



**WRP**

WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

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

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# WRP Mission



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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, Colorado, 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 Goals

(From WRP Charter)

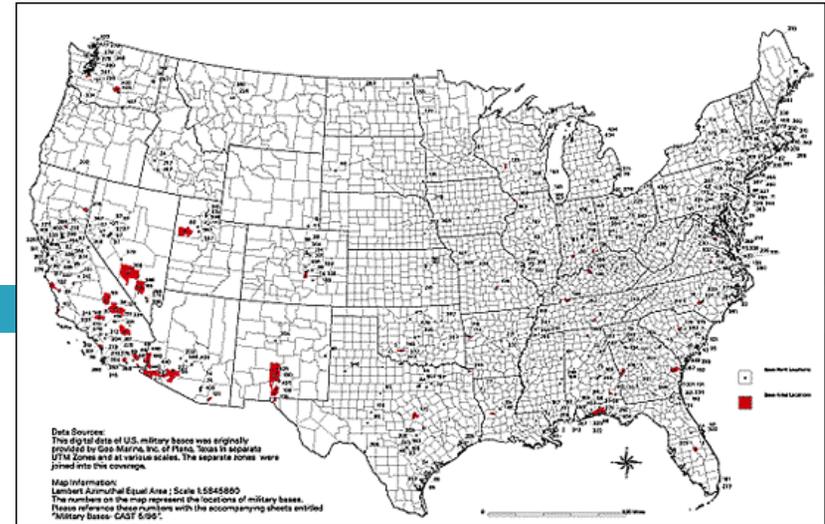


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- Serve as a catalyst for improved regional coordination among State, Federal and Tribal agencies
- Address common goals, identify and solve potential conflicts and develop solutions that protect our natural resources, while promoting sustainability and mission effectiveness
- Provide a forum for information exchange, issue identification, problem solving and recommendations across the WRP region
- At annual Principals' meeting, adopt strategic priorities to complete in the subsequent year
- Leverage existing resources and linking of efforts to better support key projects
- Provide a GIS Sustainability Decision Support Tool that integrates appropriate Federal, Tribal, State, and other available data sources for use in regional planning by WRP Partners

# WRP Region's Uniqueness

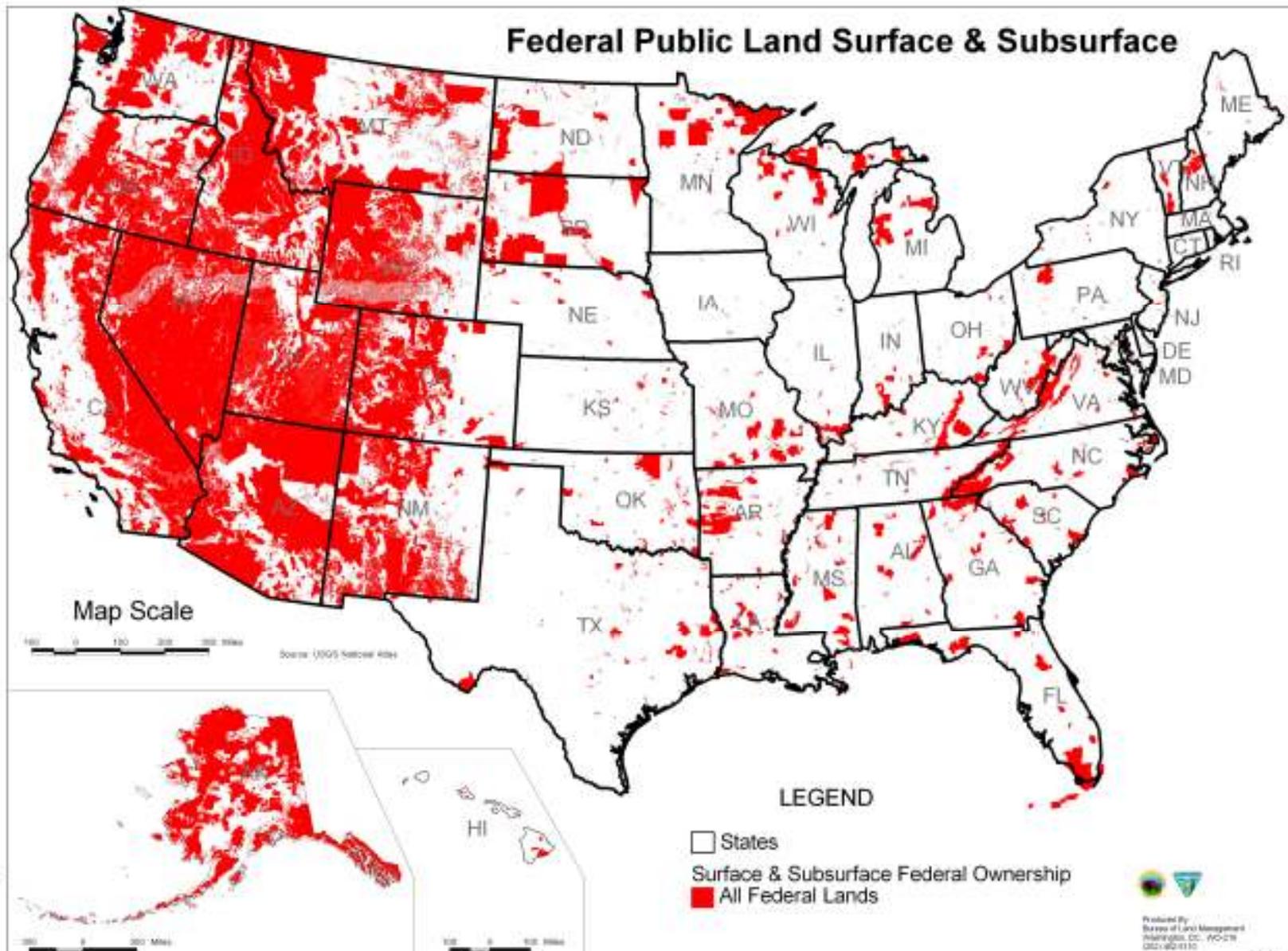
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- **Importance to the Military**
  - ▣ Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space
- Significant **State Trust** Landholdings
- Approximately **172 Federally recognized Tribes**
- Significant amounts of **Federally 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:



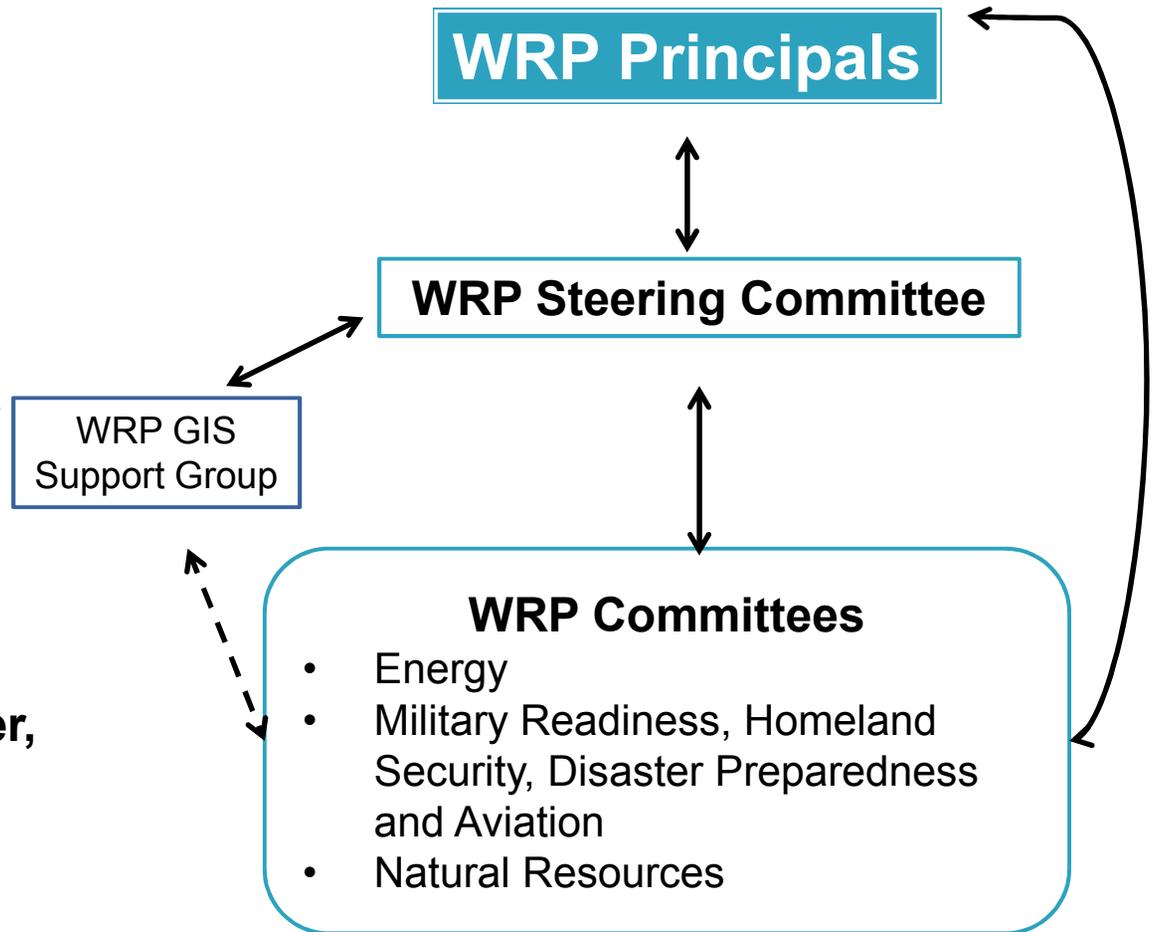
**Honorable Gary Herbert**, Governor of Utah



