%3D403&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C77b669993d0b47d0e7ea08dd87f0c3b8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638816190358018351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FJhJsiMDBC2tsdv1wQyekJCgljl3bkqfOSATCHH5bBQ%3D&reserved=0) for a [workshop webinar](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252FNews%252FEvents%252F2025%252FMay-25%252FCalifornia-Water-Plan-Water-Use-and-Supply-Balances-Webinar%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019687014d59-fd83bc00-f0a7-47cb-8c46-b98c5b6540e0-000000%2Fj5QUXgAM1nGV9wvv0WcqoKVRpmbwbuRvcGlpgIB0fIk%3D403&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C77b669993d0b47d0e7ea08dd87f0c3b8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638816190358031583%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OvaNtsTWQetukWlUyZGlsc0Yr3DwrxT6k58H90qJP3o%3D&reserved=0) that will share and discuss [water balance data](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252FPrograms%252FCalifornia-Water-Plan%252FData-and-Tools%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019687014d59-fd83bc00-f0a7-47cb-8c46-b98c5b6540e0-000000%2FI6rtvJq180IxSIqMxVoUehTwfOJG03T1M57CRy-Ez98%3D403&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C77b669993d0b47d0e7ea08dd87f0c3b8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638816190358044047%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a3%2BjKbmhqraMk0vAt0D7ah68L%2FiA5X0OHoK0B0Fy3Gk%3D&reserved=0) — data foundational to building the state’s water resilience
* [Last month](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcontent.govdelivery.com%252Faccounts%252FCNRA%252Fbulletins%252F3d8daa3%2F1%2F0101019662d82c72-2cc7a4f3-d252-49e9-b598-79c2b5f62dd0-000000%2Fl-4hlmgDQEM6jC8_8v_TeGyZBZrDNCXp8WwWWndhwh8%3D402&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C551a9e51352b4242937708dd82722ebe%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638810149120369507%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Bubo%2FsgHlD8DpkewLWtRqxk0oPrA9Y9Ux%2Fa0sMMPy7M%3D&reserved=0), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) released [*California Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future: Progress Report*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fnrm.dfg.ca.gov%252FFileHandler.ashx%253FDocumentID%3D231003%2526inline%3D%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019662d82c72-2cc7a4f3-d252-49e9-b598-79c2b5f62dd0-000000%2F8bvwfr_4xnxYxMBU45k3FdrRHO7e_9Va-2SnfmBMkFU%3D402&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C551a9e51352b4242937708dd82722ebe%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638810149120381658%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nvqjBKlGGSwxRMah271FDYF1VN1fPpjtSuOsPEc4jqI%3D&reserved=0).
* Recording: [Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool Overview and Tutorial](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6qXJ66ATzw)
* [A Single Dry Winter Decimated California’s Salmon and Trout Populations](https://www.enn.com/articles/76280-a-single-dry-winter-decimated-california-s-salmon-and-trout-populations)
* DWR released the Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners (DRIP) Collaborative [2024 progress report](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252F-%252Fmedia%252FDWR-Website%252FWeb-Pages%252FWater-Basics%252FDrought%252FFiles%252FDrought-Resilience-Interagency-and-Partners-Collaborative%252FDRIPCollaborative2024ProgressReport.pdf%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101961adad87d-e2729cd4-6b77-454c-8f95-ac44f93fc204-000000%2FlXkITYZf4HbR7BSW14nfmaeh5AqlarVzLb3jQgEDpog%3D400&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C154f489def324d498d8208dd77766f6e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638798072762434107%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BBEXDmX%2Fb534I7Fj%2BWAIYHn2CaC2odFq7hBl8hCcYSU%3D&reserved=0), highlighting the activities, discussions, meetings, and collaborative recommendation process undertaken during the [DRIP Collaborative’s second year](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252FNews%252FBlog%252F2025%252FMar-25%252FDRIP-Collaborative-Second-Year-Milestones%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101961adad87d-e2729cd4-6b77-454c-8f95-ac44f93fc204-000000%2Fg4zqZauez18BYSpCaMYvlh5NR7RZXkNNTIAS4f4VMrM%3D400&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C154f489def324d498d8208dd77766f6e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638798072762450773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=q%2BwuCA8fJ7cC3UqSLMaavVQCpxaCbEziv7RbjMlAT9E%3D&reserved=0). See: [DRIP webpage](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252Fdrip%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101961adad87d-e2729cd4-6b77-454c-8f95-ac44f93fc204-000000%2FAYW3eF7LEKih1hs06YhMC42ABbWQgu5S0fMXZYm_g0o%3D400&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C154f489def324d498d8208dd77766f6e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638798072762481978%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FFqEzs6CaDIeC7KU8K71qbERNmb6oIreF3RsHQ26XEw%3D&reserved=0) or [sign up](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fpublic.govdelivery.com%252Faccounts%252FCNRA%252Fsubscriber%252Fnew%253Ftopic_id%3DCNRA_537%2F1%2F010101961adad87d-e2729cd4-6b77-454c-8f95-ac44f93fc204-000000%2F_GCU5Qb82ClLiTXkQcHx3WXlvagifVStG9jXknii2ec%3D400&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C154f489def324d498d8208dd77766f6e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638798072762497492%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ktzBERghqvMSxb59wkwVDYvUWzL6h%2BdjJxgm96zCO1M%3D&reserved=0) for the DWR DRIP Collaborative newsletter.
* [Innovative HAB Data Portal tracks HABs throughout California](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* [Solar canals: A solution for California’s water and energy needs?](https://publicexchange.usc.edu/csci/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* **May 12–14**th: 31st Annual [California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcwemf.org%252Fwp%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019542c7bc33-a3422471-2ace-46b9-9a51-df8c59327469-000000%2F50IkjsPeziVdzaR0OjpEHOV53KEpd63bkxT8JjNfD4A%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5b33bec71ecb49a3c73b08dd56783077%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638761796396608528%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s7Ew0zODJGCVpKDzJNTwwd1B6EDdxRorrGGR3qBGl9M%3D&reserved=0) (CWEMF) Meeting in Folsom, CA

