

# Western Regional Partnership



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# **Western Regional Partnership State/Regional Coordination – WHAT IS IT?**

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- **Senior Level Executive Partnership developed to discuss and identify issues with which all members agree and can work together on to leverage the support, ideas, and at times even resources of each other to improve and institutionalize better regional, state, local planning for all parties involved**
- **Be a forum to assist in efforts and other events which are raised at working group levels and develop action committees to take action on questions and issues identified by the WRP**

## **PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS:**

**Federal Agency Regional Representatives,  
Representatives from State's Governors' Offices  
and other State Representatives**



# Western Regional Partnership State/Regional Coordination – WHY?

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- **Initiate and institutionalize better regional, state, local planning for and supporting post-BRAC transformation and rebasing**
- **Build partnerships with legitimate stakeholders**
- **Encourage compatible land use alternatives around DoD ranges, installations, and air space**
- **Encourage joint, multi-stakeholder efforts that meet mutual mission objectives**
- **Publicize the positive stewardship of DoD and all public lands – an opportunity to build trust**



# Potential Regional Issues

- **Energy transmission/Generation – Utility Corridors**
- **Wilderness study areas (inconsistencies between states in definitions, conditions)**
- **Species of Concern (ESA, Desert Tortoise, Sonoran pronghorn, etc.)**
- **Operational Requirements (regional access to land, air and sea space)**
  - **Standoff Weapons**
  - **e.g. MV-22 Use (USMC), J35, etc.**
  - **UASs, unmanned aircraft systems**
- **Federal land management agencies are decentralized**
- **Legal and Regulatory Precedent concerns**
- **Western Governors Executive Orders (ex. Greenhouse Gases)**
- **Providing legislative models to multiple states**
- **Water rights/needs/allocations**
- **Shared Quality GIS Maps**
- **Land Use & Land Management**
- **Impacts from Federal Agency actions**
  - **Firefighting**
  - **Border Control**
  - **National Wildlife Refuges**
  - **BLM Land Use Plans**
- **"No fencelines"**
- **Competition for Airspace**
- **Mining/Ranching/BLM Leasing**
- **Native American issues**
- **Eminent Domain and land use**
- **Marine sanctuaries, marine protected areas, etc.**
- **Transportation**
- **Frequency Spectrum**
- **Housing affordability for partner agency members**



# Partnership Concept

- Our needs and requirements are **NOT** mutually exclusive
- Military expenditures support a strong regional economy; healthy State economies are critical to support the military
- Collaborative, working partnerships **WILL** achieve regional growth and viability
- Mid- to Long-range planning create a level of certainty for decision-makers



***We ALL have a stake in the future***



# Supporting Initiatives and Partnerships

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- **Southwest Strategy**
- **Desert Managers Group**
- **Nevada Joint Military Affairs Committee**
- **Bio-diesel Consortium**
- **Federal Network of Sustainability**
- **Coastal America**
- **BMGR Interagency Group (BEC)**
- **Borderland Management Task Force**
- **Arizona Commanders Conference**
- **Native American Interaction Program**
- **Joint Technical Edwards/UTTR/China Lake/NTTR**
- **R2508 Joint Plans and Policy Board (JPPB)**
- **Regional Airspace Councils**
- **DoD Regional Wind Working Group**
- **Bob Stump Range Complex Working Group**
- **California Energy Working Group**
- **Federal Energy Corridors Working Group**



# **Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS) - Background -**

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- **States' interest to establish a regional partnership between DoD, states and other stakeholders**
- **DUSD(R) Mayberry and DUSD(I&E) Grone have received approval and support from the Service Vice Chiefs**
- **Opportunity to initiate and institutionalize better regional, state, and local coordination in support of our post-BRAC posture.**
- **DoD objective: continue and expand the SROC's direction to protect and enhance access to our test and training ranges.**
- **This was a pilot effort; use the IPT process and the SROC to keep the Vice Chiefs informed and to make sure that the effort is sufficiently addressing DoD/Service issues.**



# Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability

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- Four SERPPAS Principals Meetings to date
  - July 27-28, 2005, Chapel Hill, NC
  - January 11-12, 2006, Jacksonville, FL
  - August 15-16, 2006, Sumter, SC
  - Feb 27-28, 2007, Camp Lejeune, NC
- Alabama has now joined SERPPAS

## **SERPPAS Military Service Representatives at February 2007 Meeting:**

- **Rear Admiral Mark Boensel** – Commander, Navy Region Southeast
- **Major General Robert Dickerson** – Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East
- **Fred Pease** – Air Force, Director of Airspace, Ranges & Airfield Ops
- **James Gunlicks** – Army, Deputy Director, G-37/TR
- **Joseph Plunkett** – Army, Director, Installation Management Agency Southeast Region
- Steering Committee formed to execute identified projects



# Principal Meeting Outcome: Realignment of SERPPAS Focus Projects

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- **Marine/Coastal project team establishment**
- **Community-Military Partnerships**
- **Longleaf Pine Habitat Preservation (including red cockaded woodpecker conservation and project to keep gopher tortoise from ESA listing)**
- **Alabama/Georgia/Florida Military Conservation Partnership (to focus on outlying landing field protection)**
- **Federal/State programs integration**

**Next Meeting: August 2007**



# Way Forward

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- **Today's issues are regional in nature and need regional solutions**
- **Competition for resources in future will require smart planning and strategic partnerships**
- **All Federal Agencies, States, and DoD need to be at the table together whenever and wherever possible to maintain our close coordination to enhance and leverage each other's mission**
- **Regional efforts require leadership support**