**WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

Monthly Update

**JANUARY 2025**

****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.

***SPECIAL NOTE:****This monthly report spans over two POTUS Administrations. Federal items below that were announced prior to the change in administration (Jan 20) are identified for reader’s awareness and consideration.*

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# **WRP Updates**

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

You are cordially invited to participate in the **WRP TEC**call on **Friday, February 28th.** This call will begin at 10:00 am Pacific. Please click [here](https://wrpinfo.org/rsvp/?meetingId=85758) to RSVP. This call will feature a presentation on: **Overview of the USGS 3D Elevation Program** byCindy Thatcher, Geographer, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Geospatial Program.

The **January 31st WRP TEC call** **recording is** [**here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRTAQFNWU_U)**.** This call featured presentations on *Maximizing Revenue of Renewable Energy Through Grid Enhancing Technology* by Lee Angers and *Teaching Indigenous History, Culture and STEM through Games* by AnnMaria De Mars, Ph.D.

## **WRP ENergy COMMITTEE Webinar RecordingS**

**January 14th WRP Energy Committee webinar** highlighted*National Transmission Planning Study* by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Grid Deployment Office. Recording link is [**here**](https://youtu.be/WAn3xmVNxbM).

**Nov 21st** **WRP Energy Committee webinar highlighted energy from a state perspective**. Recording link is [**here**](https://youtu.be/-yMruVEd1tw). This webinar featured presentations by WGA and the states of AZ, CA, CO, NM and UT to learn of their current energy-related priorities.

## **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.

## **WRP Deep-Dives**

At the 2024 WRP Principals’ Meeting, Principals affirmed continuing the WRP Priority “*Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster*” for one more year. 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

# **Energy**

## **Federal Updates**

* EO: [Unleashing American Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/unleashing-american-energy/)
* [OMB Memo M-25-11 - Guidance Regarding Section 7 of the Executive Order Unleashing American Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/2025/01/omb-memo-m-25-11/)
* [Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/temporary-withdrawal-of-all-areas-on-the-outer-continental-shelf-from-offshore-wind-leasing-and-review-of-the-federal-governments-leasing-and-permitting-practices-for-wind-projects/)
* [Trump Withdraws All Federal Waters From Future Offshore Wind Leasing](https://maritime-executive.com/article/trump-withdraws-all-federal-waters-from-future-offshore-wind-leasing)
* [Navy, Marines Want More Energy Storage to Supply Power Hungry Warships, Bases](https://news.usni.org/2025/01/29/navy-marines-want-more-energy-storage-to-supply-power-hungry-warships-bases?utm_source=sailthru)

#### *Jan 1-20 federal Update (from previous administration)*

* [*DOE and EPA Announce $850 Million to Reduce Methane Pollution from the Oil and Gas Sector*](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-and-epa-announce-850-million-reduce-methane-pollution-oil-and-gas-sector-0?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20both%20authors_12/20/2024)

### **FERC**

* [President Trump Names Mark Christie Chairman of FERC](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/president-trump-names-mark-christie-chairman-ferc)

### **DOE**

#### *Jan 1-20 federal Updates (from previous administration)*

* [DOE Releases West Coast Offshore Wind Transmission Study and Action Plan](https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/articles/doe-releases-west-coast-offshore-wind-transmission-study-and-action-plan?utm_medium=email)
* DOE’s Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs issued a notice of  [NOI for Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2025 (DE-FOA-0003548)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fie-exchange.energy.gov%252FDefault.aspx%2523FoaId79712501-494d-4c3a-a4e3-53c621fc08e8%2F1%2F010101946ffc939a-8041db12-819b-4f08-8c3e-b549ff369863-000000%2FPT0XmMHL3iPe4ZTf0SrOXlINtDlOUFp1nJ1d1hKEii0%3D388&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C0550ecde35684844a93f08dd364de9e8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638726430506598420%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gvoOvauR304%2FmMjENHio%2Bw%2B2gnTmXOhEUQZ9JfWCZIk%3D&reserved=0) to release a $25 million notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) this spring to support energy technology deployment on Tribal lands. To learn more, [read the full NOI announcement](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Findianenergy%252Farticles%252Fus-department-energy-announce-funding-opportunity-energy-technology-0%2F1%2F010101946ffc939a-8041db12-819b-4f08-8c3e-b549ff369863-000000%2FMgR370BRLVLzS7mn9Yd6OhsZ-HyoWTIP1JPeESFhEk4%3D388&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C0550ecde35684844a93f08dd364de9e8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638726430506612407%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bl4Nr59k7K4Tn5oQDHPZB%2FZjkPL6uFO6gknrTzf6quk%3D&reserved=0).
* [DOE](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101946b0eb799-4065b90e-4bb7-4cb3-a713-56a7d59a47ac-000000%2FV3zDwru5Lof86CTd2NZ-0r-cFv7nYxzO7-UJ8s9UEiA%3D388&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cf8c8d07e63d748b054c508dd358c8e36%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638725599993169100%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mzNR9lCToUqtdsBIJ6jOiGheUK55FpO0c7TeI6gNBS4%3D&reserved=0) [released](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fhome.treasury.gov%252Fnews%252Fpress-releases%252Fjy2780%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101946b0eb799-4065b90e-4bb7-4cb3-a713-56a7d59a47ac-000000%2FbPwGKZFGOqi_gHs5UtdD-WSA4kOpw8nqhWf3_nH-52Q%3D388&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cf8c8d07e63d748b054c508dd358c8e36%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638725599993183685%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g9Xwh8ZN8GnAH8BoQ%2B41nj5eSDqXEUYe00G2ND2wmxM%3D&reserved=0) the 45ZCF-GREET model.
* [New Interagency Study Finds Further Expansion of Renewable Energy Production on Federal Lands Could Power Millions More American Homes by 2035](https://www.energy.gov/articles/new-interagency-study-finds-further-expansion-renewable-energy-production-federal-lands?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* [News Release: Floating Solar Panels Could Support US Energy Goals](https://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2025/floating-solar-panels-could-support-us-energy-goals.html?utm_source=NREL+News&utm_campaign=5e17c9f347-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_10_10_06_09_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_807f77e7f4-5e17c9f347-282462641)
* [DOE’s WINDExchange Releases Offshore Wind Energy Guide](https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/articles/does-windexchange-releases-offshore-wind-energy-guide?utm_medium=email)
* [NREL’s 2024 Standard Scenarios Now Available](https://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2025/nrels-2024-standard-scenarios-now-available.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* Funding Opportunities:
	+ **Feb. 11, 2025** |[$20 Million to Improve the Recycling of Wind Energy Technologies](https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/articles/notice-funding-opportunity-doe-announces-20-million-improve-recycling-wind?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
	+ **May 2, 2025** |EERE is offering $11 million to fund projects that improve the compatibility of [large-scale solar facilities](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Feere%252Fsolar%252Flarge-scale-solar-siting-research%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FHPL2BXonwZBZGyQtpcFvqZG9nmId8hdhnLGioSuwYlw%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607274079%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UfDtdt2766XLaBu6gbiWKcRvxTmQMvkqPUU%2BfdYhNOU%3D&reserved=0) with [wildlife habitats](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Feere%252Fsolar%252Fsolar-energy-wildlife-and-environment%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FMvA4Vi7Gvx5xTVgJ1qIgmpIR-0Irk4R03WuCpci_HAA%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607287753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3UunaxVlYZNU5F6HOdeFlOKGevhCUcueG7KDQ5mTnXg%3D&reserved=0) and facilitate the dual use of land for [agricultural](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Feere%252Fsolar%252Fagrivoltaics-solar-and-agriculture-co-location%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FF6bcqfu8_MJB2FOKWKYONM0ho5ldkYcIaFe7XnZo_JE%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607301289%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bNQ%2BtMZYpdEXVXtLO5J70%2FF712DJmsCYjdmLGzMm%2FCg%3D&reserved=0) and solar energy production. [Submit](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Feere-exchange.energy.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2523FoaIdfe6561f9-adf8-4737-8f55-84d6104313f1%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FC848lvpaQYFAQIN_Kdut9GdW-YUX3sFHnRPke5UhsJg%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607319712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MJPMiXA3LnWmND%2FbB3FEG9gPbY2qhgeIBlQafic2f7U%3D&reserved=0) your concept paper by **Feb. 14**.

