

**FINAL AGENDA
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 14, 2014
1:00 - 4:00 P.M. MST
12:00 – 3:00 P.M. PST**

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Steering Committee Members: *Tim Murphy, BLM ID; John Chatburn, ID Governor's Office; Allison O'Brien, DOI Office of the Secretary; Theresa Hanley, BLM OR/WA; Annette Liebe, OR Governor's Office; Terry Rabot, FWS, Region 1; and Jesus Sanchez, WA Governor's Office*

- 1:00 Introductions by All & Welcoming Remarks from Host Tim Murphy
- Allison O'Brien to give an expanded introduction as to her new role with the PNWRIT per her discussions with the DOI Secretary's Office
- Questions & Answers for/from Allison
- 1:10 Update on the proposal to enter into a Cooperative Agreement (CA) between the PNWRIT and the Western Governors' Association (WGA). The CA would serve to recognize and support the common goals and objectives of the PNWRIT and WGA's Transmission Siting Task Force and Wildlife Council. Update provided by WGA's Deputy Director Chris McKinnon, WGA's Energy Policy Advisor Chris Scolari & BLM's Program Analyst Robin Estes
- Questions & Answers
- Background information regarding this proposal is provided with this final agenda.
- 1:25 Vantage to Pomona Heights Transmission Line Project Update by Jesus Sanchez, Robin Estes & Jason Sutter. Share the Project Schedule, Project Organization Chart, Discuss NEPA/SEPA Coordination Approach, Discuss Approach to Undergrounding as Requested by Wildlife Agencies, Discuss Sage-grouse Issues and Determine/Decide if a Strike Team Should be Established.
- Questions & Answers

Handouts provided with this final agenda.

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project Update by John Chatburn, Administrator of Idaho Governor's Office of Energy Resources; Todd Cornett, Administrator, Siting Division, Oregon Department of Energy; Tamara Gertsch BLM National Project Manager and Jason Sutter, BLM Wildlife Biologist. Share the Project Schedule, Project Organization Structure, Discuss NEPA/EFSC/Idaho State Coordination Approach, Discuss Issues of Concern including Sage-grouse and Determine/Decide if a Strike Team Should be Established.

Questions & Answers

Handouts will be provided on April 11th.

2:40 USFWS Briefing on Status and Substance of their "Greater Sage-Grouse Range-Wide Compensatory Mitigation Framework" by Theresa Rabot

Briefing/discussion lead by Jason Sutter, Wildlife Biologist on BLM's National Transmission Team assigned to both the Vantage to Pomona and Boardman to Hemingway projects, as to the approach and status of mitigation framework development on these two projects and BLM's Regional Mitigation policy in general.

Brainstorm potential cross-jurisdictional, landscape level mitigation opportunities and tools that could be applied to these projects. Including a short discussion of several tools by Nika Lepak, BLM ID.

3:50 – 4:00 Next Steps & Next Meeting - Should we meet again in July? Please bring your calendars.