### **Colorado**

* [How Colorado plans to balance outdoor recreation with environmental stewardship in a new outdoor strategy](https://www.postindependent.com/news/colorado-new-outdoor-strategy-recreation-environment/)

### **New Mexico**

* [Governor signs Strategic Water Supply and environmental protection bills](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2025/04/08/governor-signs-strategic-water-supply-and-environmental-protection-bills-state-acts-to-protect-all-surface-waterbodies-a-targeted-response-to-the-2023-u-s-supreme-court-ruling-that-narrowed-federa/)
* [Pew Applauds New Mexico Legislature and Governor for Major Wildlife and Freshwater Protections](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room/press-releases-and-statements/2025/04/15/pew-applauds-new-mexico-legislature-and-governor-for-major-wildlife-and-freshwater-protections?utm_campaign=2025-05-01+SPU)
* [New Mexico governor signs 2 laws banning PFAS](https://www.wastedive.com/news/new-mexico-pfas-ban-hazardous-waste-firefighting-foam/744826/)
* [Governor signs legislation to protect NM waters following SCOTUS decision](https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2025/04/08/governor-signs-legislation-to-protect-nm-waters-following-scotus-decision/)
* **October 14-15, 2025**: [2025 Water Data Workshop](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/pzfu7sh/lp/487d1f32-0527-4ca9-be6b-ee3a1c6c925f?source_id=406060b1-4edd-4581-a16b-eb554e70c284), Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel

### **Utah**

* [Gov. Cox Issues Drought Executive Order Water conservation critical as Utah’s water supply faces a drier year](https://governor.utah.gov/press/news-release-gov-cox-issues-drought-executive-orderwater-conservation-critical-as-utahs-water-supply-faces-a-drier-year/)
* [‘Water is complicated’: Utah looks to data-driven future for natural resources](https://www.route-fifty.com/artificial-intelligence/2025/04/water-complicated-utah-looks-data-driven-future-natural-resources/404603/?oref=rf-today-nl)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [‘Our prayers were answered’: After 25 years of advocacy, a small Navajo community has water](https://utahnewsdispatch.com/2025/04/25/navajo-nation-westwater-water-access-utah/?emci=b0e5d95b-2124-f011-8b3d-6045bded8cca)
* [The legacy of water rights on the Ak-Chin reservation](https://www.abc15.com/weather/impact-earth/the-legacy-of-water-rights-on-the-ak-chin-reservation)
* [Native American group creates free online resource for tribal water law information and updates](https://www.kunr.org/local-stories/2025-04-22/native-american-group-creates-free-online-resource-for-tribal-water-law-information-and-updates)

