

Public Lands Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, March 12, 3:30 PM - 5:45 PM Eastern

Public Lands Steering Committee Leadership

- Chair:** Hon. Joel Bousman, Commissioner, Sublette County, Wyo.
Vice Chair: Hon. Kathy Chandler-Henry, Commissioner, Eagle County, Colo.
Vice Chair: Hon. Greg Chilcott, Commissioner, Ravalli County, Mont
Vice Chair: Hon. Bob Gardner, Supervisor, Mono County, Calif.
Vice Chair: Hon. Dan Mosley, County Judge, Harlan County, Ky.

Land Management Subcommittee

- Chair:** Hon. Stacy Corless, Supervisor, Mono County, Calif.
Vice Chair: Hon. Darin Bushman, Commissioner, Piute County, Utah
Vice Chair: Hon. Rodney Dial, Mayor, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska
Vice Chair: Hon. Varlin Higbee, Commissioner, Lincoln County, Nev.

Payments Subcommittee Leadership

- Chair:** Hon. Todd Devlin, Commissioner, Prairie County, Mont.
Vice Chair: Hon. Jack Lytle, Commissioner, Daggett County, Utah

Public Lands Steering Committee Business Meeting Agenda

3:30 PM: Call to Order

- **Hon. Joel Bousman**, Commissioner, Sublette County, Wyo.

3:30 PM: Public Lands Resolutions Consideration

Policy resolutions are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. These resolutions are valid until NACo's 2021 Annual Conference and must be submitted 30 days before the NACo Legislative Conference.

Proposed Interim Policy Resolutions:

- **Proposed Interim Resolution on State and County Approval in Land and Water Conservation Fund Implementation**—Hon. Joel Bousman, Commissioner, Sublette County, Wyo.; Wyoming County Commissioners Association

3:40 PM: Emergency Resolutions

"Emergency" resolutions are federal legislative or regulator matters that could not have been foreseen 30 days prior to the conference. Steering committees receiving emergency resolutions may consider them only if two-thirds of the steering committee members present vote to review them. Emergency resolutions should be submitted, in approved format, by 2:30 PM Eastern on Thursday, March 11.

3:45 PM: Federal Legislative Update

NACo's Associate Legislative Director for Public Lands will provide an update on NACo's legislative activities and priorities in the 117th Congress.

- **Jonathan Shuffield**, NACo Associate Legislative Director for Public Lands

4:10 PM: Wildfire

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) works closely with other federal agencies, state governments, and counties to prevent and combat wildfire. Grant Beebe, Assistant Director for Fire and Aviation at the BLM, will discuss the 2020 fire season, the wildfire outlook for 2021 and opportunities for the BLM and counties to further coordinate wildfire control efforts.

- **Grant Beebe**, Assistant Director for Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management

4:35 PM: Invasive Species Mitigation

The John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act directs federal land agencies to take actions concerning invasive species, including the development of strategic plans in coordination with impacted states, tribes and local governments. In January, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) [unveiled its plan](#), designed to manage invasive species through collaborative conservation. Hilary Smith, Senior Advisor for Invasive Species at DOI, will discuss this plan, which will guide DOI's work on invasive species over the next five years.

- **Hilary Smith**, Senior Advisor for Invasive Species, U.S. Department of the Interior

5:00 PM: BLM Acting Director

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages over 248.3 million acres of land and roughly 700 million acres of subsurface minerals nationwide. State and local officials play a key role in helping the agency to meet its multiple-use mission. Chris Tollefson, Chief of External and Intergovernmental Affairs at the BLM, will offer a brief introduction of himself and Nada Culver, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior, Exercising the Authority of the BLM Director. Acting Director Culver will update the Committee on the new administration's policy efforts and how the agency plans to engage with counties moving forward.

- **Nada Culver**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior, Exercising the Authority of the BLM Director
- **Chris Tollefson**, Chief of External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Land Management

5:25 PM: Active Forest Management

Chris French became The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Acting Undersecretary of Natural Resources and Environment after President Biden took office. Undersecretary French will speak to the Public Lands Steering Committee about ways USDA will engage with county governments to achieve mutual goals of good stewardship of the national forest system, prevent and reduce the severity of wildfires in national forest counties, and improve rural economies.

- **The Hon. Chris French**, Acting Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture

5:45 PM: Meeting Concludes

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