

# JOINT PUBLIC LANDS STEERING COMMITTEE AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND LAND USE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND TOUR

### NACo 2017 WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) CONFERENCE

Sunriver Resort

Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:30 pm—5:00 pm

#### **PUBLIC LANDS STEERING COMMITTEE**

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Vice Chair: The Hon. Dave Somers, County Executive, Snohomish County, Wash.

Vice Chair: The Hon. Doug Smith, Commissioner, Martin County, Fla.

### **MEETING AND TOUR AGENDA**

### 1:30pm—1:40pm Call to Order and Welcome

- The Hon. Tommie Martin, Chair, Public Lands Steering Committee; Supervisor, Gila County, Ariz.
- The Hon. Melissa Cribbins, Land Use Subcommittee Chair, Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee; Commissioner, Coos County, Ore.
- The Hon. Grover Robinson, Energy Subcommittee Chair, Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee; Commissioner, Escambia County, Fla.

<sup>\*</sup> Please wear comfortable clothing—parts of the tour may be in muddy areas

# 1:40pm—2:10pm Outlook for Federal Legislative and Policy Issues in the Public Lands and Environment, Energy and Land Use Realm (Presentation)

Since January, the Trump Administration and the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress have actively moved on a number of issues of importance to counties. Join NACo's legislative team to hear how the Administration and Congress are addressing issues such as the Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes, Secure Rural Schools, Endangered Species Act, environmental regulatory reform and more.

- Mr. Jonathan Shuffield, Associate Legislative Director for Public Lands, NACo
- Ms. Julie Ufner, Associate Legislative Director for Environment, Energy and Land Use, NACo

### 2:10pm-2:25pm

# Strategies and Goals Moving Forward with the New Administration and the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (Roundtable discussion)

Public Lands Steering Committee Chair Tommie Martin will lead a discussion on how NACo and its counties will move forward with legislative and regulatory priorities this year.

• The Hon. Tommie Martin, Chair, Public Lands Steering Committee; Supervisor, Gila County, Ariz.

### 2:25pm-2:40pm

### What Counties Need to Know about Aquatic Species Threats (Presentation)

Counties and other local governments across the U.S. are increasingly dealing with aquatic invasive species threats in their local communities. Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler will summarize the challenge and opportunities with aquatic invasive species outbreaks in western states.

• The Hon. Lena Fowler, Supervisor, Coconino County, Ariz.

### 2:40pm-3:00pm

### How Federal-State-Local Partnerships can Lessen Fire Risk Nationally (Presentation)

Though Deschutes County is comprised of 74 percent federal lands, it is also the most populated county east of the Cascade Mountains. These extensive wild lands mixed with a high level of development result in heightened wildfire risks. But, through unique partnerships with federal, state and local partners, the county is working to actively reduce that fire risk. The presentation and mobile workshop will examine the county's innovative approaches to manage fire risk, including lessons learned along the way.

- Mr. Ed Keith, Forester, Deschutes County, Oregon
- Ms. Alison Green, Program Director, Project Wildfire

### 3:00pm-3:15pm

Load Buses—Drive to first stop....Sunriver Homeowners Association

### 3:15pm—3:45pm <u>Sunriver Homeowners Association</u>

The Sunriver Homeowners Association has evolved from a community with highly restrictive tree and brush removal regulations to requiring residents to create and maintain defensible space and actively thinning forests on community common areas. Sunriver has collaborated with the Oregon Department of Forestry to develop a Ladder Fuels Reduction Plan that includes requirements for fuels reduction on private lands in Sunriver as well as community-owned common areas.

- Ms. Patti Gentiluomo, Sunriver Owners Association, Sunriver, Oregon
- Mr. Ben Duda, Assistant Unit Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry

**3:45pm—4:00pm** Load Buses—drive to second stop Deschutes National Forest

### 3:50pm—4:30pm <u>Deschutes National Forest</u>

View a site adjacent to a community that has undergone fuels reduction and forest restoration work including tree thinning and prescribed fire that has reduced the risk of a high severity wildfire and improved forest health while reducing risks to the community.

• TBD, Deschutes National Forest fuels staff

**4:40pm** Load buses—drive back to Sunriver resort

5:00pm Tour ends

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