**EIA**

* [Wholesale Electricity and Natural Gas Market Data](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/wholesale/)
* [Total Energy Monthly Data](https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/)
* [Electric Power Monthly](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eia.gov%2Felectricity%2Fmonthly%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C8f4c35b321da499b456f08dd2b4652cc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638714303214831614%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AEOPTKqUfFUKZsUbBierzNs%2F7fe6OoBnsBgS5qU%2Bo9I%3D&reserved=0)

### **DOI -BLM**

#### *Jan 1-20 federal Updates (from previous administration)*

* [*BLM approves Jove Solar Project*](https://www.blm.gov/announcement/blm-approves-jove-solar-project?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20both%20authors_01/07/2025)
* *Updated Western Solar Plan:* [*90 FR 3912 - BLM Director's Response to the Appeals by the Governors of California and Utah…*](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-15/2025-00753)[*PDF*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-15%2Fpdf%2F2025-00753.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565083735%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=t8gwtK%2Bj32cfYcNpg8quN1JYPHgOlsshqBSnyPpJ8k4%3D&reserved=0)[*TEXT*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-15%2Fhtml%2F2025-00753.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565096234%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zavSUThZTgX7ygQDO9vXtMiKE9%2B15kfEOiY2e1KaMgc%3D&reserved=0)[*DETAILS*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-15%2F2025-00753&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565108725%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KyMvj1WMVQlSt76WcmMABwkXeqF5g7GhG0Gk6uOYUFA%3D&reserved=0)
* [*90 FR 1541 - Notice of Segregation of Public Land for the Bonanza Solar Project, Clark County, NV*](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-08/2025-00199)[*PDF*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-08%2Fpdf%2F2025-00199.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348715587%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=u7NAJULq7F4Xo4sS8k7RjQuS2RoOkGBWCPydBqLy59I%3D&reserved=0)[*TEXT*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-08%2Fhtml%2F2025-00199.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348729762%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NjNtF00CZRHMKIW9yWMKJIBY%2BLdYsNAiK0wuHRBiRVA%3D&reserved=0)[*DETAILS*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-08%2F2025-00199&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348743340%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7ssu3jVXQ68NI%2FiEl%2FXZxVjItJFpEnqon4xjB78hEwg%3D&reserved=0)