## **Regional Updates**

* [Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership Newsletter - Volume XIX, April 2025](https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/nfs/files/r03/coronado/publication/Volume%20XIX%2C%20April%202025%2C%20FHSL%20Newsletter%20.pdf)
* [Changes Loom for Innovative Lower Colorado River Endangered Species Program Amid Drought, New River Rules](https://www.watereducation.org/western-water/changes-loom-innovative-lower-colorado-river-endangered-species-program-amid-drought)
* [The Uncertain Future of the Colorado River](https://www.amwua.org/blog/the-uncertain-future-of-the-colorado-river)
* [Upper Colorado River states are measuring their water use better](https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2025/04/01/upper-colorado-river-states-are-measuring-their-water-use-better/82696955007/)
* [Drinking water earns "C-" on ASCE 2025 Infrastructure Report Card](https://www.waterworld.com/water-utility-management/news/55277006/drinking-water-earns-c-on-asce-2025-infrastructure-report-card?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* Funding Opportunity: The Network for Landscape Conservation is pleased to be currently accepting proposals for the 2025 funding round of the Catalyst Fund.Interested applicants should review the [RFP](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fiiun589ab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001YQDB0uEUb5WhMaSlenkEdO-5RScjG0JJTGM9IKse1Fdazcl0aszFp3Sj5oejsp7AYLNPfGpIUsWBDemhtK18-GfQuFidX5xmnLV7zMPj7QwgSQrjsGQmHS50HPl3OYDa3_5J0rAau81JhDuw_IkEHLuVyxqywIHp5OfI8-ZOSqiTlx95u4M4b-wlehAJr0UcqPqASTFS6bbPOICs8lxxYCgPkk-psScBk6opni2YxbgVJ4f9_COtLMaom4_mStcM%26c%3DVJJBOzV2Qe8nhMV9Q7r9J4HmGAIWu0hohKlTq95XfcL0f6HeSHGkcg%3D%3D%26ch%3Dw0WYilihu2-upbpzLtLzs_UP92A3zI1q5pD2bg4CfkWvggbMy19DLQ%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C63eb4526359b40e8d38308dd89ac88bc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638818096346638729%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=caakZQeXoQGl9ANicA1PSFOZfJMDVAbQJ5vvPAFXzjc%3D&reserved=0) and the [Applicant Guidance Document](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fiiun589ab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001YQDB0uEUb5WhMaSlenkEdO-5RScjG0JJTGM9IKse1Fdazcl0aszFp3Sj5oejsp7A-nccqEAqsyk3CSfxZEj_vPPpv9H7u4Vy_5MVs98OZTDpi3jFt-6-Xe3etcS66AWIQDord3g5bugXBepwtMOM7bbWDH4EmbdaUm1_nG-oe1XfUXnaKWTxbVDbpwjAThGpp17iaROWtS_aEm2kC6YsDxfH1ddK5VSqTboKA5z0_LZ6hiNJLZNB2vr-Anf2OiwBoqvyZngiah8%3D%26c%3DVJJBOzV2Qe8nhMV9Q7r9J4HmGAIWu0hohKlTq95XfcL0f6HeSHGkcg%3D%3D%26ch%3Dw0WYilihu2-upbpzLtLzs_UP92A3zI1q5pD2bg4CfkWvggbMy19DLQ%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C63eb4526359b40e8d38308dd89ac88bc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638818096346654030%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=L0RUbrs9nz6zSKaFLP5LKNZ5DAdHeQ9tSyFAzsQkTFg%3D&reserved=0) to best understand how to submit a strong proposal. These [FAQs](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fiiun589ab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001YQDB0uEUb5WhMaSlenkEdO-5RScjG0JJTGM9IKse1Fdazcl0aszFp7C0TsussOoNPBShcHj7aD70WX_IJMNhV-rOhkztgeB9EsJ3jGne5Nj92z7AIXA6z2IAuQhtmmzFKZD9lsonkT-Nu6Gpb8DJDxM2ul5PxKEqmuU5h1ub9Y_cA8qU0Kjl4eRGN9_evyT0%26c%3DVJJBOzV2Qe8nhMV9Q7r9J4HmGAIWu0hohKlTq95XfcL0f6HeSHGkcg%3D%3D%26ch%3Dw0WYilihu2-upbpzLtLzs_UP92A3zI1q5pD2bg4CfkWvggbMy19DLQ%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C63eb4526359b40e8d38308dd89ac88bc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638818096346665486%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5%2B6dR32873Yv4d1PYyIRTFVR4PPoWKPHn9ySwpalQ3A%3D&reserved=0) may also be helpful in clarifying any questions. Applicants may submit proposals via the Network’s [online application system](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fiiun589ab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001YQDB0uEUb5WhMaSlenkEdO-5RScjG0JJTGM9IKse1Fdazcl0aszFp0GaomsrVhAzBkNBhsrWBJJnBqbmYRs0N_MgrElIScnzdFcOns_6bpkNuhOlzXWejf8uJDPzsrX0WEiLmqdQsk9buxH3n5sfmZcPl3z2rJNAKh0HOulmyCXltT76jkhc33NZIGzVmi_Y9Nw9f5CuZ-c%3D%26c%3DVJJBOzV2Qe8nhMV9Q7r9J4HmGAIWu0hohKlTq95XfcL0f6HeSHGkcg%3D%3D%26ch%3Dw0WYilihu2-upbpzLtLzs_UP92A3zI1q5pD2bg4CfkWvggbMy19DLQ%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C63eb4526359b40e8d38308dd89ac88bc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638818096346675056%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LnORC9W9y2WoyZWUwvjoJCYtw9K2EUgF5d5k6bNIQpM%3D&reserved=0) through Friday, **May 16, 2025**.

