

Western Renewable Energy Zones Project

Joint Environment & Lands (E&L) and State Task Group (STG) Workshop

December 10-11, 2008
1600 Broadway, 5th Floor Conference Room
Denver, CO 80202

PROPOSED AGENDA

Purpose:

- Jointly finalize recommendations for the Data Request (i.e. list of impacted species, protocols and definitions, and data format) to be submitted to the WGWC;
- Jointly revise categorization criteria for submission to WGWC and WREZ Technical Committee;
- Jointly finalize recommendations for “avoidance areas” to be submitted to the WGWC and WREZ Technical Committee for incorporation in the proposed REZs; and
- Review and revise work plans to ensure April 1 deadline is met.

Wednesday, December 10, 2008		
12:00 – 12:45pm	<u>Group Lunch</u> (Working Lunch begins at 12:30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and overview of Two Days • Overview of WREZ work plan – what has been accomplished and what is still before us (big picture) • Review and discuss E&L and STG work plan • Question & Answer 	<i>Shawn McGrath and Madeleine West, WGA</i>
12:45 – 2:00pm	<u>Proposed REZ Maps & Input to WREZ Transmission Model</u> <i>E&L and STG will jointly</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View draft maps as presented by Black and Veatch and NREL on the initial “proposed REZs” that include the initial avoidance areas identified by E&L and STG 	<i>Dave Hurlbut, NREL & Linda Davis, WGA</i>
2:00 – 3:30pm	<u>Data Request</u> <i>E&L and STG will jointly</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize list of impacted species, definitions and protocols for data request 	<i>E&L and STG members</i>
3:30- 3:45pm	<u>BREAK</u>	
3:45 – 4:15pm	<u>Data Request (cont’d)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify entities outside of States to send request to and plan for follow-up 	<i>E&L and STG members</i>
4:15 – 5:30pm	<u>Categorization Criteria</u> <i>E&L and STG will begin reviewing draft Categorization Criteria</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss draft Categorization Criteria • Identify key needs and concern, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarifying category definitions ○ Wildlife criteria ○ Threshold for sensitive areas ○ Lack of data ○ Compatibility of criteria with data request 	<i>E&L and STG members</i>
6:00pm	<u>GROUP DINNER</u>	<i>Wynkoop Brewing Company 1634 18th St.</i>

Thursday, December 11, 2008 – Joint Workshop		
7:30 – 8:00am	<u>BREAKFAST</u>	
8:00 – 8:15am	<u>Overview of the Day, Review Objectives and Agenda</u>	<i>Shaun McGrath and Madeleine West, WGA</i>
8:15 – 9:45am	<u>Categorization Criteria (cont'd)</u> <i>E&L and STG will jointly</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussing the draft Categorization Criteria Prepare initial recommendations to forward to the WREZ Technical Committee and WGWC for consideration 	<i>E&L and STG members</i>
9:45 – 10:00am	<u>BREAK</u>	
10:00 – 12:00pm	<u>Avoidance Areas for Proposed REZs</u> <i>E&L and STG will jointly</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and discuss the draft “Avoid” and “Sensitive Lands” spreadsheet, including the public comment that we have received on the document Finalize the recommendations to the WREZ Technical Committee and WGWC for the “Avoidance” areas to include in the Proposed REZs Discuss the “Sensitive Lands” list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any lands on this list that may be moved to the “Avoid” list? Based on what criteria? How do the items in this list relate to the categorization criteria? 	<i>E&L and STG members</i>
Noon – 12:30pm	<u>LUNCH</u>	
12:30 – 1:15	<u>Strategy for Compiling Data</u> Discuss strategy and assignments for soliciting, compiling and integrating non-state data	<i>Mary Klein, NatureServe</i>
1:15 – 2:15pm	<u>Work Plan Next Steps</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Work Plan for WREZ, E&L and STG for Dec. 15 through April 1 Discuss public comment plans Discuss actions and timelines for meeting WREZ objectives Revise E&L and STG work plans accordingly 	<i>Shaun McGrath and Madeleine West, WGA</i>
2:15 – 2:30 pm	<u>Wrap-Up & Adjourn</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Action Items Schedule future conference calls and meetings 	<i>Shaun McGrath and Madeleine West, WGA</i>

As of: December 9, 2008