

Public Lands & Natural Resources Committee

June 18th, 2025 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (MST)

Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | *Chair Sherry Maupin*

Chair Sherry Maupin called the meeting to order.

Discussion: Possible Legislative Resolutions

- It is important to consider resolutions that will impact the majority of counties.
- SRS funding was the main discussion around legislative resolutions for this year, further details found in the SRS funding section.

Discussion: Possible NACo Resolutions

- Forward thinking for the 2026 year. The purpose of this discussion is to help brainstorm ideas so that they can be refined and ready for next year.
- Clay had the opportunity to attend NEPA (National Environment Policy Act) training at the Western Interstate Regions conference. An idea that was brought up was a possible NEPA training in Idaho for more personal and hands-on training for Idaho.
- The committee found an opportunity like this to be very helpful and productive.
- Logistics will be discussed dependent upon the interest of the committee, so updates will come if this proves to be pertinent.

Update: Clay Boeckel on SRS funding and WIR update

- SRS is up in the air at the moment, however, Sara Westbrook spoke with Senator Risch's national resources director, who mentioned that while the bill cannot currently be reconciled, they are hotlining a bill, which is a strategic maneuver where leadership will hotline a particular bill articulating that they want to pass it by unanimous consent without a vote. All the republicans are on board, and as of this morning, the democrats had dropped their objection to it being hotlined. While this doesn't mean it will all be perfect, since the House and Senate could vary in their bills, it is progress nonetheless and the committee will remain updated on the issue.

Open Discussion

- There was some discussion around logging and timber. When any land owner in the state, other than the federal government, wants to do logging, you must fill out a 'compliant' in order to tell the State where you're logging, how much you're logging, and how much you will mitigate issues due to the logging. The proposal would be to create a mechanism to put a road maintenance or road use fee on the transport of timber, in which the revenue would go to the county where the timber originated. Some members mentioned that this could



unfairly impact certain industries for road use (i.e., agriculture, ranching, timber, mining etc.) if this fee applied only to a specific industry. The proposed amendment would affect all money on state and private lands, and the fees proposed would all apply to the landowner.

Adjournment @ 12:30pm.

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