

MRBIR Draft Virtual Executive Meeting Agendas

February 16, 2021: 2:00pm – 5:00pm CT

February 26, 2021: 10:00am – 1:00pm CT

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DAY ONE MEETING LINK (FEBRUARY 16):

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FEBRUARY 16 WEBINAR – 2:00pm – 5:00pm CT

- 2:00** ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS, LOGISTICS, AGENDA REVIEW (Marci DuPraw, NCECR – 20 min)
- 2:20** PERSPECTIVES FROM MRBIR CHAIR & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR, USGS (Scott Morlock and Sandy Morrison, USGS - 10 min)
- 2:30** EXECUTIVE AGENCY PRIORITIES ROUND-ROBIN (Executives – 70 min)
- Executives to state top priorities /pressing issues from their respective agencies
- 3:40** **BREAK**
- 3:50** LITIGATION UPDATE (Christina Austin-Smith, USACE – 30 min)

- Updates on litigation related to pipeline cases (DAPL, Keystone), litigation updates on flooding cases and water supply case

4:20 SNOW AND SOIL MOISTURE MONITORING NETWORK IN UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BASIN (Jeremy Szynskie, USACE, 30 min)

- Update from Project Manager for the Soil Moisture and Plains Snowpack monitoring project

4:50 WRAP UP AND CLOSING STATEMENTS (Mitch Chrismer, 10 min)

5:00 ADJOURN

FEBRUARY 26 WEBINAR – 10:00am – 1:00pm CT

10:00 ROLL CALL, LOGISTICS, AGENDA REVIEW (Mitch Chrismer, NCECR – 10 min)

10:10 AGENCY UPDATES (Linda Walker DOI / MRBIR Executives - 25 min)

- i. Agency updates from Executives not present on Feb 16 Webinar (10 min)
- ii. Update from Linda Walker (DOI FSA) on IR-5 Accomplishments Report, Administration transition, and DOI Leadership changes (15 min)

10:35 FIRE MANAGEMENT IN UMB (Aaron Thompson BLM / Ralph Rau USFS/ Paul Hohn BLM / Colleen Haskell BLM / Paul Steblein USGS - 70 min)

Interagency Wildfire Management in the Missouri River Basin:

15 Min -Northern Rockies Geographic Area: (Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota)

- **Aaron Thompson, BLM Montana/Dakotas State Fire Management Officer**
 - Northern Rockies 2020 overview
 - NRCG overview
 - Preparedness Levels:
- **Ralph Rau, USGS Region 1 Fire and Aviation Director**
 - Northern Rockies Offset fire protection agreement.
 - Smoke management
 - Resource Sharing

15 Min - Rocky Mountain Geographic Area: (South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas),

- **Paul Hohn, BLM Wyoming State Fire Management Officer**

15 Min – 2021 Fire Season Prediction (What are the models predicting for the 2021 fire year).

- **Coleen Haskell Northern Rockies Predictive Services Meteorologist**

15 Min – Paul Steblein USGS

- Overview of the national [LANDFIRE](#) dataset, a USFS/USGS/DOI collaboration, which includes a decision support system used by incident-management teams fighting wildfires in the field.
- Overview of the new [Fire Danger Viewer](#) from the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center where you can track large fire potential in the past, present, and future through remotely sensed data.

10 Min Q&A

11:45 BREAK

11:50 UPDATES ON MO RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE (NOAA, USACE – 30 min)

- Climate and River Outlook (Doug Kluck / Wendy Pearson / Kevin Low NOAA – 20min)
 - Drought - Early warning update? NIDIS (Britt Parker?)
 - NRCS update on National Drought Resiliency Project (NDRP)
- Water supply update (John Remus USACE – 10min)

12:20 UPDATE ON FEDERAL ACTIONS TO PREVENT LOOTING OF CULTURAL RESOURCES (MRBIR PC Subcommittee Team (Rick Clark NPS, Sandy Morrison USGS, Julie Jacobsen USACE, Jordan Smith FWS) – 20 min)

- MRBIR Cultural Resource Protection Subcommittee update
- Overview of issue, summary of actions

12:40 MRBIR OPERATIONS (National Center – 10 min)

- NCECR funding levels and closing gap of contributed time
- Executive input on future MRBIR topics
 - What should MRBIR focus on in next six months?

12:50 MEETING CLOSE-OUT (10 min)

- Next Steps and Evaluation
- Closing Comments from outgoing 2020 MRBIR Chair and Planning Committee Chair, Scott Morlock and Sandy Morrison, USGS
- MRBIR Chair Transition from USGS to USACE – Beth Coffey and Jesse Granet

1:00 ADJOURN