## **State Updates**

* AZ: [New Arizona Corporation Commission sworn in, leadership roles announced](https://news.azpm.org/p/azpmnews/2025/1/6/223141-new-arizona-corporation-commission-sworn-in-leadership-roles-announced/)
* CA: Public comments are now available for the [Draft 2024 IEPR Update](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.ca.gov%252Fdata-reports%252Freports%252F2024-integrated-energy-policy-report-update%252Fpublic-comments-draft-2024-iepr%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101943cd6ccc0-a677f408-d75a-4e11-89d7-5de526406ecb-000000%2Fl9KF-CpK4JITsHkvwfmy9xWhYa2Po4z-vAbE8aHDwOo%3D386&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cfa4a208718c74c00139f08dd2e82067b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638717858181960575%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5C86HXKQ8rmNKOQZNTHVa8UISTAVpeYwlOh1G%2BhpScg%3D&reserved=0).
* CA: [Primm solar plant to shut down units as energy deal with California utility winds down](https://news3lv.com/news/local/primm-solar-plant-to-shut-down-units-as-energy-deal-with-california-utility-winds-down-nevada-pge-socal-edison-las-vegas)
* CA: [Moss Landing battery plant fire evacuations lifted; 'no threat to human health' found](https://www.mercurynews.com/2025/01/16/moss-landing-power-plant-fire-evacuations-road-closures/)
* CA: [Smoke and fire stop at Moss Landing battery facility; water testing expected soon](https://www.ksbw.com/article/smoke-fire-moss-landing-battery-facility-water-testing/63486518)
* CO: [Powering the Future: Stored Energy Systems Expands in Longmont, Colorado](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/powering-future-stored-energy-systems-expands-longmont-colorado)
* CO: [Governor Polis, Colorado Energy Office, and the Department of Local Affairs Release Microgrid Roadmap, Guidance to Support Grid Resilience and Reliability Projects in Colorado](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/governor-polis-colorado-energy-office-and-department-local-affairs-release-microgrid-roadmap)
* CO: [Major energy projects underway to preserve service reliability](https://www.army.mil/article/282501/major_energy_projects_underway_to_preserve_service_reliability)
* CO: [Utilities prepares to bring 100MW battery storage online](https://gazette.com/government/colorado-springs-utilities-readies-battery-storage-project-nextera/article_76e07034-cc82-11ef-986b-7fa1f6bd649d.html)
* NM: [Governor appoints former state Senator Greg Nibert to PRC](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2025/01/01/governor-appoints-former-state-senator-greg-nibert-to-prc/)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [25th Navajo Nation Council approves amendment to oil and gas lease in Red Mesa Chapter, raises concerns for impacted communities](https://www.navajo-nsn.gov/Portals/0/Press%20Releases/2025/Jan/CORRECTION%20NNC%20approves%20amendment%20to%20oil%20and%20gas%20lease%20.pdf)
* [Navajo Nation, Energy Fuels Sign Uranium Ore Transport Agreement](https://www.indiangaming.com/navajo-nation-energy-fuels-sign-uranium-ore-transport-agreement/)

#### *Jan 1-20 federal Update (from previous administration)*

* *Funding Opportunity:* *The Office of Indian Energy is extending the deadline of the Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development – 2025 funding opportunity to* ***Feb. 6, 2025 at 5 p.m. ET.***
	+ - *Download the* [*funding opportunity announcement*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fie-exchange.energy.gov%252F%2523FoaIdc1e60c9c-235e-45d5-9aa5-a8e832ebc1f6%2F1%2F01010194751f7247-f92d7f4e-4c1f-4ca2-b292-cdb0135c32c0-000000%2FcATmJj8CHJ_fc4oNvTSyoyAzZLu7hB5VurYTBeLdUlg%3D388&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce47a6c10aea8489e2d0608dd37486d69%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638727506394380153%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rDj3JnXzlKgsHho%2FLLQAgvPJ4yb2L5ua0YI3PDrzzDs%3D&reserved=0) *to apply.*
		- *Review the* [*webinar*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Findianenergy%252Ftribal-clean-energy-planning-and-development-2025-foa-webinar%2F1%2F01010194751f7247-f92d7f4e-4c1f-4ca2-b292-cdb0135c32c0-000000%2FcYwGXfHcahtTC9Bi9SZfv4KTCEOvUwIZqb13hLricVs%3D388&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce47a6c10aea8489e2d0608dd37486d69%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638727506394403736%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=z6Bf2rLbvCpfk%2FKNpach7C%2FUlTtMgMFUSjh9zn76x1s%3D&reserved=0) *for more information.*

## **Regional Updates**

* [Time for U.S. Energy Dominance: Unlocking America’s Oil and Gas Potential through Innovation and Policy](https://www.heritage.org/energy/report/time-us-energy-dominance-unlocking-americas-oil-and-gas-potential-through-innovation?utm_source=THF_Email)
* [AI could help mitigate lithium battery fires, study finds](https://www.route-fifty.com/emerging-tech/2025/01/ai-could-help-mitigate-lithium-battery-fires-study-finds/402456/?oref=rf-today-nl)
* WGA: [New Out West podcast episode explores the potential of various decarbonization strategies](https://westgov.org/news/article/new-out-west-podcast-episode-explores-the-potential-of-various-decarbonization-strategies)
* [Mapping species of greatest conservation need and solar energy potential in the arid Southwest for future sustainable development](https://peerj.com/articles/18568/?utm_source=substack)

# **Natural Resources**

## **Federal Updates**

* EO: [Emergency Measures to Provide Water Resources in California and Improve Disaster Response in Certain Areas](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/emergency-measures-to-provide-water-resources-in-california-and-improve-disaster-response-in-certain-areas/?utm_source=Daily%20on%20Energy%20012724_01/27/2025)
* EO: [Putting America First In International Environmental Agreements](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-america-first-in-international-environmental-agreements/)
* POTUS MEMO: [Putting People Over Fish: Stopping Radical Environmentalism to Provide Water to Southern California](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-people-over-fish-stopping-radical-environmentalism-to-provide-water-to-southern-california/)
* [Record levels of 'forever chemicals' found in wildlife near New Mexico base, hunters warned](https://apnews.com/article/pfas-contamination-wildlife-new-mexico-hunters-75345306def75d93553f91b6c766080e)
* 2026 Sentinel Landscape Designation Cycle is now open. Completed Expression of Interest (EOI) are due **April 9, 2025** to FCC@sentinellandscapes.org EOI Resources (form, proposal guidance, help session (video and slide deck)) on this site: <https://sentinellandscapes.org/apply-now/>

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Updates (from previous administration)*

