

Western Regional Partnership Overview



Outline

- Background on WRP
 - Concept
 - Vision, Mission and WRP Goals
 - Importance of Region
- WRP Structure and Focus for 2012

WRP Background

- Established after DoD's first successful regional partnership
- **First Principals' meeting** in November 2007
 - WRP concept was outlined and explored further through six committees
- **Second WRP Principals' Meeting** in March/April 2009
 - Recommended Committees continue their efforts
 - Established Interim Steering Committee (ISC)
- **Third WRP Principals' Meeting** in August 2010
 - Adopted WRP Charter
 - Adopted WRP Vision and Mission
 - Adopted Recommendation to establish Steering Committee (SC) and Tribal Relations Committee
- **Fourth WRP Principals' Meeting** in September 2011
 - Restructured 7 Committees and 3 Subcommittees to 4 Committees to better align Committee Structure to WRP Mission

WRP Vision and Mission

WRP Vision

WRP will be a significant resource to proactively address common goals, identify emerging issues and develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

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 Vision and Mission

AUGUST 2010

WRP Charter

The goals of the WRP are to:

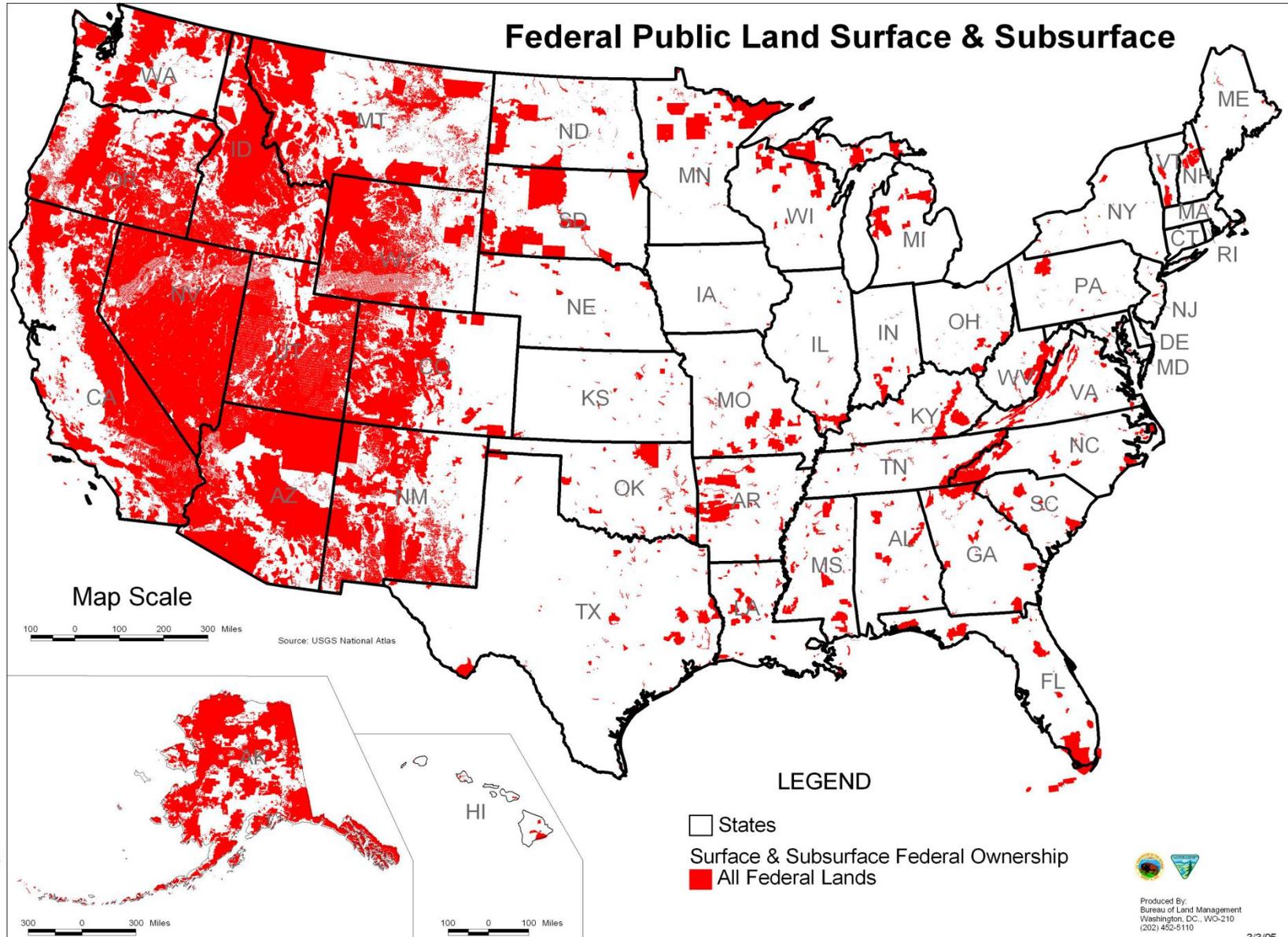
- Promote **improved regional coordination** and serve as a catalyst for open, positive dialogue among Partners
- **Address common goals**, identify and solve potential conflicts and **develop solutions** that **protect our natural resources**, while promoting **sustainability and mission effectiveness**
- Work towards making the West **a more sustainable region**
- **Serve as a resource** to formulate recommendations that support the WRP mission
- Develop a GIS Sustainability Decision Support Tool **that integrates** appropriate federal, tribal, state, and other available data sources for use in regional planning by the WRP and others when requested
- Operate through **consensus**



