

## **Renewable Energy & Eastern Oregon Landscape Conservation Partnership**

Wednesday October 6, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m

### **ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS**

- Finalize DoC with all signatures before Symposium
- Provide feedback to BLM and NPCC staff regarding agency staff that will be attending the Symposium
- Next meeting date will be the week of November 15th (will send out doodle)

### **BRIEF MEETING SUMMARY**

*Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review*

*Western Renewable Energy Zone Project*

WREZ started as an offshoot of Western Governors' Clean and Diversified Energy Initiative (2006). The Advisory committee identified a lack of transmission lines to meet renewable energy goal of developing 30,000 megawatts of clean energy by 2015, new transmission lines would have to be constructed.

*Declaration of Cooperation – Finalize revisions & sign support statements (success!)*

Finalizing DoC within the next week or so, the majority of partners have signed their support statements. Will work on communication and outreach strategy before Symposium.

*BLM Wind Energy Development Opportunities and Challenges Map - Status*

BLM provided current map and pointed out there were no substantial changes since last meeting. Mike Haske reminded group that the map is not a decision document. BLM is working on creating a webpage for the map to provide information to developers and the public.

*Renewable Energy & Eastern Oregon Symposium*

Subcommittee group met last week and revised draft agenda and began to identify panel leads for proposed workshop/symposium. Please provide any feedback, especially provide list of agency representatives to invite.

*ODFW update on revised sage grouse conservation strategy outreach and dialogue*

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the draft plan was presented to the Commission. There were 23 testimonies, some representatives who spoke perceived the category 1 and 2 map as a go-no go map. Other representatives were supportive of the plan because they wanted to avoid ESA listing.

*USFWS – status of Bald & Golden Eagle Act and wind energy developments*

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act was enacted in 1940, it prohibits, except under certain specified conditions, the taking, possession and commerce of such birds. Recently, there have been documented takes in Oregon associated with wind turbines. Currently, there is not a permitting process and even if there were; there would not be many takes to permit. USFWS is focusing on avoidance to provide setbacks to protect eagles.

*Roundtable*

- Wyoming: Governor's Executive Order (BLM)-prescriptive how other states are responding

## **Participants**

Meeting Conveners: Mike Carrier, GNRO and Mike Haske, BLM State Office Deputy Director

### Agency

GNRO  
BLM  
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AOC  
Dept of State Lands  
ODFW  
ODFW  
US F&WS  
US F&WS  
OFWO  
USFS  
USFS

### Attendee

Mike Carrier  
Mike Haske  
Mark Brown  
Kim Titus  
Tim Barnes  
Mike McArthur  
Lanny Quackenbush  
Bob Hooton  
Eric Rickerson  
Monty Knudsen  
Doug Young  
Joe Zisa  
Debie Hollen  
Kristen Bonanno

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