

**Western Governors' Wildlife Council Business Meeting & Subgroup Meetings
January 11 – 13, 2010**

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Objectives/Outcomes

- Subgroup of Council members meet in advance with State/Federal Implementation Group on efforts under the MOU and to get feedback on the white paper.
- Revise white paper as draft for guiding pilot projects.
- Refine pilot projects and determine necessary next steps to finalize projects.
- Review options for USFWS-sponsored workshop to advance pilots.
- Finalize charter of Stakeholder Advisory Group.
- Receive updates from interested stakeholders.
- Revise WGWC workplan for 2010.
- Determine future WGWC 2010 meetings.
- Conduct general business of the Council and strengthen member and partner relationships.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Mon., January 11

- 1 – 5:00pm – State/Federal Implementation Group Meeting (*Tropicana Boardroom*)
1 – 5:30pm – Pilot Planners Meeting (*Sahara Boardroom*)

Tues., January 12

Day 1: WGWC Business Meeting

11:00 – 12:00pm

Arizona Game & Fish DSS Demonstration

The meeting will begin with a demonstration of AZGF's DSS.
(*Lunch will be provided for all attendees*)

12:00 – 12:30pm

Daniel Ashe, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will discuss USFWS initiatives with the Council, specifically how the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives will fit into the Council's DSS development efforts.

12:30 – 3:00pm
(incl break)

State/Federal Implementation Group Report

SFIG will bring to the full Council a list of white paper issues that need further discussion.

Outcome: Approve SFIG charter and discuss white paper issues as identified in SFIG meeting. Discuss role of federal agencies in broader Council activities.

3:00 – 4:00pm	<p>Pilot Project Updates Pilot reps discuss progress from their meeting the day prior, including coordinating projects across the region as well as within partnering states and with Federal agencies. <i>Outcome: WGWC refine pilot projects and identify next steps/timeline for finalizing.</i></p>
4:00 – 4:30	<p>Coordination with SWAP/Connectivity Efforts Patrick Crist, NatureServe, will describe their new project to support state efforts to incorporate landscape connectivity into SWAPS (piloted in 7 Western states) and will discuss how that effort fits into the Council’s DSS development efforts.</p>
4:30 – 5:30pm	<p>Governors Request for Action on Sage Grouse San Stiver, WAFWA, will provide an overview of the legislation and how it was drafted. Council members will review the draft North American Sagebrush Ecosystem Conservation Act and discuss development of a timetable for states to respond to a potential listing from the Federal government. <i>Outcome: WGWC provide recommendation on draft legislation for WGA Staff Council and determine next steps for developing a roadmap for responding to a sage grouse listing.</i></p>
5:30 – 6:30pm	<p>Light Reception for All Attendees <i>Café Zu Zu @ Hotel Valley Ho</i></p>
<u>Wed., January 13</u>	<p>Day 2: WGWC Business Meeting</p>
8:00am	<p>Light Breakfast <i>(Provided for Council members only)</i></p>
8:30 – 9:00am	<p>Finalize Stakeholder Advisory Group Charter Hear feedback on charter from attending stakeholders and discuss revisions to charter. <i>Outcome: Identify timeline for finalizing charter and populating group.</i></p>
9:00 – 10:00am	<p>Stakeholder Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian Woolmer & Alice Chamberlin – Two Countries One Forest Effort • Janice Przybyl, Wildlife Linkages Program, Sky Island Alliance & Carolyn Campbell, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection - Tortolita Wildlife Linkage • Joanna Prukop – Freedom to Roam

10:00 – 10:10am	BREAK
10:10 – 11:30am	<p>Review and Finalize 2010 Work Plan – Council will discuss revisions, approve plan and identify next steps for each task. Included will be activities related to WGA’s energy and transmission projects, as well as specific tasks for subgroups and advisory committees. Possible activities for June WGA Annual Meeting in Whitefish, MT will also be discussed.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Finalize workplan for 2010 – 2011.</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00pm	<p>Open Forum & Other Issues</p> <p>Council members have open time to discuss activities including federal legislation of interest to their agencies, and propose opportunities for full Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USFWS SWGS project – John Pierce, WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife • Other issues? <p><i>Outcomes: Identify based on Council interest.</i></p>
12:00 – 12:15pm	<p>Schedule 2010 WGWC Meetings – Necessary in-person meetings will relate to new work plan. Possible options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Business Meeting • June 27 – 29, Whitefish, MT – WGA Annual Meeting • July 16 – 21, Anchorage – WAFWA Summer Meeting • Oct/Nov – another larger public meeting
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