WRP Region's Uniqueness

- 5 states stretching from the Great Plains to the Pacific Ocean
- Diverse terrain ranging from desert valleys to forested mountains
- Premier DoD Testing and Training Facilities and unmatched military airspace
 - Interconnected ground/air ranges provide unmatched warfighter training opportunities
 - Vast Military Special Use Airspace enables air-to-air, air-to-ground, and air-to-sea operations
- Significant State Trust Landholdings
- Approximately 220 federally recognized Tribes
- Significant amounts of Federally managed land

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





WRP provides an opportunity to work with Federal Agencies, across Federal Management Regions



FEMA



Federal Highway Administration



2012 WRP Structure

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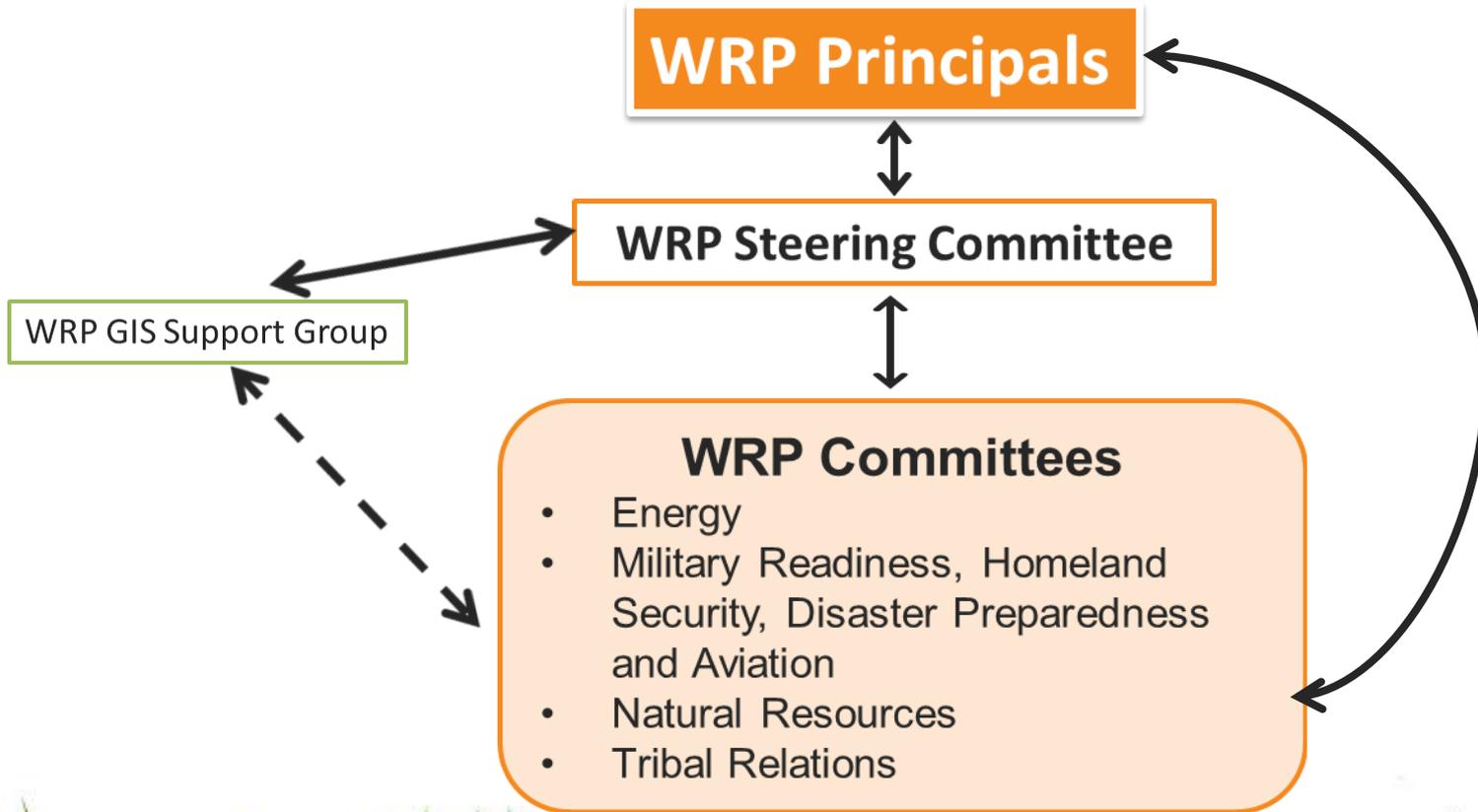
WRP Principals

WRP Steering Committee

WRP GIS Support Group

WRP Committees

- Energy
- Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation
- Natural Resources
- Tribal Relations



WRP Steering Committee

- 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
- 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

Energy

- Focus areas include:
 - Sharing information on processes and identifying contacts throughout the region
 - Refining information on California and Arizona; working to identify the State and Federal agency processes for review and approval of wind energy and transmission projects for remaining WRP Region
 - Building out the energy contact database
 - Continuing to build out Committee to improve perspective
 - Better integration of agency reviews into state, federal and Tribal permitting process