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* [WRRC Weekly Wave:](https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/WRRC-Summer-Wave--What-s-Next--Upcoming-WRRC-Events-and-Engagement.html?soid=1109945124084&aid=Qru09t8GWVg)  [April 25, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=96aede3f62a8d551553789c001d9ffc52c1e4772448837c8bb63c148b290e76224d09a482a883fde1eb7ad4d518006cd4029272e7a5da54a36fdbac74cfd217b33a5d61f2ddd5c1755cade819fb488c6) | [April 18, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=0694f6d228e0bb820dfa8b628bbed28e890eb3fb67bf3273eee6cd78615f2cbe272f328b24b80f43333182ff0fd1594a46e69a521cbc7b02a30cec434754bbe3e6748717562901daf7a60c419f9783bd) | [April 11, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=fd15b245336c1049da7312ccfcb23a288783f5a98743c889546f2f20e8ca120687645271b8f9c79592e800a19f2da738e079a16e7aa0d3e27861f3ddc73a6515a170334f287a4b7c1b8e1b3a23c58a30) | [April 4, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=441b94137ad658cb1adaafc064740b5cc11fd8d0a6ab45865061615b887e26972762b47014a9150fbad9cf0471f01e46578933ee33ebc8d86005ae7c9db06f09934ebe988370afe35fe48adbb66afbda)

