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August 8, 2018
WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PDT/2:00 pm MDT/3:00 pm CDT.
Council members and delegates present included:

AK—
AZ—Tim Franquist
CA—Tina Suarez-Murias
CO—Chris Colclasure
HI—Marianne Rossio
ID—Tiffany Floyd
MT—Dave Klemp, Stephen Coe
NV—
NM—Liz Busby-Kuehn
ND— Terry O'Clair
OR—Ali Mirzakhilili and Michael Orman
SD—Brian Gustafson
UT—Bryce Bird
WA—Kathy Taylor, Chris Hanlon-Meyer, Laurie Hulse-Moyer
WY—Nancy Vehr and Amber Potts

WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore, Jackie Gadret

Agenda:

1. Fall business meeting agenda review and reminder to reserve hotel rooms (Mary Uhl)
2. Smoke management workshop update/RWC community profile (Bob Lebens)
3. Draft WESTAR letter to EPA on Regional Haze Rule reconsideration (Tom Moore)
4. Other items as time and interest permit

Meeting Minutes:

¹ Draft will be considered final upon review and approval by a majority of the members, typically on the next monthly conference call.

1. Fall business meeting agenda review and reminder to reserve hotel rooms (Mary Uhl)

Mary Uhl reviewed the fall business meeting agenda and reminded everyone to make hotel reservations prior to August 29.

2. Smoke management workshop update/RWC community profile (Bob Lebens)

Residential Wood heating-Bob noted that the first proposed EPA rule relating to the NSPS is at OMB and will likely be out for comment by the fall business meeting. Mike Koerber will be at the fall meeting to provide an overview. We hope to give Mike Koerber an appreciation of how communities with woodsmoke issues are affected. The Community profile that Bob distributed is intended to help states with comments during this session at the meeting. Ali asked about legislation—SB1857 is likely to be marked up August 15 or 22. A house version has been passed, so there may need to be reconciliation if SB1857 is passed by the senate. Ali asked whether WESTAR can send a letter to senators; WESTAR as a federal grant-recipient cannot lobby congress. Bob is in the early stages of collecting information, we don't have anything ready to distribute. Bob is happy to work with state agency staff who would like to submit information. Oregon, Montana and Alaska staff have offered to review WESTAR comments; Tiffany offered that Idaho could review and provide feedback.

Smoke Management and Prescribed Fire workshop-the workshop would allow states to caucus on smoke management and prescribed fire and later meet with FLMs and other burners. The Council had advocated for a 2-day meeting in January; however, the workshop committee thinks that a face-to-face states only meeting will be a priority. Still trying for a January meeting, but can't yet reach out to FLMs.

3. Draft WESTAR letter to EPA on Regional Haze Rule reconsideration (Tom Moore)

The WESTAR Technical and Planning Committees have reviewed the letter; comments have been received from Oregon that are not included in the draft. Tiffany noted that Idaho's comments have been addressed; Oregon has comments that need to be addressed. Tiffany wondered if the draft would recirculate through the Technical and Planning Committees. Tom asked if we are sufficiently emphasizing the key points. Tiffany would like to see another round of review by committees. Ali also would like to see another round of review. There was no objection to the process of incorporating the Oregon comments and then sending the letter back to Technical and Planning Committees for review.

The call was completed at 2:43 pm MDT.