



Western Regional Partnership

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

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WRP Vision & Mission



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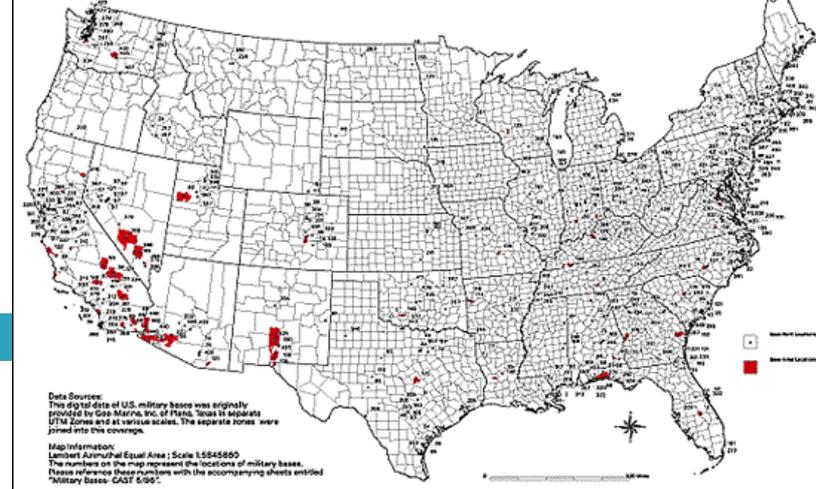
WRP Vision

WRP will be a significant resource to proactively identify and address common goals and emerging issues and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners.

