

<b>Regional Interagency Executive Committee</b> <b>September 18, 2008 Meeting Agenda</b> Duncan Plaza, Conference Rooms 3A-B (3rd Floor), Portland, OR			
Time	Topic	Purpose	Presenter
8:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logistics &amp; agenda overview (5)</li> <li>Introductions (10)</li> </ul>	House-keeping	Joyce Casey, Facilitator
8:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks (5)</b>	Opening	Ed Shepard, Chair
8:50 am	<b>Climate Change Coordination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction (10)</li> <li>Education &amp; outreach (20)</li> <li>Mitigation, adaptation, resiliency (20)</li> <li>Sustainable operations: Federal Green Challenge (20)</li> </ul>	Update	Dave Powers, EPA David Patte, FWS Kathy OHalloran, FS Vicky Salazar, EPA
10:00 am	<b>Break</b>		
10:15 am	<b>Climate Change Coordination (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synthesis &amp; assessment tools (20)</li> <li>RIEC discussion (30)</li> </ul>	Update & Discussion	John Laurence, PNW Dave Powers, EPA
11:05 am	<b>Fisher Conservation Strategy (25)</b>	Info	Bob Naney, FS Laura Finley, FWS
11:30 am	<b>Lunch</b>		
12:30 pm	<b>BLM Proposed Plan Revisions (30)</b>	Update	Mike Mottice, BLM
1:00 pm	<b>Forest Service Plan Revisions (10)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Okanogan-Wenatchee</li> <li>Blue Mountains</li> </ul>	Update	Phil Mattson, FS
1:10 pm	<b>Aquatic/Riparian Conservation Strategy (10)</b>	Update	Phil Mattson, FS
1:20 pm	<b>Interagency Monitoring Update &amp; Annual Accomplishment Report (10)</b>	Update	Shawne Mohoric, FS Becky Gravenmier, PNW
1:30 pm	<b>Hot Topics (15)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Species updates</li> <li>Other?</li> </ul>	Updates	FWS, NOAA
1:45 pm	<b>Future Topics (30)</b>	Info & Discussion	Lisa Freedman, FS
2:15 pm	<b>Closing Remarks (5)</b>	Closing	Ed Shepard, Chair
2:20 pm	<b>Closing Reminders (10)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreements</li> <li>Follow-up assignments</li> <li>Next RIEC meeting date</li> </ul>	House-keeping	Joyce Casey, Facilitator
2:30 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>		

**RIEC Discussion Topic: Federal Agency Climate Change Coordination**

**Lead/Presenter: Dave Powers, EPA**

Climate change was the focus of the 2007 Northwest Natural Resources Forum (NWNRF) in Astoria. The regional executives expressed a strong interest in improving the federal agencies' capacity to deal with climate change related issues. Over the past year federal agencies have held Climate Change 101 sessions, hosted interagency workshops on carbon trading, done outreach on climate change adaptation/mitigation and tribal issues, participated in State climate change efforts, initiated climate change related policies and rulemakings, faced court decisions on federal agency actions related to climate change impacts, undertaken efforts to make our federal lands and facilities more resilient and sustainable, worked on climate change related research and assessment tools, and challenged ourselves to be greener.

At the RIEC meeting, you will hear about some of the climate change related efforts our agencies have undertaken. David Patte from the USFWS will talk about federal agency education and outreach. Education and outreach are key to both our internal and external capacity to deal with climate change issues. Kathy O'Halloran from the USDA Forest Service will share information on adaptation, mitigation, and resiliency. This topic is relevant to agency planning, management and regulatory efforts. Vicky Salazar from the EPA will talk about the federal green challenge and sustainable operations. We are moving forward on the challenge we made last year in Astoria to "walk the talk" on becoming greener agencies. John Laurence from PNW Research will give an overview of synthesis and assessment tools related to climate change. This last topic is relevant to the three prior climate change topics and is part of the equation for more effective analysis and decision making.

Information regarding collaborative efforts on climate change at the regional and national level will be provided. In light of executive interest in this topic, the four presentations will be followed by a RIEC discussion on interagency coordination and collaboration on climate change efforts.

In the spirit of reducing our footprint, hard copies of the presentations have not been provided. An e-copy can be provided upon request (contact Dave Powers or individual presenters).

**RIEC Discussion Topic: Future Topics**

**Lead/Presenter: Lisa Freedman, Forest Service R-6**

The RIEC asked to have an update (or “check-in”) by the interagency Senior Managers Group (SMG) as a standing item on the annual RIEC meeting agenda. The format and content of the update were left flexible. Potential topics could include: issues that the SMG may want to discuss with the RIEC, SMG recommendations for the RIEC to consider, etc.

The SMG is interested in knowing if there are strategic issues needing interagency staff work. For instance, at the Western Governors’ Conference in July participants discussed issues such as wildlife corridors, renewable energy and how to deliver it to customers (transmission lines cross public lands), climate change, and water quality/quantity. Other potential topics are how we adjust expectations and priorities with steadily reducing budgets, and how we can improve our working relationships with States and Counties. All are issues that affect a broad landscape and multiple public and private land managers.

The presentation will include questions to generate RIEC discussion and input on future SMG topics:

- Are there other issues or topics that the RIEC wants specific interagency staff work on (relative to the NWFP)?
- Do the regional executives prefer that the SMG address these issues as they arise from other partners or other forums?
- Is there a need to delay some agency actions pending review of emphasis areas under the new administration?