

As of 5-12-11

**Western Governors' Wildlife Council**  
**Preliminary Business Meeting Agenda**  
**May 16-17, 2011**  
**The Grove Hotel, 245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID, (208) 333-8000**  
*(The Grove provides a complementary airport shuttle)*

Business Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss progress toward meeting the long-term vision for regionally compatible DSSs;
- Determine and release progress report on the Council's eight decision support system pilot projects, consider next steps to meet Governors' 2013 deadline for regional DSS compatibility;
- Engage federal officials to further integrate state DSS efforts with federal landscape scale mapping initiatives and consider written agreement of commitment;
- Expand Council relations with Stakeholder Advisory Group and consider proposed joint action items;
- Review and consider proposed Wildlife Council Communications Plan; and,
- Consider additional issues for Wildlife Council attention and action.

**Monday, May 16, 2011**

11:00 a.m.     ***Council Private Meeting and Lunch*** (*Ivy Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*)

1:30            **Welcome Remarks, Introductions and Agenda Review**  
(*Cedar Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*)  
Brad Little, State of Idaho, Lieutenant Governor  
John Harja, State of Washington, WGWC Chair

2:00            **Presentation of Idaho Pilot Projects:**  
**Demonstration of Idaho-Montana High Divide Mapping Tool & Modeling/Mapping Efforts in the Columbia Plateau**  
Sharon Kiefer and Gary Vecellio, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, &  
Audrey Hatch, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

3:00            **Progress Towards Meeting Long-term Vision of DSSs**

3:15            **Round Robin Report Out by Council Members on Progress, Opportunities and Challenges of Pilot Projects and DSS Development**

4:00            ***Break***

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- 4:15            **Regional Wildlife & Transmission/Energy Planning**  
Paul Orbuch, WGA & Byron Wertz, Western Electricity Coordinating Council
- 5:00            **Public Comment Opportunity and Adjourn**
- 5:00            ***Reception and Cash Bar for All Attendees***  
*(Terrace, 4<sup>th</sup> floor)*
- 6:00            ***Attendees - Dinner on your own***

**Tuesday, May 17**

- 7:30 a.m.      ***Breakfast & Welcome from Governor Otter for All Attendees***  
*(Ivy Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*
- 8:30            **Reconvene Meeting and Day 1 Recap/Follow-up** *(Cedar Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*
- 8:45            **Review and Consider WGWC Proposed Communications Strategy**  
Dan Igoe, Pure Brand Communications
- 10:00           **Stakeholder Advisory Group Presentations, Discussion and Next Steps**  
Monique DiGiorgio, Western Environmental Law Center and  
Jack Sahl, Southern California Edison
- 11:15           **Public Comment Opportunity**
- 11:30           ***Break and Lunch Served for All Attendees*** *(Ivy Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*
- 12:30 p.m.    **Status of Efforts to Integrate State Wildlife Information with Federal  
Landscape Level Mapping Initiatives**  
Presentation by Montana, Idaho and Great Northern LCC staff on their  
Demonstration Project to integrate state DSSs, BLM REAs and USFS data and  
mapping.
- 2:00            **Council Discussion on Future Phases of Pilots and Regional Compatibility**
- 2:30            **Finalize Action Items, Next Steps, Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn**