



PUBLIC LANDS STEERING COMMITTEE

Sunday, February 21, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Room: Thurgood Marshall North/East (Mezzanine Level)

Chair: **Hon. Ron Walter**, Commissioner, Chelan County, Wash.
Vice Chair: **Hon. Alan D. Gardner**, Commissioner, Washington County, Utah.
Vice Chair: **Hon. Tim Josi**, Commissioner, Tillamook County, Ore.
Vice Chair: **Hon. Mike Murray**, Commissioner, Lewis & Clark County, Mont.
Vice Chair: **Hon. Lesley Robinson**, Commissioner, Phillips County, Mont.

MEETING AGENDA

- 9:00 AM – 9:10 AM **Call to Order, Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 9:10 AM – 9:15 AM **Roll Call and Introductions**
- 9:15 AM – 9:20 AM **Subcommittee Updates**
Hon. Gordon Topham, Chair, Federal Land Payments Subcommittee
Commissioner, Sevier County, Utah
Hon. Tommie Cline Martin, Chair, Federal Land Management Subcommittee
Supervisor, Gila County, Ariz.
The Chairs of Public Lands Subcommittees on Federal Land Payments and Federal Land Management will provide updates on the recent activities of their subcommittees.
- 9:20 AM – 9:35 AM **Update on the Situation in Harney County**
Hon. Steven E. Grasty, County Judge, Harney County, Ore.
County Judge Grasty will provide an update on the on the situation in Harney County and the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.
- 9:35 AM – 9:50 AM **Discussion of the Public Lands Steering Committee's Legislative Priorities**
*Chairman **Ron Walter** will lead a discussion of the policy priorities adopted by the Public Lands Steering Committee, which are:*
- Fully Fund the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program**
PILT compensates counties for tax-exempt federal land within their boundaries. Counties received their last full PILT payment in October of 2015. NACo calls on Congress to enact mandatory full funding for PILT in FY 2016 and beyond.
- Extend the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Program**
Until the federal government fully implements a sustainable long term forest management program with adequate revenue sharing for forest counties and

schools, NACo supports reauthorizing the U.S. Forest Service SRS program as a transition funding mechanism.

Support Public Land Management Reforms

Counties with significant federal land holdings within their jurisdiction are directly affected by federal land management. NACo supports efforts to increase active resource management with maximum engagement with the affected county governments and appropriate revenue sharing. This includes support for the transfer of some federal land to states, at the state's request in consultation with the counties.

9:50 AM – 10:05 AM

NACo Legislative Update

Chris Marklund, NACo Associate Legislative Director

*NACo's Associate Legislative Director for Public Lands, **Chris Marklund**, will provide an update on NACo's Public Lands legislative activities and priorities in the 114th Congress.*

10:05 AM – 10:25 AM

Final Review and Approval of Policy Resolutions

Final opportunity for discussion and approval of interim policy resolutions offered at the 2015 NACo Legislative Conference

10:25 AM – 11:55 AM

Federal Land Managers Panel

***Chief Tidwell** of the U.S. Forest Service and **Director Kornze** of the Bureau of Land Management will present on current activities, opportunities and challenges facing their agencies and engage members of the steering committee in Q&A dialogue on how their agencies and local governments can work together to preserve the health and productivity of America's public lands.*

Chief Thomas L. Tidwell, United States Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Director Neil Kornze, United States Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM

New Business

12:00 PM

Meeting Concludes

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