**Mr. John Conger**, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations and Environment)



**Ms. 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 (adding CO)
- 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. Department of Energy
- 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

# Seventh WRP Principals' Meeting

- August 11-12, 2015 in Reno, Nevada
  - “pre” DoD-only meeting
- ~130 senior members in attendance representing states, federal and tribal entities
- Five Plenary Sessions with senior subject matter experts:
  - Cybersecurity and Protection of Critical Infrastructure
  - Species Management
  - Aviation
  - Energy
  - Water, Drought Planning and Wildfire Management
  - Military Readiness
- Presentation on success of WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico Project
- Actions by WRP Principals to include CO as part of WRP region; accept WRP deliverables from 2014/2015; set 2015/2016 Priorities and present awards to three key WRP Partners

# 2014-2015 WRP Results

- Collaborated on broad-based regional planning in Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave Ecoregion
  - Fort Huachuca won REPI 2014 Challenge & Area designated a Sentinel Landscape
- Delivered 10 Reports and 2 Fact Sheets:
  - 2015 WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview and accompanying MET Tower Fact
  - 2015 WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
  - 2015 WRP Guide to Working with DoD
  - WRP Intro to Federal Partners
  - 2015 WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
  - 2015 WRP Energy Guide
  - Brief Overview of Water-Related Resources Available to WRP Partners
  - WRP Partner Input on Species of Concern
  - 2014-2015 WRP Energy Committee Webinar Series (Highlighting Key Entities Efforts and Identify Opportunities for Multi-Agency Coordination)
  - Renewable Energy and Transmission Siting Coordination and Potential Impacts to the Military Mission
- Updated Military Asset Listing Summaries; WRP Outreach



# WRP Regional Strengths, Areas of Commonality and Emerging Issues



## Energy Committee:

- Highlight new energy generation and transmission planning efforts and projects in WRP region and
- Potential impacts on WRP Partners' missions



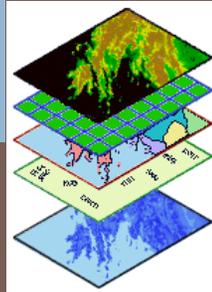
## MRHSDP&A Committee:

- Highlight DoD mission in the WRP region and identify issues impacting the mission and
- Any changes to airspace use in the WRP region that may impact WRP Partners



## Natural Resources Committee:

- Identify the associated range and distribution for high priority species at risk within WRP Region and
- Concerns about the region's water sustainability



