

NATIONAL WIND COORDINATING COLLABORATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

May 1, 2009

Dates To Remember

Visit NWCC at WINDPOWER: Booth 2482

Attending WINDPOWER 2009 in Chicago? Be sure to stop by Booth 2482 to meet with NWCC staff. Learn more about upcoming NWCC initiatives like our webcast series on transmission and wildlife. Pick up a copy of our newsletter and review some of our newest publications, including the Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VII proceedings. We look forward to seeing you!

Small Wind & Distributed Generation Webinar

The sixth in the series of webinars co-sponsored by NWCC, WAPA and other organizations is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at noon Eastern (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific.) Find out what's happening with small wind and other distributed generation technologies—economic and environmental considerations, technical obstacles and opportunities, grid impacts and future outlook. To participate in this webinar, please contact Ryan Harry, BCS, Inc., at rharry@bcs-hq.com.

NWCC History Comes Full Circle

Wildlife and Transmission at a Crossroads (2007)

In 2007, the NWCC joined with the Energy Foundation and Western Resource Advocates to host a dialogue examining Western needs for expanded transmission and the anticipated wildlife needs associated with the development of that transmission.

Following the meeting, the Western Governors Association joined the U.S. Department of Energy to begin addressing the needs identified in this meeting. The partners implemented the Western Renewable Energy Zones (WREZ) process, a multi-stakeholder initiative seeking to adequately map the energy and wildlife resources in the Western region and to develop appropriate corridors for the development of transmission for renewable energy resources.

The WREZ initiative now serves as a case study and model for other regions pursuing a holistic approach to transmission planning. Two years after the meeting that generated WREZ, the NWCC will soon launch a series of webinars and forums to examine WREZ and similar planning processes, elucidating best practices and lessons learned.

NWCC in 2009: Exploring the Transmission and Wildlife Interface

Discussions about WREZ and similar processes engaged the NWCC Renewables Initiatives Forum, held in March 2009,

NWCC CONFERENCE CALLS

*Wildlife Workgroup call –
May 13, 2:30 pm ET*

*Transmission Workgroup
call – May 14, 2:00 ET*

*Small Wind & Distributed
Generation Webinar
(cosponsored by WAPA and
others) – May 20, noon – 2:00
pm ET*

*Grassland Shrub Steppe
Species Collaborative call –
May 26, noon ET*

*Steering Committee call –
May 28, 1:00 pm ET*

*Transmission Update call –
June 16, 1:00 pm ET*

MAGIC MOMENTS

Updated Calendar of Events:
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yielding insight on the cross-sector coordination needed to meet the national goal of doubling renewables within three years. To inform this collaboration, the NWCC will soon launch a series of webcasts focused on transmission siting and mapping at the landscape level. These will include in-depth analyses of collaborative regional planning exercises currently being performed, GIS and other mapping techniques, and wildlife concerns. The goal of these webcasts is to determine what the technical needs are and how the data that is being used is gathered, formatted, and housed.

The series will culminate with a workshop about integrating key wildlife and habitat factors into planning processes. To receive updates on the scheduling of the webinar series and workshop, be sure to subscribe to the monthly NWCC updates by emailing James Damon at jdamon@resolv.org, or check our blog: www.nationalwind.org/blog.

NWCC WORKGROUP UPDATES

Wildlife:

Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VII proceedings – Available Online: Proceedings from *Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VII* are available in pre-publication form on the [NWCC website](#). These proceedings summarize over 22 presentations on recent research pertaining to fatality and habitat impacts to wildlife from wind energy, as well as approaches to avoiding, minimizing, and compensating for those impacts. Meeting attendees will receive a CD copy of these proceedings, [speaker presentations](#), and other meeting materials in May.

Coming Soon: Webinar Series on Compensatory Mitigation – The NWCC Wildlife Workgroup will soon launch a series of webcasts examining the purpose, appropriateness, and applications of compensatory mitigation within the context of impacts to wildlife from the development of wind energy. A more detailed series concept and schedule will be distributed to the Wildlife Workgroup in May.

Transmission:

Layperson's Guide to Wind Integration – The completed draft *Layperson's Guide* is complete and undergoing final formatting for publication. Stop by our WINDPOWER booth to see a prepublication copy of this resource, and look for an announcement this month when it has been posted to the [NWCC website](#)!

Transmission Updates – The April 21 Transmission Update featured two initiatives currently underway that address the conundrum of who should pay for new transmission lines and transmission upgrades—the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Network Open Season and TransCanada's Anchor Tenant proposal that recently received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. A call summary is under development and will be available soon. Please contact [James Damon](#) if you wish to subscribe to these bi-monthly transmission update

briefings.

Transmission Workgroup – The next Transmission Workgroup call has been rescheduled and will convene on May 14th at 2:00PM ET. An agenda for the call will be circulated soon!