* [*Rio Grande Shiner one step closer to federal protection*](https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2025/01/16/a-rio-grande-fish-gets-a-win-in-court/)
* [*Public stream access upheld – landowner case dismissed in federal court*](https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2025/01/17/public-access-victory-for-state/)
* [*90 FR 6715 - Establishment of the Chuckwalla National Monument*](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-17/X25-10117)[*PDF*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-17%2Fpdf%2FX25-10117.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565383927%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v96QTrK9lG8JxA5vnueRC8A70JmWSzA1N2SkEx7exaM%3D&reserved=0)[*TEXT*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-17%2Fhtml%2FX25-10117.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565396337%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1U7CVlMylG%2FdEaShdiqH8mCXJ2LKoBCjSdxb8XIG26E%3D&reserved=0)[*DETAILS*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-17%2FX25-10117&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565408615%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=O5uxbXFNyhLdPuYx5Ligw1DgsZQKc1Qa6ZsnVh0t3oM%3D&reserved=0)
* [*Proclamation on the Establishment of the Sáttítla Highlands National Monument*](https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2025/01/14/proclamation-on-the-establishment-of-the-sattitla-highlands-national-monument/)
* [*President Biden Establishes Chuckwalla and Sáttítla Highlands National Monuments in California*](https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2025/01/07/fact-sheet-president-biden-establishes-chuckwalla-and-sattitla-highlands-national-monuments-in-california/)
* *Funding Opportunity:* ***Feb 7:*** [*Matching Awards Program - National Forest Foundation*](https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/map)*. Deadline for Round 1 MAP Application*

### **EPA**

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Update (from previous administration)*

* [*EPA EJ Thriving Communities grant application portal now open*](https://thrivingcommunitiesregion9.org/apply/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### **NOAA**

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Updates (from previous administration)*

* *Funding Opportunities:*
	+ ***Feb 7:***[*FY25 NOAA Marine Debris Interception Technologies*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatlaspolicy.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db7dd5fec7dd3793c0eced07eb%26id%3Db8ef5b1c79%26e%3Dc9b99aaa74&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cc663a194b2b947e08ddb08dd04e68a27%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638672110411090339%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p5C6dXpabfb4X65DoBiUspFp%2B2pIcc2r%2BJAVVKs%2FA9U%3D&reserved=0)
	+ ***Feb 10:*** [*Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants*](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/restoring-fish-passage-through-barrier-removal-grants?utm_medium=email)*, Up to $75 million in funding is available for fish passage projects.*

### **DOI**

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Updates (from previous administration)*

* [*90 FR 5986 - Records of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for Greater Sage-Grouse…*](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-17/2025-01198)[*PDF*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-17%2Fpdf%2F2025-01198.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565331355%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7wN%2BGOjq4OKrdumj0faEaeIUswhMfzWnf1YtKErE8HE%3D&reserved=0)[*TEXT*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-17%2Fhtml%2F2025-01198.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565345869%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=u3aG3Kp1mOD3HLpUO88uYcM629BoItiuGKqI6ZHBMaA%3D&reserved=0)[*DETAILS*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-17%2F2025-01198&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565358699%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yIFsRMoBN6bKBYhGCbBRzjGOSY%2F2rgNrTLwR5oz681o%3D&reserved=0)
* [*$514 Million to Ensure Clean, Reliable Drinking Water for Western Communities*](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOI/bulletins/3cb66ae)
* [*$41 Million Investment in Water Resources and Ecosystem Health*](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOI/bulletins/3cb2979)
* [*Secretary Haaland Celebrates President Biden's Designation of Chuckwalla National Monument in California*](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOI/bulletins/3cb09d5)

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

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Updates (from previous administration)*

* *Funding Opportunities:*
	+ ***March 11****:* [*WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects 2024*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatlaspolicy.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db7dd5fec7dd3793c0eced07eb%26id%3D398a82a5cf%26e%3Dc9b99aaa74&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cc7e38cfff3d140d30f1308dcd8ca2be2%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638623610069925409%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FdmEKWQEEeEyh0SMB78I6LGKNU3OueLaInvWouDNqNk%3D&reserved=0)
	+ ***April 7****: WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects Application Deadline Extended for* [*this program*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F350116%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01000193e165c599-c97a2fd1-44ca-4307-8a46-f81cfe00a73f-000000%2FdLJACw6joxpMnyt7dCpcsZr_m9K2lxLy4EnA705RRwY%3D384&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C3c8e144ae91c4b18e72908dd214b63d3%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638703329872052150%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TCgBG4QqYG3WkE4ujZdfUrT%2FbiOt9N1mdjqyl7fCbCk%3D&reserved=0)*.*
	+ ***April 15 (First Round****):* [*WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoratio*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349870546%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dmgcmUpacKHvO%2FMgAefDGIPPhzDHuMhSxUIoEbXOOGQ%3D&reserved=0)[*n Projects*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349886642%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g0UM94kVjFr25HWMzQnyrSFHedB4PcyapzzEaunkYs4%3D&reserved=0)[*Grant Program*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349914180%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Vi1PxeCbzULfPe2HhFhm8onUhKpzwt7Zls2s9M%2B0lOA%3D&reserved=0)*. Apply* [*here*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.grants.gov%2Fsearch-results-detail%2F357615&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349927356%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WHNnPycrWVE%2BP47Nql4%2F9CodDw4DQB%2Bp8iMLwc1cG3o%3D&reserved=0)

