



WRP Tribal Relations Committee

WRP Tribal Communications Plan

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WRP Mission

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, 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 Tribal Relations Committee

The Tribal Relations Committee (TRC) was established based on recommendations by the WRP Principals at their 2010 Meeting. The TRC includes participation by Tribes, State and Federal Tribal Liaisons and others. This committee will work with existing Tribal Associations to collaborate and avoid duplication.

This Committee will work to enhance communication and collaboration with federally recognized Tribes within the WRP Region by:

- Providing a forum for information exchange, issue identification and recommendations across the WRP region
- Encouraging Tribal participation in WRP Committees
- Encouraging communication between Tribes, States and Federal Agencies
- Developing WRP Tribal Communications Plan

Communications Plan - Overview

WRP seeks early input from and participation by Tribes in the WRP Committees. To help reach this goal, WRP seeks to develop a plan to better communicate and collaborate with federally recognized Tribes, Tribal Associations, and State and Federal Tribal Liaisons within the WRP Region. There are approximately 220 federally recognized Tribes and numerous Tribal associations and Tribal liaisons within the

Purpose

Develop a plan to better communicate and collaborate with federally recognized Tribes, Tribal Associations and State and Federal Tribal Liaisons within the WRP Region.

WRP area. This plan will help provide consistent communications to provide information to Tribes and include Tribal input in WRP efforts. WRP does not replace consultation.

Benefits of Participation in the WRP TRC

The WRP TRC is the newest WRP Committee, but it has already proven to be an effective forum for partners to exchange information, discuss issues of concern and work toward solutions. Other benefits include early information sharing and an opportunity to provide input. WRP TRC provides the opportunity to raise awareness of Tribal issues. The existing WRP Committees collaborate on issues of importance to Tribes including:

- Border
- Energy
- Disaster Preparedness (emergency management)
- GIS (maps and tools)
- Land Use
- Wildlife Corridors

Current Communications Tools

The communications tools available to other WRP Committees are also available for the WRP TRC and include:

- WRP Web Mapping Application and development of maps
- WRP Website (www.wrpinfo.org) – a TRC page is available on the website
- WRP Project Database
- WRP Collateral Pieces (PowerPoint, brochure and quarterly newsletters)

Many Levels of Communication

To be most effective, this plan needs to address how to communicate:

1. Within the WRP TRC
2. With other WRP Committees
3. With the WRP Steering Committee
4. With those unfamiliar with the WRP TRC

Communications within the WRP Tribal Relations Committee

Currently, most communications regarding upcoming meetings and information sharing outside of meetings is conducted via email. A list of people to communicate with regarding the TRC has been developed. Committee members

are asked to review the list and provide additional information, as well as contacting individuals they know to invite them to participate in the TRC. The TRC will have a page on the WRP website to facilitate additional information sharing. The TRC holds conference calls and meetings to share information and to receive input.

Communications with other WRP Committees

The TRC holds joint meetings and calls with other WRP Committees to ensure better collaboration. It is further recommended that Tribal Liaisons be identified for each of the WRP Committees to assist with communication.

Communications with WRP Steering Committee (SC)

Connie Reitman serves as a Co-Chair of the TRC and is a member of the WRP Steering Committee (SC); therefore information can effectively be communicated from the TRC to the SC. Additionally, the SC frequently holds teleconferences with WRP Committee Co-Chairs, and Mr. Clayton Honyumptewa, Chairman Moyle and Ms. Reitman can provide information to the SC on behalf of the TRC.

Communications with those unfamiliar with the WRP TRC

There are many people and entities that WRP encourages to participate in the TRC. Efforts are underway to increase awareness of the WRP TRC to the following:

- Federally recognized Tribes within the WRP area (see attached list)
- Tribal Regional Associations
- Federal and State Tribal Liaisons

Current Activity:

1. It is recommended the WRP TRC draft a template letter that could be sent to provide information on the TRC and the benefits of participating in the Committee. This letter could be sent to the federally recognized Tribes and to State and Federal Tribal Liaisons. It is recommended this letter be signed by the TRC Co-Chairs.
2. Members are asked to review the attached list of federally recognized Tribes within the WRP area, contact those they know and encourage their involvement in WRP TRC.
3. Members are asked to review the list of Tribal Regional Associations and provide input on any gaps and information on conferences and meetings where a WRP presentation might be shared. Additionally, members are

asked to contact the associations and encourage their participation in the WRP TRC.

4. Clayton Honyumptewa and Randy Updike volunteered to communicate to previous members of SWS to let them know of WRP TRC.
5. Amy Duffy will work with Chairman Moyle on whether information on WRP may be included in the publication *Indian Country*.
6. A Communications Team was established in June 2011 to continue and refine efforts. Members of the WRP TRC are encouraged to participate.

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