WRP Mission

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

WRP Region's Uniqueness

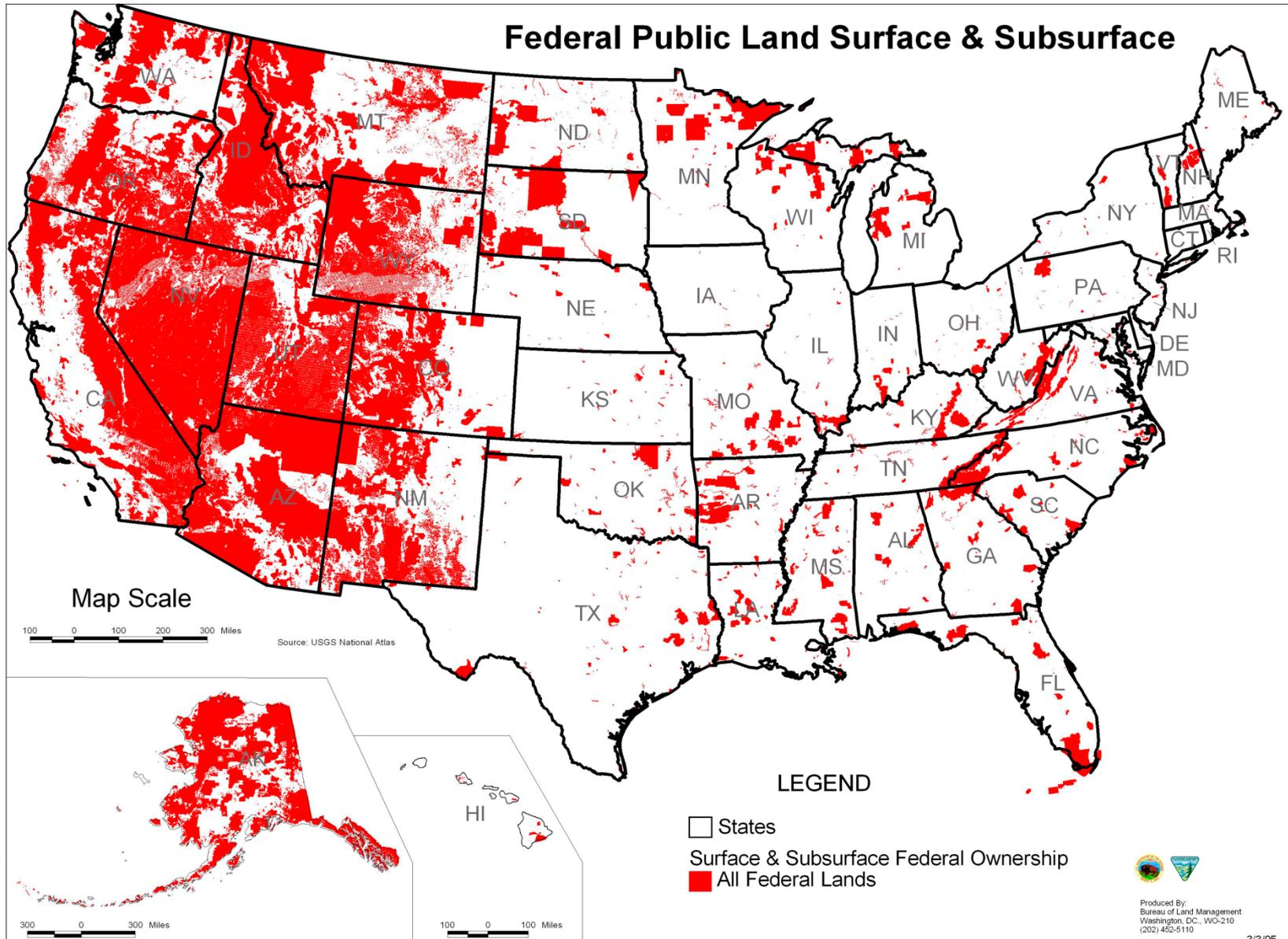


□ Importance to the Military

- Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space
 - **Army:** ~40% of the Army's landholdings
 - **Navy:** Over 33% of Navy's landholdings
 - **Marine Corps:** 85% of Marine Corps' airspace; 67% of Marine Corps' Live Fire Ranges
 - **Air Force:** Includes four of the largest USAF range complexes - Edwards, Nellis/Creech/NTTR; Luke/Goldwater; and UTTR
 - 75% of DoD Special Use Airspace is located within the WRP Region
- Significant **State Trust** Landholdings
- Approximately **174 Federally recognized Tribes**
- Significant amounts of **Federally managed land**
 - In WRP states the amount of Federal land ranges from 34.1% - 84.9% of total state land

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

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WRP Structure

WRP Co-Chairs:



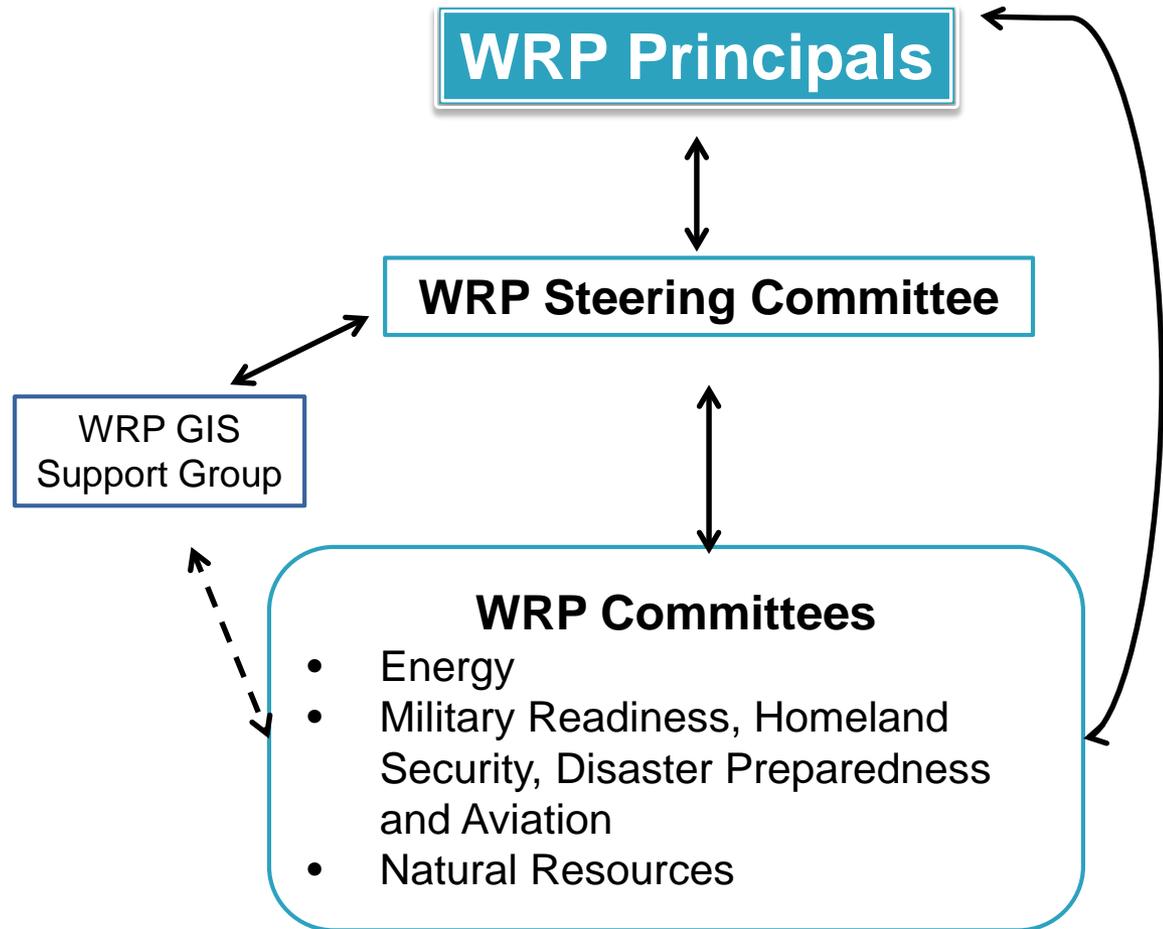
Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah



Mr. John Conger,
Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment



Janice Schneider,
Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, DOI



WRP Steering Committee

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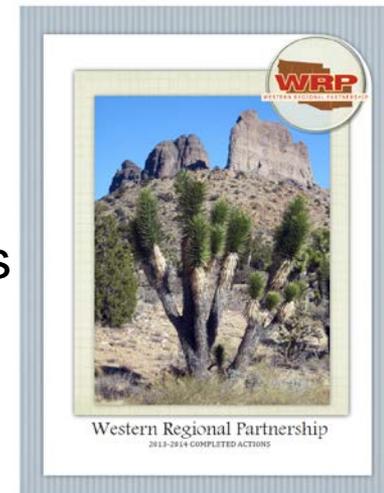


- Representatives of each of the five WRP States:
 - Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency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

2013-2014 WRP Results

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- ❑ **Collaborated on broad-based regional planning in Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave Ecoregion**
- ❑ Delivered Eight Reports with Recommendations:
 - ❑ WRP Southeastern AZ/New Mexico Project GIS Suitability Analysis Report
 - ❑ WRP Mojave Project GIS Suitability Analysis Report
 - ❑ WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview and accompanying MET Tower Fact
 - ❑ WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
 - ❑ WRP Guide to Working with DoD
 - ❑ WRP Intro to Federal Partners
 - ❑ WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
 - ❑ WRP Energy Guide
- ❑ GIS Support/Analysis; WRP “Super Map”

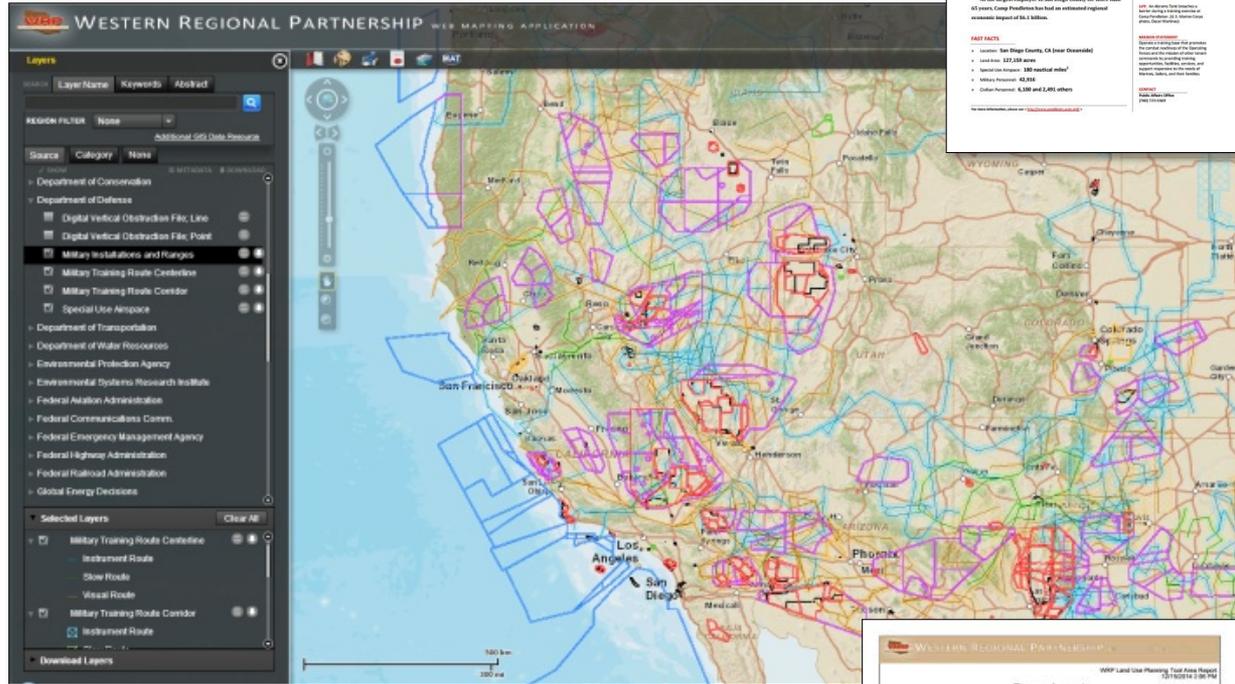


2014-2015 WRP Natural Resources Committee's Priorities

- **Provide information** on new endangered species listings, areas of critical importance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife proposed rules, etc., **develop recommendations** on how WRP Partners might assist with the efforts to **preclude listing of additional species** that may impact Partners' missions and identify pilot projects to foster sustainability of necessary habitat
- **Highlight new or expanded transportation corridors and develop recommendations** on how WRP Partners might assist with the **facilitation of infrastructure while preserving natural resources**
- Work with Partners to **identify implementation methods** for recommendations developed for the **WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave projects**
- **Engage with the Federal Sentinel Landscapes Coordinating Committee** to assist its designation of Sentinel Landscapes in the WRP region
- **Partner** with WGA, WSWC and other WRP Partners **to provide input on water sustainability** as part of an ongoing Western dialogue

WRP Web Mapping Application

- Query and download spatial data
- Export maps
- Search data from over 50 sources
- Consumable mapping services
- Secured/sensitive data access



Military Asset Tool



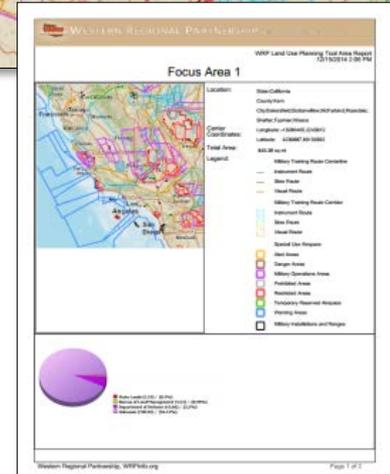
Regional Project Database

- Input project location and information
- Identify needs
- Search for projects
- Reduce redundancies



Land Use Planning Tool

- Spatial data
- Critical habitat
- Regional project database
- Energy point of contact database
- Generate reports





In Sum, Value of WRP

- **Opportunity to engage with states, federal and Tribal entities across WRP region**
 - Regional Coordination Opportunities: Transmission, military operations, wildlife and Tribal issues do not follow state boundaries
 - Relationships: Knowing who to call and having them recognize who you are before the crisis
- **Enhancing situational awareness of policy and emerging issues**
 - Solving Problems/Creating solutions
 - IIP (Information Is Power): Knowing what is being planned by whom allows early strategizing of an appropriate response
- **Access to tools and WRP Deliverables**
 - WRP Web Mapping Application, Regional Project Database, Airspace Sustainability Guide, WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training, WRP Mojave Project, WRP Southeastern Arizona New Mexico Project, etc.
- **Identifying Opportunities**
 - Understanding where interests overlap can lead to project solutions
 - Leveraging Resources
- **GIS Working Agreements to improve coordination and collaboration**
 - WRP has five GIS working Agreements (with the Geoscience Information Network (GIN) and the wildlife agencies of the States of California, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah)

Questions?

For more information please see
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