### **DOI-USFWS**

* [90 FR 7038 - Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for Eight Species (Amargosa toad, Oasis Valley speckled dace, Mohave ground squirrel)](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-21/2025-01118) [PDF](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-21%2Fpdf%2F2025-01118.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6636875df8454b14370c08dd3dbdaf25%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638734607104531505%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tyY31djBxaG%2FIajmR0Be8KCDHJpQln8CE%2FvfKIKWkhE%3D&reserved=0)  [TEXT](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-21%2Fhtml%2F2025-01118.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6636875df8454b14370c08dd3dbdaf25%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638734607104544229%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=R4EcvQCOi%2BcGYBBO%2FvWWDgm8Y1n1Y80lYgE68%2BOQPYk%3D&reserved=0)  [DETAILS](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-21%2F2025-01118&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6636875df8454b14370c08dd3dbdaf25%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638734607104556732%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bmsG%2BiHszW4zktjIOH82YZddA6f0gRqCZV%2BL1wWmMA4%3D&reserved=0)
* [90 FR 7154 - Incidental Take Permit Application for the Desert Tortoise; Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment; Overnight Solar Energy Project, San Bernardino County, CA](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-21/2025-01340) [PDF](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-21%2Fpdf%2F2025-01340.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6636875df8454b14370c08dd3dbdaf25%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638734607104581154%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dx5Dd7II%2F0k2pTehv%2BHcHJOKMWGipl8nKWp7UkEXWVo%3D&reserved=0)  [TEXT](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-21%2Fhtml%2F2025-01340.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6636875df8454b14370c08dd3dbdaf25%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638734607104593298%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6cuNs2KdgNUAKSw2KPqwvaaNBjsvCvL38FnSVlWkK9Y%3D&reserved=0)  [DETAILS](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-21%2F2025-01340&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6636875df8454b14370c08dd3dbdaf25%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638734607104605544%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6rG1BhlsWPVVkQ%2BHP6ljhG%2BDyD0AeFOqnw0WLPEXg3U%3D&reserved=0)

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Updates (from previous administration)*

* [*90 FR 1054 - Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of Ute Ladies'-Tresses From the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants*](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-07/2024-30380)[*PDF*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-07%2Fpdf%2F2024-30380.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348821354%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KwmZRnmWOtlUMirKohTbms6Ix9zrMqCNQiNTuAMa300%3D&reserved=0)[*TEXT*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-07%2Fhtml%2F2024-30380.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348836340%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XQ7a2I68AWSija0oMCi8T%2ByOpPCNyw6kAUVJp6nMJ98%3D&reserved=0)[*DETAILS*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-07%2F2024-30380&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348852151%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l%2FpyKyGmeMLNNSvLZ3uc7YYbsKesCQpwXRqhqcPXp7s%3D&reserved=0)
* [*90 FR 1421 - Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Bleached Sandhill Skipper*](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-08/2024-31761)[*PDF*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-08%2Fpdf%2F2024-31761.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348877982%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jx2bX1nC6PKY1ZvG6BrkwXIyt6RLLvTrN4fFec9wVcY%3D&reserved=0)[*TEXT*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-08%2Fhtml%2F2024-31761.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348890480%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Gx3jnMmh7%2F4LCFlI76G0X4zfbcQuS2SKmYX%2FgqklL98%3D&reserved=0)[*DETAILS*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-08%2F2024-31761&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7f8cdd8ae06a49f59b7d08dd3258d6d0%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638722079348902957%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vWkfQxghqZBTqZHEwTq2jW4DF4qRMHmjQL5StwFYQ2A%3D&reserved=0)

### **DOI-USGS**

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Updates (from previous administration)*

* [*Water scarcity a risk for 27M Americans*](https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/eenews/2025/01/16/27m-americans-at-risk-for-water-limitations-usgs-00198764?mc_cid=5547fd3043)
* [*Feds offer new data, research to refresh states’ water woes*](https://www.route-fifty.com/infrastructure/2025/01/feds-offer-new-data-research-refresh-states-water-woes/402307/?oref=rf-alert-nl&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Route%20Fifty%20Alert:%20January%2017%2C%202025&utm_term=newsletter_rf_alert)

### **NASA**

Funding Opportunity: “*A.60 Earth Action: Ecological Conservation”* — to help accelerate biodiversity conservation, fueled with NASA information about the Earth as a system. Notices of intent are requested by **February 14**, and proposals are due **March 14.** Solicitation: <http://bit.ly/nasa-a60> and supporting information: [catalyst4conservation.org](http://catalyst4conservation.org/).

### **USDA**

* Funding Opportunities:
	+ **March 14** | [FY 2025 Regional Conservation Partnership Program Application](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatlaspolicy.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db7dd5fec7dd3793c0eced07eb%26id%3D504d1c11ce%26e%3Dc9b99aaa74&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce65c4df6b7564601c40e08dd160427c4%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638690929293509195%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=33zYnrCEiTjBXKFUQTGB2MFZtg5F2Cr8DQxDQ4RkqEY%3D&reserved=0)
	+ **March 14** | [FY 2025 Conservation Stewardship Program](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatlaspolicy.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db7dd5fec7dd3793c0eced07eb%26id%3D47e381bb0a%26e%3Dc9b99aaa74&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce65c4df6b7564601c40e08dd160427c4%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638690929293531513%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BjLPe%2Fpv6XvooangjK0Cug7GMEHYKSre8Z4%2F7ungves%3D&reserved=0)
	+ **March 14** | [Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY2025](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatlaspolicy.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db7dd5fec7dd3793c0eced07eb%26id%3D4a1c922ae9%26e%3Dc9b99aaa74&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce65c4df6b7564601c40e08dd160427c4%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638690929293554444%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jV62J5EYUqQEM2r5ibcHCXbTecoho5Q1rwpOvsynKFU%3D&reserved=0)

### **USDA-USFS**

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Update (from previous administration)*

* *On January 7, 2025, U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore announced his*[*intent to withdraw*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhouse.us1.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dea7f59ecf397d2e699380c0fe%26id%3D368abffb55%26e%3Db6a05510c5&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce0844089bbca4aaf48ce08dd303096b8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638719707421827475%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tGm3uO1Lbq68yqedAZnNpTR2C9sCydA4EWdScyrRhZw%3D&reserved=0)*the*

*notice of intent to prepare a National Old Growth Amendment environmental impact statement*

## **State Updates**

* [Energy, housing shortages: West’s public lands issues persist](https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/governors-weigh-in-can-western-states-use-vast-public-lands-more-efficiently-3225872/)
* Western States Water Newsletters: [Jan. 31, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2646.pdf) | [Issue #2646 Special Report](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/News-2646-Special-Report.pdf) | [Jan. 24, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2645.pdf) | [Jan. 16, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/News-2644.pdf) | [Jan. 10, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2643.pdf) | | [Jan. 3, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2642.pdf)