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## **Military Readiness**

### **DOD**

* EO: [Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/modernizing-defense-acquisitions-and-spurring-innovation-in-the-defense-industrial-base/)
	+ [Trump order threatens cancellation for over-budget, delayed Pentagon programs](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/trump-order-threatens-cancellation-for-overbudget-dod-weapons-programs/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [Hegseth Announces Additional $5.1 Billion in DOD Spending Cuts](https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4152283/hegseth-announces-additional-51-billion-in-dod-spending-cuts/)
* [Hegseth Recaps 100 Days of DOD Accomplishments During Speech at War College](https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4164270/hegseth-recaps-100-days-of-dod-accomplishments-during-speech-at-war-college/)
* [Statement by Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and Senior Advisor Sean Parnell on the First 100 Days at the Department of Defense](https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/4169267/statement-by-assistant-to-the-secretary-of-defense-for-public-affairs-and-senio/)
* The [Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation](https://oldcc.gov/our-programs/defense-community-infrastructure-program) has released a [Forecasted Opportunity](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/358802) for the Fiscal Year 2025 Defense Community Infrastructure Program competition on [Grants.gov](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgrants.gov%2Fsearch-results-detail%2F358802&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C012d6b59efdd45ca548108dd89890d62%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638817943912054167%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2F%2Bm88yVUFeIOZi0%2FBOC%2F7Ds6w8XfjBjlKh7tGBPRdFw%3D&reserved=0).  The final Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2025 Defense Community Infrastructure Program will be posted in the coming weeks once funding for the program has been finalized.
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* [Pentagon warns it’s not prepared for homeland drone attack](https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2025/04/pentagon-warns-its-not-prepared-homeland-drone-attack/404939/)
* [After mysterious incursions, NORTHCOM updates counter-drone procedures](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/after-mysterious-incursions-northcom-updates-counter-drone-procedures/?utm_campaign=BD%20Daily)
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* [Pentagon sets November timeline for largest-ever spectrum sharing demo](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/pentagon-sets-november-timeline-for-largest-ever-spectrum-sharing-demo/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [America’s nuclear arsenal to cost $946B over next decade, government report reveals](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/americas-nuclear-arsenal-to-cost-946b-over-next-decade-government-report-reveals/?utm_campaign=BD%20Daily)
* [DOD kicks off review of major defense acquisition programs as Hegseth touts reforms](https://defensescoop.com/2025/04/23/dod-review-major-defense-acquisition-programs-hegseth-reforms-doge/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [China’s rare-earth mineral squeeze will hit the Pentagon hard](https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2025/04/chinas-rare-earth-mineral-squeeze-will-hit-pentagon-hard/404776/?oref=d1-featured-river-secondary)
* [Troops can now detain, search people on newly minted military land on the border](https://www.stripes.com/theaters/us/2025-04-21/new-mexico-border-military-zone-17537794.html?utm_campaign=dfn-ebb)
* [Pentagon program could kickstart a new era of nuclear power](https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2025/04/new-pentagon-program-could-kickstart-new-era-nuclear-power/404597/?oref=d1-featured-river-top)
* [Joint Chiefs Chair Air Force Gen. Dan Caine issues first message to the troops](https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/CJCS%20Message%20to%20Joint%20Force%202025.pdf)
* [Report to Congress on Hypersonic Weapons](https://news.usni.org/2025/04/11/report-to-congress-on-hypersonic-weapons-18?utm_source=sailthru)
* [DOD to Prioritize Civilian Jobs that Are ‘Mission-First’](https://defensecommunities.org/2025/04/dod-to-prioritize-civilian-jobs-that-are-mission-first/)
* SECDEF [Pete Hegseth Signs Memorandum Directing $5.1 Billion in Cuts of Wasteful Spending Identified by DOGE](https://www.defense.gov/Multimedia/Videos/videoid/958371/)
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* [NORTHCOM commander: Strong concern’ spectrum auctioning could jeopardize Golden Dome](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/northcom-commander-strong-concern-spectrum-auctioning-could-jeopardize-golden-dome/?utm_source=sailthru)
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* This week at the Department of Defense:
	+ April 25: [100 Days of Success, Accelerated Retention, Bringing Back Discharged Service Members](https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4166765/this-week-in-dod-100-days-of-success-accelerated-retention-bringing-back-discha/)
	+ April 18: [This Week in DOD: Bolstering Border Efforts, Hero Returns Home, Engaging With Allies](https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4160168/this-week-in-dod-bolstering-border-efforts-hero-returns-home-engaging-with-alli/)
	+ April 11: [Better Access to Panama Canal, Billions Saved by DOGE, Outreach Effort Begins](https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4152986/this-week-in-dod-better-access-to-panama-canal-billions-saved-by-doge-outreach/)
	+ April 4: [Common Sense Combat Arms Standards, No Halt on Hammering Houthis, Navy's Midshipmen Impress Heck Out of Former Soldier](https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4146717/this-week-in-dod-common-sense-combat-arms-standards-no-halt-on-hammering-houthi/)