 - Reviewing existing efforts, share best practices and information
- In January 2012, hold a joint meeting with Tribal Relations Committee to discuss energy projects on Tribal Lands

Tribal Relations

- Main focus remains on increasing Tribal engagement in WRP
- Other Areas include:
 - Encouraging communication among Tribes, States and Federal Agencies
 - Refining and following up on actions identified in WRP Tribal Relations Communications Plan
 - Refining white paper on Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands and current hurdles and working with WRP Energy Committee
 - Holding a joint meeting with Energy Committee to discuss energy projects on Tribal Lands
 - Building Tribal capacity and broader collaboration network

Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation

- Sharing information on missions, collaborating, identifying contacts throughout the WRP region
- Identify issues and gaps and facilitate solutions
 - Interoperability
 - Inter-agency support
 - Sustainability/encroachment issues
- Developing:
 - Summaries of military installations and ranges within WRP area
 - Airspace 101 guide for planners and policy makers
 - Overview of WRP States' laws regarding military sustainment and aviation coordination, highlighting best practices

Natural Resources

- Working with WRP Partners to leverage resources
- Coordinating with existing regional forums to reduce redundancies and drive efficiencies
- Sharing information on emerging issues and policies to support the planning needs of Partners
- Working on broad based regional planning
 - Includes next phase of the WRP Mojave project
 - Lower Colorado River and Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico Region