### **Arizona**

* [Governor Hobbs Announces Over $60 Million Investment to Protect Arizona’s Water](https://azgovernor.gov/office-arizona-governor/news/2025/01/governor-hobbs-announces-over-60-million-investment-protect)
* [ADWR’s Interactive Dashboard Displays AMA Water Use Projections](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/news/adwrs-interactive-dashboard-displays-ama-water-use-projections)
* [At Phoenix’s Far Edge, a Housing Boom Grasps for Water](https://www.circleofblue.org/2025/world/at-phoenixs-far-edge-a-housing-boom-grasps-for-water/?mc_cid=bc1cd654a0)
* [U of A Professor Condon Joins Groundwater Flow Mapping Effort](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/news/u-professor-condon-joins-groundwater-flow-mapping-effort)
* [Mexican Long-Nosed Bats Discovered in Arizona](https://www.batcon.org/press/mexican-long-nosed-bats-discovered-in-arizona/?utm_medium=email)

### **California**

* [Governor Newsom issues executive order to help California capture and store more water from upcoming severe storms | Governor of California](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/01/31/governor-newsom-issues-executive-order-to-help-california-capture-and-store-more-water-from-upcoming-severe-storms/)
* Feb. 20: [Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool](https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/SB-552/SB-552-Tool?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) Tutorial. [Registration](https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/PZ2-Mci2T5qFUlHlcoeIpA?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#/registration)
* [Progress made in reactivating Sacramento Valley floodplains](https://norcalwater.org/wp-content/uploads/FFC-Summary-Doc-110724.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* **Feb. 6**: Webinar: ["Explore the Biodiversity of California" lecture event](https://libraryca.libcal.com/event/13910514?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), [Registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gr-bduJ2TTmO9pWVZyUjbw?_gl=1%2A7925u5%2A_gcl_aw%2AR0NMLjE3MzQ5MjQyNTIuQ2p3S0NBaUFqcC03QmhCWkVpd0FtaDlyQlloYmc1TGl6LVFUcjNqSG5QbWp6VUZFY0VPTzFNMmtYbExJcHU5bFh2c0tSRnhYY3lUTkV4b0M0bDBRQXZEX0J3RQ..%2A_gcl_au%2AOTMzMDY4NTg3LjE3MzA4MzcyMTc.%2A_ga%2ANzIyNzI1NDk1LjE3MzA4MzcyMTc.%2A_ga_L8TBF28DDX%2AMTczNjE4NDY4OC4xMC4xLjE3MzYxODQ3MDMuMC4wLjA.&_ics=1736184702555&irclickid=~62Y1QJIFHxrhiorhfgnukbc632VWOLOSXQV01QRLGDvkhb-2YQNE&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#/registration)
* **Feb. 20 &21**: [Delta Science Plan Workshop](https://deltascienceplan.deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2025-02-20-21-delta-science-plan-workshop-save-the-date-flyer.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) (Hybrid: Zoom & in person) The Delta Science Program is working on the third iteration of the [Delta Science Plan.](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fdeltacouncil.ca.gov%252Fpdf%252F2019-delta-science-plan.pdf%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101948e88c66b-5cc00ac7-d9d4-47e1-8a91-8b1315bd115c-000000%2F88-lnx2VnomZyegzNYuDH1UR2Lx0Yp0Q4PSH6P477hE%3D389&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d46bff4625b43fb60b908dd3af663a4%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638731552114953292%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8IWAuj8xEZ0fL9utIF0Q2ke10T4FRpJh1VdDAzt%2B5qc%3D&reserved=0)
* [CA withdraws clean-air rules as Trump prepares to take office](https://calmatters.org/environment/2025/01/trump-california-withdraws-diesel-clean-air-rules/?emci=e488ea3a-3ad3-ef11-88d0-0022482a9d92)
* [CA Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force 2024 Year in Review](https://wildfiretaskforce.org/2024-year-in-review/?_kx=kxCbnGbOcRrmcMWoQmjO970RVTjrcmMP4L0pRRbKBjo.XCCtcg&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* DWR conducted its [first snow survey of the season](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252FNews%252FNews-Releases%252F2025%252FJan-25%252FSnow-Survey-January-2025%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2FrtOKEuXROpRnePTcaDF-qTkWOlKxPqBnAVtfItEYic8%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827679933%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gZqRfUgu5rh%2BPcd5tuB8TlgCGROCsJvzWtfEvDhjhzQ%3D&reserved=0) last week at Phillips Station, west of Lake Tahoe, where the manual survey recorded a snowpack of 91% for this location. More information is available: [online](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcww.water.ca.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2Fu-2w02H8GGcR5HdX07ChGQz2-rGjMJMuzLyTA60LSHU%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827693836%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WJqLkEHyoHi7cm%2BSGPc2rAqGiyMkUrEJ%2BbU7LJ4ZibY%3D&reserved=0), [current regional snowpack](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcdec.water.ca.gov%252Freportapp%252Fjavareports%253Fname%3Dswccond.pdf%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2F0t476w0B1s2FKwhr4QsZoU8EPmMlPRyE7IHHStUCXjY%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827708618%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DFcPde5yuBSOcje5adFKVh82fYqTxm9AeBXSuXv1UY4%3D&reserved=0)and [historical snowpack comparison graphs](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcdec.water.ca.gov%252Freportapp%252Fjavareports%253Fname%3DPLOT_SWC.pdf%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2FGk7hhpV1pCANehzx5oegICkrOS-2T8AdxLOurUNfjB8%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827721810%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GNJD1EeRuLyScioj%2FMDDekYM6zCRc5DxjalqvqhMrns%3D&reserved=0).
* The [State Water Resources Control Board](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2Fhwdo8SnrSaE0ws3c5X6gWNt_Gb1nFLtr5M5UqTk29nY%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827736008%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HBVJ5hRti7XEYsBq18VB%2Fdujhx1aVpVM1XFPhCSj%2Fp8%3D&reserved=0) announced important dates related to the [draft 2026 California 303(d) List of Impaired Waters](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%252Fwater_issues%252Fprograms%252Fwater_quality_assessment%252F2026_integrated_report.html%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2FFuUnFVqyaMp9MYN4LOVDmj0VtQOpieTcnPRW77Ij6oQ%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827750175%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=z29gkW2h%2BZg%2F5d99nLWJh%2FxQw62QV%2BjCFltZ0ViHmdE%3D&reserved=0) and the supporting draft staff report. 60-day public review and comment period is **January 30** to **April 2**. See the [public notice](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%252Fboard_info%252Fcalendar%252Fdocs%252F2025%252Ffeb%252Fnotice_2026integratedrpt_010225.pdf%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2FoqJU3z0YZtnRDrarohNutaYHEPiwSxd-h4FpLFQz3pw%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827777790%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VHDoqYvaiXpDs5F6wgWwbc1HVNBzCtJuLX8ICC4j3GE%3D&reserved=0) for more details.

