

AGENDA

WESTAR Planning Committee Conference Call September 4, 2025

11:00 AM HST; 12:00 PM AKST; 1:00 PM PST; 2:00 PM MST; 3:00 PM CST

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Participants (attendance is marked by **bolding**)

States: **AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, ND, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY**

Local Air Agencies: **Clark County, Albuquerque, Yolo-Solano, Pima County**

Tribal Air Agencies:

Federal Land Managers: BLM, FWS, **NPS, USFS**

1. **Call to Order**- Zac Dorn (AZ)
 - a. Notes for this call: Montana
2. **Discussion Items**
 - a. Navigating and Tracking Deregulatory Agenda (Jay)

Federal Register

- Visit Federal Register and create an account under “My FR” to receive alerts on topics of interest.
- Use the search function (e.g., search “NAAQS”) to find relevant publications.
- Click “Subscribe” on your search results to receive email notifications when new items are published.

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)

- OIRA, part of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), provides insight into regulatory reviews before rules are proposed in the Federal Register.
- The **Unified Agenda** outlines planned regulatory actions by agency. EPA is typically listed under “Other.”
- You can view current or past agendas and filter by agency to see upcoming actions (e.g., regional haze plans).
- Some entries include abstracts and EPA contact information.
- Review timelines are typically ~60 days but may vary.
- Stakeholders can request meetings with the Executive Office.

EPA Newsroom

- Sign up for EPA news releases to stay informed about proposed actions.

Executive Orders

- Executive orders can be tracked daily through the above platforms.
- A slide deck with direct links to all resources will be shared.

b. Roadless Rule Repeal by USDA (Michael)

Presenter: Michael Orman

- USDA is proposing to repeal restrictions on road construction and logging, shifting responsibility to states.
- For more information or to discuss responses, contact Graham Bates (graham.bates@deq.oregon.gov).
- Potential impacts include regional haze, PM2.5, and water quality.

c. Discussion on Anticipated Round 3 Regional Haze Rule (Committee)

- EPA has indicated plans to overhaul the rule, starting from the statute.
- A draft rule was expected in late June but has been delayed.
- The Unified Agenda suggests a potential Federal Register publication in September 2025, though this may be a placeholder.

3. Actions/Updates

a. Any new actions for discussion or awareness?

i. IMPROVE Monitor cost-cutting updates (Scott Copeland)

- FLMs reviewed satellite data and prioritized monitoring sites.
- Proposal: Only publish a list of sites considered for reduced monitoring, not core sites.
- Feedback from MJOs is due by **September 12**.
- A vote is expected at the **October Steering Committee** meeting.
- Final 2024 improved data expected by **September 5**.

ii. [Colorado Regional Haze action](#)

- Drafting a response to EPA comments (due **September 15**).
- Other states may submit supportive comments.
- EPA has received 9 comments, none posted yet—possibly due to staffing or policy changes.
- Colorado consulted with Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming; no additional measures were requested. Unclear if SIP changes will impact neighboring states.

b. Fall Business Meeting Update (November 5-6, in Jackson, WY)

- Draft agenda has been emailed.
- Virtual registration is available for those interested in specific sessions or the full meeting.

c. [WESTAR Planning Committee Contact Spreadsheet](#)

- i.** Please add your/your group members roles for future contact reference.

d. [Topic Suggestion Form](#)

- i.** Please use this form to submit any topic suggestions you would like us to cover in future meetings.

4. Next Call

- a.** September 4, 2025, 11:00 AM HST; 12:00 PM AKST; 1:00 PM PST; 2:00 PM MST; 3:00 PM CST

Note Taking Schedule – 2025

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| January | Washington |
| February | Wyoming |
| March | Pima County, AZ |
| April | Arizona |
| May | California |
| June | Colorado |
| July | Hawaii |
| August | Idaho |
| September | Montana |
| October | North Dakota |
| November | New Mexico |
| December | Nevada |