GIS Support Group

- GIS is an important tool/venue that assists collaboration, and supports all WRP Committees
- Works with SC to prioritize GIS mapping and analysis requests and balance that with the available resources
- A GIS representative on each of the WRP Committees assists by identifying opportunities to bring GIS capabilities to advance WRP Committee
- Focus Areas include:
 - Developing long-term support plan to sustain WRP GIS assets
 - Continuing to refine, update, and increase data contained in the WRP regional GIS database
 - Leveraging external data providers through web mapping services
 - Developing Additional Working Agreements
 - Web Mapping Application Enhancements (ESRI FLEX platform)



Highlights of a few

WRP Projects

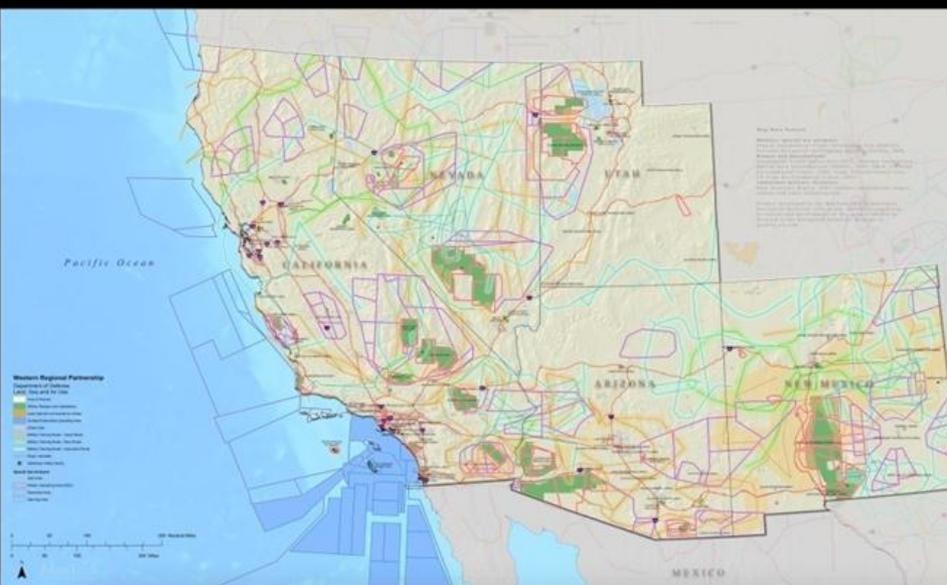
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Maps and WRP Web Mapping Application

Department of Defense Land, Sea, and Air Use



Renewable Energy Potential



WRP Web Mapping Application

Functions:

- Create custom maps
- Download GIS data
- Query GIS data
- Share GIS data

Regional Project Database

The screenshot displays the Western Regional Partnership (WRP) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Contact Us, and Site Map, along with a search box labeled "Enter Search Term" and a "Search" button. The WRP logo is on the left, and the text "WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the navigation bar, a dark banner reads "Regional Project Database".

On the left side, a vertical menu contains the following items: "Welcome Gabe Lovasz! Logout", "Change Password", "View/Edit Profile", "Manage Home", "Manage Accounts", "Manage Requests", "Manage Contacts", "News & Reports", "Events", "Resources", "Mailing List", "Committees", "Steering Committee", "Principals", "Scheduler", "Mapping Application", "Regional Projects", and "Add A Project".