### **Colorado**

* [Governor Polis Celebrates Historic Investments in Colorado’s Water Future, Including $40M for Shoshone Water Rights](https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/governor-polis-celebrates-historic-investments-colorados-water-future-including-40m-shoshone)

### **New Mexico**

* [OSE Hydrology Bureau Publishes New Web Application to View and Download Aquifer Test Data](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b7b0c54a80ed46adafa422e504a1330e/)
* [2020 Water Use By Categories Report Now Available](https://catalog.newmexicowaterdata.org/dataset/new-mexico-water-use-by-categories-2020)
* [Estancia Basin Water Rights Abstracting Complete](https://api.emnrd.nm.gov/)
* [New Mexico fines Cannon air base $99,000 over spill of PFAS-contaminated water](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/state-fines-cannon-almost-100k-over-2024-spill-of-pfas-contaminated-water/article_69d11840-cd35-11ef-9eb3-4302aec4265a.html)

### **UTAH**

* [Division of Wildlife Resources to receive up to $37.2 million in federal grants for habitat improvement projects](https://naturalresources.utah.gov/dnr-newsfeed/division-of-wildlife-resources-to-receive-up-to-37-2-million-in-federal-grants-for-habitat-improvement-projects-throughout-utah/)
* [Riley Peck named new Division of Wildlife Resources director](https://naturalresources.utah.gov/dnr-newsfeed/riley-peck-named-new-division-of-wildlife-resources-director/)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Ensuring Water Security: The Navajo Nation’s Support for the WaterSMART Access for Tribes Act](https://files.constantcontact.com/b4452133801/4108c7a5-8457-4a92-a545-a9625f1bd896.pdf?rdr=true)
* [EPA takes unprecedented step to remove uranium waste from the Navajo Nation](https://ictnews.org/news/epa-takes-unprecedented-step-to-remove-uranium-waste-from-the-navajo-nation-)

#### *Jan 1-20 FEDERAL Updates (from previous administration)*

* *Las Vegas Paiute Tribe:* [*90 FR 3245 - Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada*](https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2025-01-14/2025-00606)[*PDF*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-14%2Fpdf%2F2025-00606.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300564982593%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ts3%2BPbxGrJqeUJ5NpAGSuhqsjtw6W6GrbQyGzjXGkIU%3D&reserved=0)[*TEXT*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fcontent%2Fpkg%2FFR-2025-01-14%2Fhtml%2F2025-00606.htm&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300564995321%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6ZbenK4rJjnMccjoAe9KFPg74ZF2fN0u2ZBw0q9NypM%3D&reserved=0)[*DETAILS*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Fapp%2Fdetails%2FFR-2025-01-14%2F2025-00606&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd1e89c3fd016421c970c08dd38015451%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638728300565007844%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hU7TbuvjdI3TTyhZYGm2EVce61FfkeNSVGPYHV6m%2FCs%3D&reserved=0)
* [*$121 Million to Help Tribes Build Climate Resilience*](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOI/bulletins/3cb599d)
* *Funding Opportunities:*
	+ ***February 27*** *|* [*Tribal Heritage Grants Opportunity*](https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/tribal-heritage-grant-opportunity.htm)*: NPS’s*[*Tribal Heritage Grants Program*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fgo.nps.gov%2Ftribalheritage&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cc9f71904942747b476fe08dd2142047e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638703289604460264%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xlA7qDTYKKcCLEmflyfmCTZzcz5voozM44BQ0tK9th8%3D&reserved=0)*(THG) is now accepting applications for competitive grants.*
	+ ***February 27*** *|* [*$7 million funding opportunity for Tribal water projects*](https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/news-release/5023)

## **Regional Updates**

* [Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership Newsletter Volume XVIII](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=FSEPRD1158675) covers: 2025 leadership and new staff and highlights successes of invasive species monitoring, road decommissioning and restoration, and the completion and continuation of vegetation management across the Sentinel Landscape.
* [High organofluorine concentrations in municipal wastewater affect downstream drinking water supplies for millions of Americans](https://www.pnas.org/doi/full/10.1073/pnas.2417156122)
* [The Megadroughts Are Upon Us](https://www.enn.com/articles/75874-the-megadroughts-are-upon-us)
* [Water Cutback likely on the Colorado River](https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2025/01/16/early-snowpack-in-colorado-basin-is-average-cuts-likely-to-remain/77696980007/)
* [Tucson, Gilbert mark the start of new, federally-funded projects to preserve Colorado River water](https://www.kjzz.org/fronteras-desk/2025-01-16/tucson-gilbert-mark-the-start-of-new-federally-funded-projects-to-preserve-colorado-river-water)
* [New Research Reveals Groundwater Pathways Across Continent](https://www.enn.com/articles/75809-new-research-reveals-groundwater-pathways-across-continent)
* [Border Agency Seeks Solutions With Mexico on Water, Sewage Problems](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/05012025/border-agency-seeks-solutions-with-mexico-on-water-sewage-problems/?utm_source=InsideClimate+News&utm_campaign=7214c5114d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_01_11_02_11&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_29c928ffb5-7214c5114d-330877230)
* [To Save the Great Salt Lake, Farmers Will Have to Grow Less Alfalfa](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/07012025/to-save-the-great-salt-lake-farmers-will-have-to-grow-less-alfalfa/?utm_source=InsideClimate+News&utm_campaign=7214c5114d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_01_11_02_11&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_29c928ffb5-7214c5114d-330877230)

