

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA
WESTERN GOVERNORS' WILDLIFE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1-2, 2010
The Curtis Hotel -1405 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado
303-571-0300**

Meeting Objectives:

- 1) Inform the Council and the public on the details and intended outcomes of the Council's eight pilot projects;
- 2) Ensure the pilots help support the development of regionally compatible state wildlife Decision Support Systems that work to conserve corridors and crucial habitat in Western states;
- 3) Engage federal officials to seek integration of federal landscape scale mapping initiatives with Council's DSS efforts;
- 4) Expand Council relations with Stakeholder Advisory Group and the public.
- 5) Review Wildlife Council progress and consider additional action items for Wildlife Council attention.

Wednesday, December 1

- 1:00 p.m. **Welcoming Remarks from Governor Bill Ritter (Confirmed)**
- 1:15 **Introductions, Agenda Review and Pilot Projects Overview**
John Harja, WGWC Chair, Office of Governor Herbert
John Mankowski, WGWC Vice-Chair, Office of Governor Gregoire
- 1:30 **Demonstration of Arizona's Wildlife Decision Support System**
Bob Broschied and Josh Avey, Arizona Fish and Game
- 2:00 **Pilot Presentation - DSS Development for Wildlife Resources in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah (the Southwest)** – Carmen Bailey, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (10-15 mins. plus questions)
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 **Report on Coordination Between DOI and Wildlife Council Initiatives**
State and DOI representatives will speak to progress made to integrate their initiatives.
- 3:45 **Wildlife Council Pilot Project Presentations Cont'd**
- 3:45 *Identifying and Prioritizing Crucial Wildlife Habitats and Migratory Corridors in the Northern Great Plains* – Tom Kirschenmann, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks

- 4:15 *Spatial Modeling Tool for Identifying and Prioritizing Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat* – Richard Hatcher, Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation/Keith Sexson, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
- 4:45 *Crucial Wildlife Habitats and Corridors Decision Support System for the Colorado-New Mexico Border Region* – Tod Stevenson, New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
- 5:15 **Public Q&A**
- 5:25 **Introduction of Reception Exhibits**
Wildlife Council Stakeholder Advisory Group member Monique DiGiorgio (Western Environmental Law Center/ARC Colorado Liaison) will preview the ARC International Wildlife Crossing Infrastructure Design Competition models that are displayed for the first time at the reception.
- 5:45 **Adjourn**
- 5:45 Light Reception and Cash Bar
Presentation of ARC International Wildlife Crossing Infrastructure Design Competition Models

Thursday, December 2

- 7:00 a.m. Hot Breakfast Buffet for Hotel Guests - The Corner Office Restaurant
- 8:25 **Welcome and Reconvene Meeting**
- 8:30 **Wildlife and Transportation Planning Efforts**
Gerald Solomon, Director, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, Federal Highway Administration &
John Eddins, District 3 Engineer, WYDOT with Joe Dailey, Division Administrator, FHWA Wyoming
- 9:30 **Wildlife Council Pilot Project Presentations Cont'd**
- 9:30 *Identifying Crucial Habitats and Corridors for Resident Fish and Caribou in Alaska's North Slope* – Kim Titus, Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- 10:00 *Montana – Idaho High Divide* – Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Fish & Game Department
- 10:30 Break

- 11:00 **Wildlife Council Pilot Project Presentations, Cont'd**
- 11:00 *Development of Crucial Wildlife Habitats and Integrated Decision Support System for the Arid Lands of Idaho, Oregon and Washington – John Mankowski, Washington Governor's Office*
- 11:30 *Wyoming Interagency Spatial Database & Online Management Tools for Wildlife – John Emmerich, Wyoming Game and Fish Department*
- 12:00 p.m. All Attendees Lunch Presentation and Discussion
Pilot Challenges and Constructing Regionally Compatible DSSs – Chris Friel, ESRI
- 2:00 **Regional Transmission Expansion Planning and Wildlife**
Brad Nickell, Western Electricity Coordinating Council and Gary Graham, Western Resource Advocates
- 2:30 **Wildlife Council Business Meeting - Discussion Topics and Action Items**
- 3:00 **Public Q & A**
- 3:15 **Council Approve Action Items and Next Steps**
- 3:30 **Adjourn**