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March 11, 2020
WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PDT/2:00 pm MDT/3:00 pm CDT.
Council members and delegates present included:

AK-Alice Edwards
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski
CA-Tina Suarez-Murias
CO-Mark McMillan, Garry Kaufman, Gordon Pierce
HI-
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-Dave Klemp
NV-
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Phil Allen
SD-Kyrik Rombaugh
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-Kathy Taylor
WY-Nancy Vehr
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Bob Lebens, Jackie Gadret, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Review spring business meeting agenda (attached) and meeting logistics (Mary Uhl)
2. Regional Haze analysis update and upcoming deadlines for state input (Tom Moore)
3. Upcoming R training (Jeff Gabler)
4. EPA Region 8 outreach to WESTAR regarding WESTAR letter to Anne Idsal (Mary Uhl)
5. Other items as time and interest permit

Meeting Minutes:

1. Review spring business meeting agenda (attached) and meeting logistics (Mary Uhl)

¹ Draft will be considered final upon review and approval by a majority of the members, typically on the next monthly conference call.

Instead of reviewing the draft meeting agenda, the Council held a roundtable discussion responding to the question of how likely members would be to attend the spring meeting April 21-23 in Park City, UT. While Washington has a travel ban through the end of March 2020, other states indicated that a travel ban was likely in Arizona, Colorado, Oregon and Wyoming. North Dakota and South Dakota did not have travel bans. Montana did not have a ban but was limiting travel to only essential state business. The decision was made to reschedule the spring meeting as a virtual meeting rather than a face-to-face meeting.

2. Regional Haze analysis update and upcoming deadlines for state input (Tom Moore)
Tom Moore noted that the additional controls run scheduled for this March has a due date of March 15 for states to submit input data.
3. Upcoming R training (Jeff Gabler)
Jeff announced that R training would be conducted online by MARAMA and several hundred seats are available for this training. Jeff will contact WESTAR and WRAP members with details.
4. EPA Region 8 outreach to WESTAR regarding WESTAR letter to Anne Idsal (Mary Uhl)
Mary Uhl noted that she had a conference call with EPA Region 8 administrator Greg Sopkin to talk about WESTAR and the letter WESTAR sent to Anne Idsal in the fall of 2019. Administrator Sopkin encouraged WESTAR and Region 8 states to bring Region 8 air issues to his attention.
5. Other items as time and interest permit

There were no additional items brought forth.

The call duration was 31 minutes.