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### **WRRC**

* [Arizona Water Factsheets … Did You Know?](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/news/arizona-water-factsheets-did-you-know)
* [WRRC Now Accepting 104 Water Research Grant Proposals](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/news/wrrc-now-accepting-104-water-research-grant-proposals)
* [Guidance for Restoring Peace on the Colorado River](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/publication/guidance-restoring-peace-colorado-river)
* **Feb 7**, 12:15 pm (AZ)*:*[Damming the Gila: The Gila River Indian Community and the San Carlos Irrigation Project, 1900–1942](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.comms.arizona.edu%2F%3Fqs%3Dbbe09b67b5e8745b0fe4ab67d3fded4eaf40bb1818431a90b2bf66360f0d32b3dc8a564552f888961825618b26ef3945cd23106a29ff3d4a&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C2870af10935c479a43ca08dd41392a0c%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638738435977240202%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=R1tH2n5ZzqpHINhSwCHwjuMAYt%2Fst7QZ2VZiZ5bTokE%3D&reserved=0)Author Talk and Book Signing
* **Mar 4**, 12:00 pm (AZ): WRRC Water Webinar: [The Three Ages of Water: Prehistoric Past, Imperiled Present, and a Hope for the Future](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.comms.arizona.edu%2F%3Fqs%3Dbbe09b67b5e8745bdbf316bcbf3a52648f8187cd5077d0cbe48537111eacf8db5d1a3f1d020dbc6095552353edeb0c30edcef091aec95afa&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C2870af10935c479a43ca08dd41392a0c%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638738435977261959%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3q5pN%2BJplxaVX1GUcO2YVbQUmw%2BYq8ZIcZjFST4X8uo%3D&reserved=0)
* **Apr 11**, 12:00 pm (AZ): WRRC Water Webinar: [*Advanced Water Purification in Arizona*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.comms.arizona.edu%2F%3Fqs%3Dbbe09b67b5e8745b719998483a0a977ee2c918f4b61ce766fb0805935f2b0b2d420ff44e01772a11ab8c4985633d69120f0acae8c04ab687&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C2870af10935c479a43ca08dd41392a0c%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638738435977275304%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Shl0pDV9eB0I31ZQ0Q3oWC5zIoLD0dHYJB%2FzNsfdJzE%3D&reserved=0)
* [WRRC Weekly Wave:](https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/WRRC-Summer-Wave--What-s-Next--Upcoming-WRRC-Events-and-Engagement.html?soid=1109945124084&aid=Qru09t8GWVg)  [January 31, 2025](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/sites/wrrc.arizona.edu/files/2025-01/WW_01_31_2025.pdf) | [January 24, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=96e1a11ce225ce8b5edd3ea55358315f2a428540cfa4c5b0d41c023d21c8f73501f6c66531031080ead3b09dd52eb0849f8ec906c1f30ba12910b769042c747eb135a174cd73e67ad6ec096b1c9e2fa0) | [January 17, 2025](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/sites/wrrc.arizona.edu/files/2025-01/WW_01_17_2025.pdf) | [January 10. 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=42c7a6b3dfe7a4c0a3f5f1013971041fdea29213b94155fac08829bc95d6033665edd2552e35fba389f0d4fec72c391d31deefebb22f06ff46b52d2a69b885b6bf149b3feefba1e7224962a230c87144)

# **Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation**

## **Military Readiness**

### **DOD**

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* [Secretary Hegseth's Message to the Force](https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/4040940/secretary-hegseths-message-to-the-force/)
* [Acting Secretary of Defense Robert Salesses Statement on DOD Actions Responding to President Trump's Executive Order on Securing our Border](https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/4037500/acting-secretary-of-defense-robert-salesses-statement-on-dod-actions-responding/)
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* [*Defense Department's new tool to investigate on-orbit anomalies*](https://spacenews.com/defense-departments-new-tool-to-investigate-on-orbit-anomalies/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [*Report to Congress on Hypersonic Weapons*](https://news.usni.org/2025/01/09/report-to-congress-on-hypersonic-weapons-16?utm_source=sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mil-ebb)
* [*New threats pushing Air Force and Army to rethink approach to base defense*](https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2025/01/new-threats-pushing-air-force-and-army-rethink-approach-base-defense/402046/?oref=d1_army_nl&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The%20Army%20Brief:%20Jan.%2010%2C%202025&utm_term=newsletter_d1_army)
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* [*Outgoing Air Force secretary floats options for 6th-gen jet program*](https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2025/01/outgoing-air-force-secretary-floats-options-6th-gen-jet-program/402157/?oref=defenseone_today_nl)
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## **Homeland Security / Disaster Preparedness**

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* [*DOD Partners With Interagency on Helping Communities Recover From Wildfires*](https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4022613/dod-partners-with-interagency-on-helping-communities-recover-from-wildfires/)

**California Wildfires**

* [Governor issues executive order to help protect firestorm-affected communities from landslides and flooding](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/01/20/governor-newsom-issues-executive-order-to-help-protect-firestorm-affected-communities-from-landslides-and-flooding/)
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