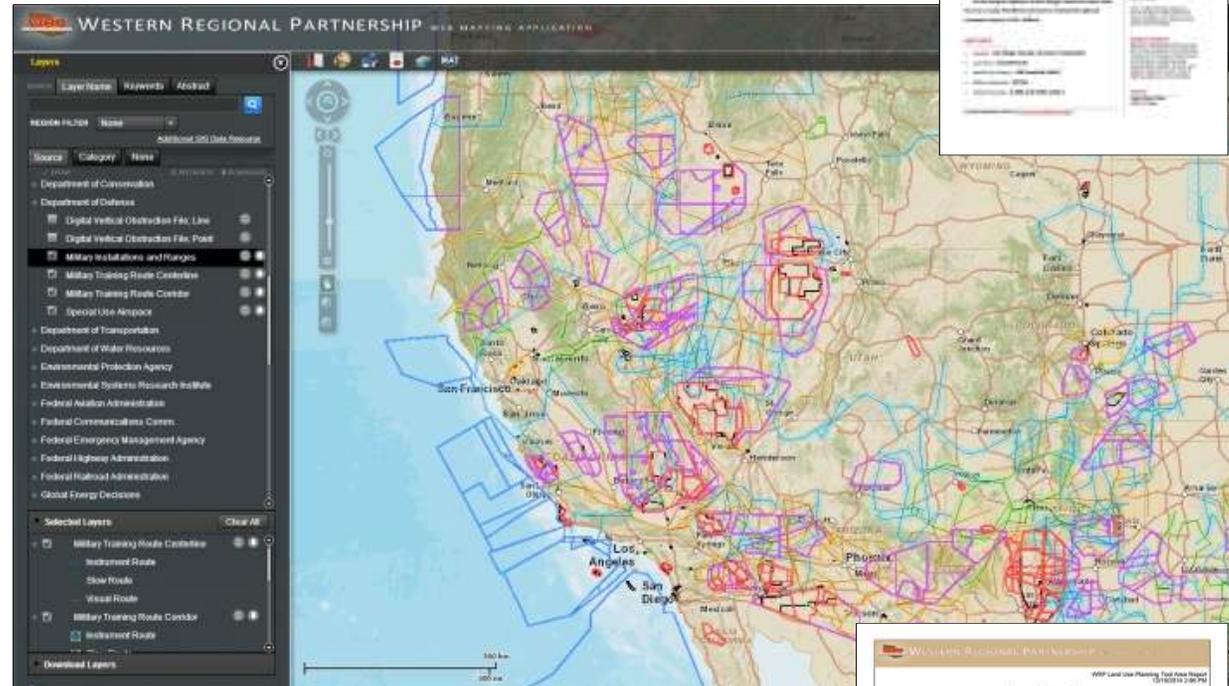
## GIS Support Group

- Provide the necessary GIS analysis, mapping and data support

# 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**



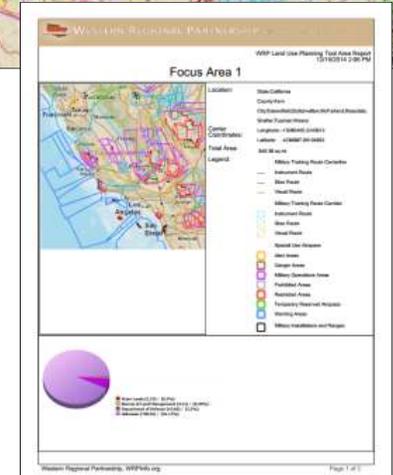
## Regional Project Database

- 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

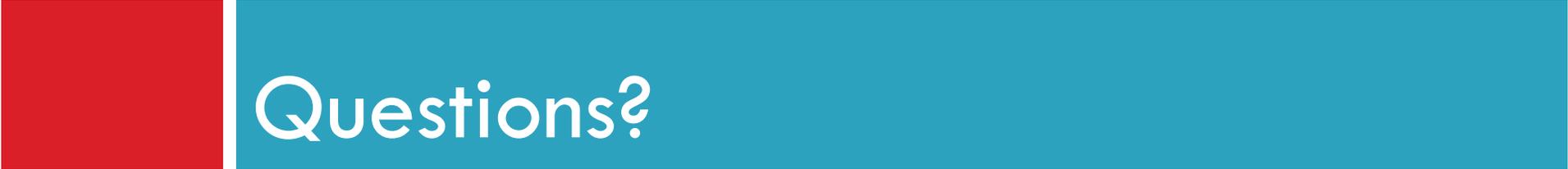


# In Sum, Value of WRP



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- **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  
[www.wrpinfo.org](http://www.wrpinfo.org)