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* [Air Guard units join forces for aerial wildfire suppression training](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/4170070/air-guard-units-join-forces-for-aerial-wildfire-suppression-training/)
* [Air Force activates new electronic warfare squadron](https://defensescoop.com/2025/04/22/air-force-activates-electronic-warfare-squadron-23d/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [Air Force scouts three states as potential sites for new homeland defense radar](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/air-force-scouts-three-states-as-potential-sites-for-new-homeland-defense-radar/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [State of the Air Force 2025](https://www.defenseone.com/policy/2025/04/state-air-force-2025/404671/?oref=d_brief_nl)
* [Air Force Has Flown More Than 50 Southern Border Intel Flights](https://www.airandspaceforces.com/air-force-southern-border-intel-flights-50/?utm_source=sailthru)
* Around the Air Force:
	+ April 25: [Space Force Warfighting Framework; Training Range Improvements; Integrating Air, Missile Defense](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/4165571/around-the-air-force-space-force-warfighting-framework-training-range-improveme/)
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	+ April 11: [Skyraider II Delivers Lethality, Strengthening Aeromedical Support, Deployable Combat Wings](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/4151876/around-the-air-force-skyraider-ii-delivers-lethality-strengthening-aeromedical/)
	+ April 4: [Meink Confirmation Hearing, Aircrew Engagement Survey, Red Flag Expands International Collaboration](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/4144581/around-the-air-force-meink-confirmation-hearing-aircrew-engagement-survey-red-f/)

### **Army**

* [Army Announces Official Name for its Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon](https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/4164997/army-announces-official-name-for-its-long-range-hypersonic-weapon/)
* [“This we’ll defend” - U.S. Army to celebrate 250th birthday](https://www.army.mil/article/284320/this_well_defend_u_s_army_to_celebrate_250th_birthday)
* [US Army finalizing future aircraft design with hopes to field faster](https://www.militarytimes.com/land/2025/04/28/us-army-finalizing-future-aircraft-design-with-hopes-to-field-faster/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [Army aims to use 3D-printed drones to spot threats troops can’t see](https://taskandpurpose.com/news/army-3d-printed-drones/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [Army Hits Retention Goal Early](https://defensecommunities.org/2025/04/army-hits-retention-goal-early/)
* [The Army wants its installations to be energy islands](https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2025/04/army-wants-its-installations-be-energy-islands/404697/?oref=d1-featured-river-secondary)
* [What does flexible funding for electronic warfare mean for the Army?](https://defensescoop.com/2025/04/18/army-electronic-warfare-flexible-funding/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [As Army leaders reconsider needs and rumors swirl, industry braces for potential ground vehicle cuts](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/as-army-leaders-reconsider-needs-and-rumors-swirl-industry-braces-for-potential-ground-vehicle-cuts/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [State of the Army 2025](https://www.defenseone.com/policy/2025/04/state-army-2025/404673/?oref=d_brief_nl)
* [Army evaluates several evolving electronic warfare concepts at Project Convergence](https://defensescoop.com/2025/04/15/army-project-convergence-electronic-warfare-concepts/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [Army conducting 3D printing sprint for small drones, eyeing scaling decision](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/army-conducting-3d-printing-sprint-for-small-drones-eyeing-scaling-decision/?utm_campaign=Breaking%20Defense%20Air%20)
* [Army streamlines training requirements to enhance warfighting readiness](https://www.army.mil/article/284317/army_streamlines_training_requirements_to_enhance_warfighting_readiness)
* [US Army aiming for next hypersonic missile test in December](https://www.defensenews.com/land/2025/04/02/us-army-aiming-for-next-hypersonic-missile-test-in-december/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [DCS, G-9 participates in 2025 ADC](https://www.army.mil/article/284319/dcs_g_9_participates_in_2025_adc)

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* [Marines want to add counter-drone weapon to amphibious vehicle](https://www.defensenews.com/unmanned/2025/04/29/marines-want-to-add-counter-drone-weapon-to-amphibious-vehicle/?utm_source=sailthru)
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* [Marine Corps to field counter-drone systems to dismounted units](https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2025/04/marine-corps-field-counter-drone-systems-dismounted-units/404424/?oref=defenseone_today_nl)
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* [Marines launch new team focused on first-person drones that have dominated Ukraine war](https://www.stripes.com/branches/marine_corps/2025-04-01/marine-drone-program-17329939.html?utm_source=sailthru)
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