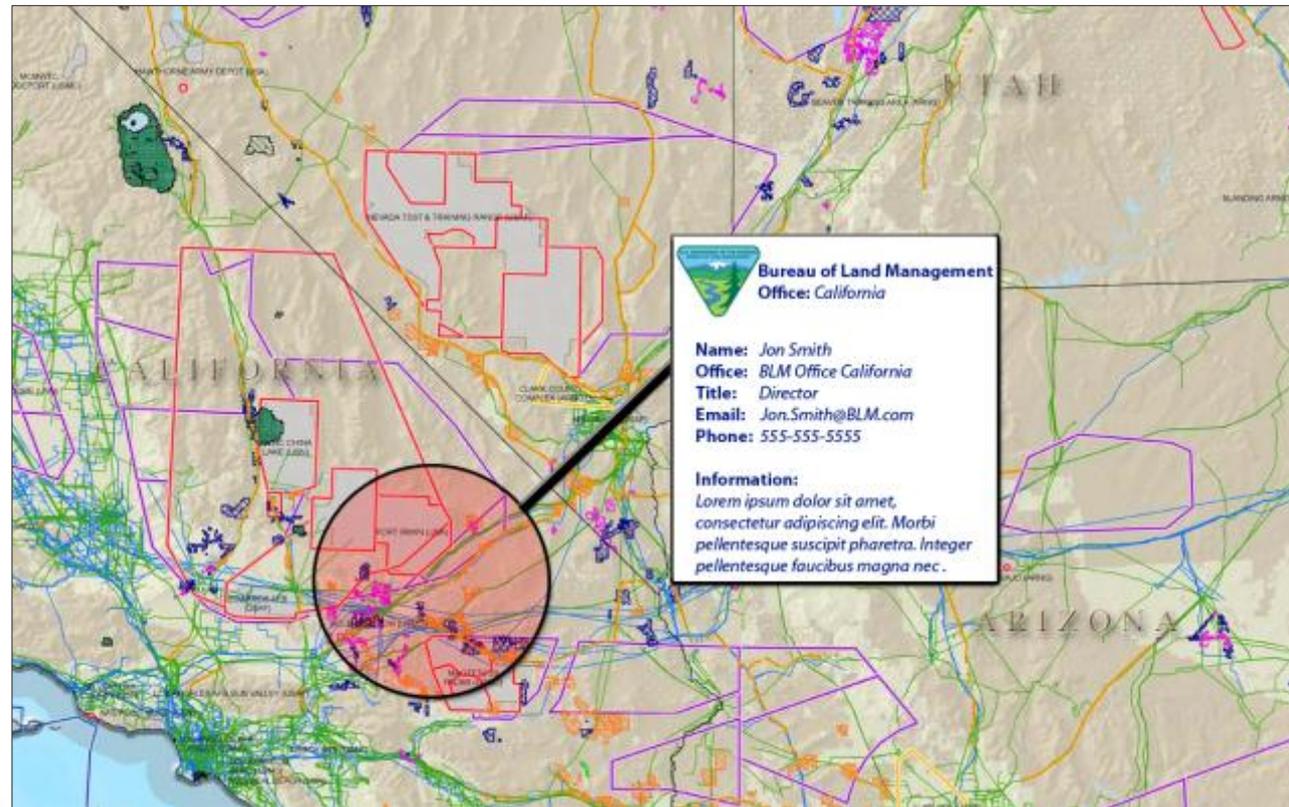
The main content area features a large background image of a desert landscape with mountains. A text box in the center reads: "The WRP Regional Project Database is now available! Submit information on your projects, grants, funding opportunities, studies, and reports relevant to efforts within the WRP region. This information will soon be searchable by location and keywords. This is your opportunity to showcase your organization's efforts and seek further collaboration by WRP Partners!". To the right of this text are two buttons: "Add a Project" and "My Projects".

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a row of four small images: solar panels, a person using a surveying instrument, wind turbines, and a deer in a field.

WRP Energy Project Database

- Database will be displayed through WRP website in map form
- Energy contact information will be available by major state and federal land agencies within the WRP region
 - Eventually to include Tribal and County Information

A Pro Forma Example of Information Query from Energy Project Database



Questions?

For more information please see:
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The screenshot shows the Western Regional Partnership website's Energy Committee page. The header includes navigation links (Home, About Us, Contact Us, Site Map) and a search bar. The main content area features a section titled "Energy Committee" with a photo of solar panels and wind turbines. The article text states: "The WRP Energy Committee is compiling state and federal agency energy-related planning processes; serving as database/clearinghouse for information; and collaboratively working together. The Energy Committee identified the following focus areas to better address emerging issues and better work together within the region:" followed by a list of bullet points: "GIS", "Seek points of integration to collaboratively work together on energy-related development/planning and determine gaps.", "Determining a better process to work collaboratively to site energy-related development", and "Need for more tools and resources to better address energy needs and mitigation". Below the article are sections for "News", "Events", and "Resources".