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Summer Western Roundtable & Field Tours of National Forests in California and Nevada

In August, Western Caucus members and leaders took part in our Summer Western Policy Roundtable in the Lake Tahoe region of California and Nevada.

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[Check out our video with Chairman Steve Daines, Chairman Paul Gosar, and Congressional Western Caucus Members talking about forestry management -- here:](#)



Throughout our time in the Lake Tahoe region, US Forest Service conducted field tours of several forests – discussions included wild fire prevention, categorical exclusions for forest management, and private versus public land management.

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Key leaders discussed the importance of healthy forests, active management, fire suppression, water, recreation, energy, access to federal lands, agriculture, and rural economies.

Other key topics included the Bureau of Land Management's recent decision to move headquarters back out West, updating and modernizing the regulations related to the Endangered Species Act, and Watershed Conservation efforts in the immediate area.

We were joined by **Karen Budd-Falen**, Deputy Solicitor at U.S. Department of the Interior, and **Karen Hanley** of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council. Throughout the trip, key guests also included the U.S. Department of Agriculture **Under Secretary Jim Hubbard**, and **Chairman Mary Neumayr** of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Caucus members included: **Chairman Steve Daines, Chairman Rep. Paul Gosar, Rep. Tom McClintock, Rep. Doug LaMalfa, Rep. Bruce Westerman, Rep. Dan Newhouse, and Rep. James Comer.**

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On the Pioneer Trail, in Utah

As we welcome the first day of the Autumn season, the Foundation will be hosting a Member Fall Weekend in Utah, from October 24th through the 27th. The Congressional Utah Delegation will be in attendance, as we have several field tours of National and State parks near Moab lined up for the weekend. We'll discuss (and visit) issues related to the management of federal public lands in Utah. Look for an invitation in your email in-box.

Rural Broadband Discussion in Washington, DC

This month, the Western Caucus Foundation, in conjunction with Ride Television Network, hosted a policy briefing on rural broadband issues. Our keynote speaker, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, discussed how the FCC is working to effectively and efficiently deploy broadband to more of rural America. He also discussed the benefits of expanded access to

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broadband for rural areas – like access healthcare & telemedicine, increasing agriculture efficiencies, and opportunities for remote employment.



The briefing was followed with a reception, with World Champion Trick Roper Anthony Lucia, and a great Western Caucus member turnout.

Many thanks to RIDE-TV!

ICYMI: Congressional & Senate Western Caucus in Action

House Updates

WOTUS: Finally Finished

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Chairman Gosar & USFS Boost Forest Thinning Projects

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ANWR Final Report Delivers Good News for All Americans

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Western Caucus Puts A Stop to Fracking Banning Nonsense

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Senate Updates

[First ever Senate hearing in a dairy barn?](#)

[Chairman Daines promoting tourism in our lesser-known national parks](#)

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Chairman Daines legislation promoting American energy security and carbon capture
technology passed out of Senate Committee

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Chairman Daines promoting increased access to broadband in Tribal and rural communities

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House and Senate Western Caucuses fighting together to ACE Rule would instead provide flexibility to states and power plants to innovate to reduce pollution

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Save the Dates! Upcoming 2019 Events

Don't miss out on these awesome trips and events! Check out our full line-up here:

<http://westerncaucusfoundation.org/event-calendar/>

September 24, 2019: Congressional Western Caucus ESA Rollout

October 24-27, 2019: Member Fall Weekend in Utah

November 14, 2019: Western Caucus Chiefs of Staff Reception on the Hill

December 6, 2019: WCF Policy and Rodeo Reception in Las Vegas, Nevada

December 11, 2019: Holiday Reception on the Hill

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