



# Wyoming County Commissioners Association

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to attend the Wyoming County Commissioners Association's National Environmental Policy Act and Federal Law and Policy Training on July 9 and 10, 2019 at the Lander Community and Convention Center in Lander, Wyoming.

We have designed the event's agenda to foster discussion and dialogue about how elected officials and members of the public can work with federal agencies to facilitate management of public lands in a way that results in the improved economic and cultural well-being of Wyoming's residents as well as the protection of important natural resources. With the federal government managing nearly half of Wyoming's lands and significant subsurface estate, it is critical that we—as elected officials, interested parties and residents of the state—have an understanding of the laws and policies that guide the management of these resources.

During the training, we will hear from a variety of individuals, including Karen Budd-Falen, our fellow Wyomingite who is now serving as Deputy Solicitor for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and David Willms, Senior Director for Western Wildlife and Conservation at the National Wildlife Federation, who will discuss efforts to modernize the Endangered Species Act. We will also hear the perspectives of federal land managers from the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, county commissioners, conservation district supervisors and many more.

We are looking forward to what we are certain will be an informative and topical training on the laws and policies that guide management of Wyoming's public lands and resources and hope to see you there. To register for the event, which is open to the public, please visit the Events page at the WCCA's website, [www.wyo-wcca.org](http://www.wyo-wcca.org).

Sincerely,

Robert Short  
Commissioner, Converse County  
Chair, WCCA Energy & Environment Committee

Forrest Chadwick  
Commissioner, Natrona County  
Chair, WCCA Agriculture, Water, State and  
Public Lands Committee

# National Environmental Policy Act Federal Law and Policy Training

Hosted by the Wyoming County Commissioners Association

July 9 & 10, 2019  
Lander Community and Convention Center  
950 Buena Vista Drive  
Lander, Wyoming

## Tuesday, July 9, 2019

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Registration Open</b>
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome Remarks and Introductions</b>
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<b>The National Environmental Policy Act: An Overview and Discussion of Cooperating Agencies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Phil Lowe</b>, Attorney for the United States Department of Interior, Office of the Solicitor</li></ul>
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Understanding the NEPA Process from Scoping Notice to Record of Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>David Loomis</b>, Region 2 NEPA Coordinator, USDA Forest Service</li><li>• <b>Tyson Finnicum</b>, BLM Planning &amp; Environmental Coordinator</li></ul>
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Bureau of Land Management: Federal Land Policy and Management Act and BLM Regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Cynthia Moses-Nedd</b>, US Department of Interior, Office of Intergovernmental &amp; External Affairs, Washington, D.C.</li></ul>
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<b>BLM Panel: What Works (and Doesn't) When Working Together</b> <b>Moderated by Cynthia Moses-Nedd</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Doug Thompson</b>, former Fremont County Commissioner</li><li>• <b>Joel Bousman</b>, Sublette County Commissioner</li><li>• <b>Caleb Hiner</b>, BLM Field Manager, Pinedale Office</li><li>• <b>Kimberlee Foster</b>, BLM Field Manager, Rock Springs Office</li></ul>
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>United States Forest Service National Forest Management Act and USFS Regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Randy Phillips</b>, USDA Forest Service Liaison to the National Association of Counties, Washington, D.C.</li></ul>
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	<b>USFS Panel: What Works (and Doesn't) When Working Together</b> <b>Moderated by Randy Phillips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Terry Wolf</b>, Washakie County Commissioner</li><li>• <b>Andrew Johnson</b>, Big Horn National Forest Supervisor</li><li>• <b>Lisa Timchak</b>, Shoshone National Forest Supervisor</li><li>• <b>Rob Hoelscher</b>, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Pinedale Ranger District</li></ul>

- **Mike Henn**, General Manager, Sublette County Conservation District
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.      **ESA Modernization**
- **David Willms**, Senior Director for Western Wildlife and Conservation, National Wildlife Federation
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.      **Participant Social Hour**  
Gannett Grill Loft (upstairs)  
126 Main Street

## Wednesday, July 10, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.      **Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.      **Federal Natural Resource Policy Account: Who and What is Eligible for Funding**
- **Beth Callaway**, Wyoming Governor's Office
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.      **Panel Discussion: Industry and Interest Group Participation in Federal Decision-Making Process**  
**Moderated by Lucy Pauley**, Mediation Coordinator, Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture
- **Lisa McGee**, Wyoming Outdoor Council
  - **Lyndon Bucher**, Lands & Environmental Manager, American Colloid Company
  - **Paul Ulrich**, Jonah Energy
  - **Joy Bannon**, Field Director, Wyoming Wildlife Federation
  - **Jessica Crowder**, Policy Director, Western Landowners Alliance
- 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.      **Break**
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.      **Cooperation, Coordination and the Important Role of State and Local Governments and Land Use Plans**
- **Karen Budd-Falen**, Deputy Solicitor, Fish Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of Interior
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.      **Panel Discussion: How to be an Effective Cooperator**  
**Moderated by Karen Budd-Falen**
- **Bobbie Frank**, Executive Director, Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts
  - **Dru Bower**, DRU Consulting, LLC
  - **Jim Willox**, Converse County Commissioner
  - **Justin Williams**, Senior Policy Analyst, Natural Resources & Policy Division, Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.      **Working Lunch - NEPA and the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106**
- **Richard L. Currit**, Senior Archeologist, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
- 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.      **SuiteWater and NREX: How to Take Advantage of Existing Mapping Tools**
- **Cathy Rosenthal**, Watershed Coordinator, Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts
  - **Teal Wyckoff**, Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center, University of Wyoming
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.      **Closing Remarks**
- 2:00 p.m.      **Adjourn**