



# NWCC HOLDS FIRST 'REZ' PLANNING WEBCAST; SECOND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION WEBCAST ANNOUNCED

## Exploring the Transmission and Wildlife Interface: NWCC Holds First Webinar on State REZ Planning

The NWCC held the first in a series of webinars examining various regional and state transmission planning exercises on Monday, July 27, receiving great reviews! The webcast featured Tom Darin (Western Resource Advocates), who discussed Colorado legislation allowing for the creation of renewable generation development areas and transmission incentives to energy resource zones. Amanda Ormond (Ormond Group) Laura Canaca (Arizona Game & Fish Department) and Greg Bernosky (APS Transmission & Facility Siting) provided a detailed overview of the Arizona Renewable Resource and Transmission Identification Project. The live recording from the webcast and speaker presentations are available on the [NWCC website](#); a written summary is under development and will be available soon.

The series, which will continue through the fall, focuses on states and regions seeking to incorporate wildlife and other landscape level land use factors early in the economic transmission planning process and will continue through the fall. The second webcast, devoted to the Western Governors' Association's Western Renewable Energy Zone planning initiative, California's Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) and Nevada's Renewable Energy Transmission Access Advisory Committee (RETAAC), will take place in early September at a date and time to be announced soon! For more information on the webcast series, contact James Damon at [jdamon@resolv.org](mailto:jdamon@resolv.org)

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## Compensatory Mitigation and Wind Energy: Models & Approaches Webcast Announced!

Tuesday, September 15, 12:00 – 2pm Eastern (11am-1pm Central; 10am-12pm Mountain; 9-11am Pacific)

An ad hoc approach to compensatory mitigation can be time-consuming, expensive, and unpredictable. States and regions are increasingly interested in developing a more systematic approach to compensating for impacts to wildlife from wind energy development. In this briefing, participants will learn about three different approaches to compensatory mitigation:

- Requirements triggered by impacts to a specific species
- Prescribed levels of compensation corresponding to tiered classifications of habitat value
- Equivalency through a quantitative assessment of impacts and compensatory actions

Presenters will provide context using examples where these approaches have been applied to wind energy.

Space will be limited, so reserve your place early. Priority will be given to members of the Wildlife Workgroup Core Group. To register for the second webinar, please visit:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8NjjUIXe2vgZ8r5QYm3RKg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8NjjUIXe2vgZ8r5QYm3RKg_3d_3d).

The first webinar was recorded and is available online for those who missed it. For more information, please see the "Wildlife" section of this update.

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# WILDLIFE

## Missed it? Compensatory Mitigation Briefing on Current Policies and Regulations Available Online.

On July 16, the Wildlife Workgroup hosted the first in a series of webinars examining the role of compensatory mitigation for impacts to wildlife from wind development. Representatives from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the Environmental Law Institute provided an overview of existing policies and regulations affecting the use of compensatory mitigation for impacts to wildlife from wind energy development. A full recording of the webinar has been posted on the [NWCC website](#) for download. Speaker presentations are also available, and a short summary is currently under development.

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## Wildlife Workgroup call

The Wildlife Workgroup convened its bi-monthly call on Wednesday, July 22. Participants learned about sage grouse research in Wyoming and lesser prairie chicken research in Texas. NWCC updates on the formation of a sage grouse collaborative and plans for Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VIII (Fall 2010) were also discussed. American Wind Wildlife Institute, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and others provided sector updates. A call summary is under development and will soon be circulated to the workgroup. To join the Wildlife Workgroup, please email Taylor Kennedy at [tkennedy@resolv.org](mailto:tkennedy@resolv.org).

## Upcoming NWCC Calls & Events

Event	Date & Time
<b>Transmission Update Briefing</b>	Tuesday, August 18 12:00-1:00 Eastern
<b>Transmission Workgroup Call</b>	Wednesday, August 26 1:00-2:00PM Eastern
<b>NWCC/WAPA Webinar Series:</b> <i>Municipal Utility Wind Project Case Studies</i>	Wednesday, August 26 12:00-2:00PM Eastern
<b>NWCC Steering Committee Call</b>	Thursday, August 27 1:00-2:00PM Eastern
<b>NWCC Webinar Series:</b> Compensatory Mitigation for Wind Energy: <i>Models and Approaches</i>	Tuesday, September 15 12:00-2:00PM Eastern
<b>NWCC State of the Art Siting Workshop</b>	October 21-22, Washington, DC Time and Location, TBD

## SITING

### Plans Move Forward to Hold State of the Art in Wind Siting Seminar

Planning has begun for a NWCC seminar on the state of the art in wind siting. The event will be held October 20-21 in Washington, DC. This meeting will feature the latest research on wind energy, including: property values, community acceptance, visual impacts, cultural resources, lighting, electromagnetic interference, sound, safety, and more. Stay tuned for draft meeting agendas and registration announcements. To discuss co-sponsorship opportunities, or to suggest topics or speakers for inclusion, please email Taylor Kennedy at [tkennedy@resolv.org](mailto:tkennedy@resolv.org).

# TRANSMISSION

## Transmission Workgroup Call

The next Transmission Workgroup call has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, from 1:00-2:00pm ET (12:00-1:00pm CT, 11:00am-12:00pm MT, 10:00am-11:00am, PT). The workgroup will discuss the National Conference of State Legislatures' plans to convene a national meeting on transmission for legislators and opportunities for NWCC collaboration in the event. The group will also receive updates on various regional transmission activities currently underway around the country. Participants will receive dial-in information, an agenda, and any supporting materials in advance of the call. To join the Transmission Workgroup, please email James Damon at [jdamon@resolv.org](mailto:jdamon@resolv.org).

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## Transmission Updates

The NWCC Transmission Workgroup will hold its next Transmission Update Briefing on Tuesday, August 18, from 12:00 -1:00pm ET (11:00am-12:00pm CT, 10:00am-11:00am MT, 9:00am-10:00am, PT) and will feature two speakers. David Whiteley will speak about the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative, which seeks to develop an integrated, interconnection-wide view of regional transmission plans. The collaborative also aims to identify any gaps relative to state, provincial, regional or federal policy goals. A representative from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will discuss the organization's Final Record of Decision ("Final ROD") in the 2010 Rate Integration Case. The Final ROD is an effort to integrate or balance service loads (the electrical power consumed by customers) and resources (generation from hydro, thermal, or wind power plants) to ensure reliability on the transmission system.

Please contact James Damon ([jdamon@resolv.org](mailto:jdamon@resolv.org)) if you wish to subscribe to these bi-monthly transmission update briefings. For copies of this update and past updates, visit: <http://www.nationalwind.org/publications/transmission/updates/default.htm>.

## Municipal Utility Wind Project Case Studies Webinar

The ninth in the series of webinars co-sponsored by NWCC, WAPA, and other organizations is scheduled for Wednesday August 26, from 12-2pm Eastern (11am-1pm Central, 10am-12pm Mountain, 9-11am Pacific). The webcast will examine different approaches to municipal utility wind power projects through three case studies. The studies will look at utility-owned projects, purchase power projects, financing and contractual arrangements, overcoming management and technical barriers, reasons for choosing particular technologies, and more. To participate in this webinar, please contact Ryan Harry, BCS, Inc., at [rharry@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rharry@bcs-hq.com).

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