



NWCC HOLDS STATE OF THE ART WIND SITING SEMINAR AND LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

NWCC Unveils New Website!

The NWCC is pleased to announce the launch of our new website, www.nationalwind.org! The web address remains the same, but the organization and design have greatly changed. The new NWCC website is designed to be more user-friendly and features an updated blog, the ability for members to manage their NWCC subscriptions, and the option of submitting an event to be included on the NWCC calendar.

Over the next few weeks, we will be transferring content from our old website. If at any time, there is a piece of information or publication that you need, please contact us. We welcome your feedback!

State of the Art in Wind Siting Seminar a Success!

Representatives from local and federal permitting agencies, wind energy developers, and technical consultants met last week in Washington, DC, to hear about cutting-edge research on considerations involved in siting wind facilities. The NWCC was joined by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and Idaho National Laboratory (INL) in hosting State of the Art in Wind Siting, a seminar focused on better understanding and mitigating concerns about wind energy development. Highlights included:

- Some of the first quantitative research on whether wind facilities affect the value of nearby property.
- Considerations regarding turbine visibility and airline safety, as well as visual resource management criteria.
- An interagency panel on radar interference, its effects on national capabilities, and research by agencies to mitigate effects.
- Considerations about icing climates and their impacts on project efficiency, needed equipment, and safety.
- And more!

Presentations have been posted on the NWCC website at: <http://www.nationalwind.org/issues/siting/2009sitingseminar.aspx>. Proceedings will be available in spring 2010. With any questions, please contact Taylor Kennedy at tkennedy@resolv.org or (202) 965-6392.

Upcoming NWCC Calls & Events

Event	Date & Time
NWCC Steering Committee Call	Wednesday, November 4 12:00-1:00PM Eastern
Wildlife Workgroup Call	Wednesday, November 11 2:30-4:00PM Eastern
Transmission Workgroup Call	Tuesday, November 17 2:00-3:00PM Eastern
NWCC Steering Committee Call	Thursday, November 19 1:00-2:00PM Eastern
Transmission Update Briefing	Tuesday, December 8 1:00-2:00PM Eastern
SAVE THE DATE! NWCC Transmission Interconnection Planning Forum	January 12, 2010 <i>(tentative)</i> Washington, DC

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WILDLIFE

Mark Your Calendars for NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VIII!

The NWCC's eighth biennial wind-wildlife research meeting has been scheduled for October 19-21, 2010, with a Wildlife Workgroup meeting on October 22, 2010. Stay tuned for a meeting location, to be confirmed soon! Those who wish to participate in meeting planning should contact Taylor Kennedy at tkennedy@resolv.org

Sage Grouse Collaborative Formed Under the GS3C

The Grassland Shrub Steppe Species Collaborative (GS3C) convened its first Sage Grouse Collaborative call on Friday, October 30. On this call, participants discussed proposed organization of the collaborative, draft operating protocols, the process for selecting committee members, potential study sites, and fundraising needs. For more information, please contact Jenn Bies at jbies@kearnswest.com.

November Wildlife Workgroup Call Rescheduled

The November Wildlife Workgroup call (originally scheduled for November 11) has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 12, from 2:30-4pm Eastern (1:30-3pm Central; 12:30-2pm Mountain; 11:30-1pm Pacific). Dial-in information and a call agenda will be circulated to the workgroup in advance of the call. To join the Wildlife Workgroup, please contact Taylor Kennedy at tkennedy@resolv.org

TRANSMISSION

October Transmission Update

The most recent NWCC Transmission Update was held on Tuesday October 13 and featured two speakers—Mason Emmett from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Ashley Brown, Executive Director of the Harvard Electricity Policy Group at the Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Emmett reflected on the recent regional technical conferences held by FERC that explored the effectiveness of the Order 890 transmission planning principles. Mr. Emmett stated that FERC had identified some common issues from the conferences and released a list of questions for which they would like comments. The comments are due November 9, 2009, with reply comments due December 4, 2009. He urged interested parties to review the questions, as FERC is interested in making reforms if they are needed. If FERC decides to move forward, Mr. Emmett surmised that the likely next step would be a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Mr. Brown discussed his paper Siting Transmission Lines in a Changed Milieu: Evolving Notions of the Public Interest in Balancing State and Regional Considerations. The paper explores the legal principles for state regulators for siting transmission lines with broader public interest and concerns. Mr. Brown asserted that the current siting paradigm is no longer sufficient to meet our needs and that proposals in Congress to address transmission siting are not adequate.

The next NWCC Transmission Update will take place on Tuesday, December 8 at 1:00PM Eastern. Please note the date change. A full summary of the call is available on the NWCC website, www.nationalwind.org

Transmission Workgroup Call

The next Workgroup call will take place on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 2:00pm ET. 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