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2020 Fall Newsletter

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 - New Member Meet & Greet
 - Winter Western Roundtable and Field Tour at NFR,
in Ft. Worth, TX
- Scarier than Friday the 13th - Scroll to the bottom!

Read on to find out what we've been up to...

News & Updates

ESA Victory: DOI Delists The Gray Wolf in the Lower 48.

After 45 years, the Gray wolf is now returning to State and Tribal Management.



[Read the Western Caucus Press Release Here](#)
[Read the DOI Press Release Here](#)

Fall Policy Roundtable: When Agencies Weaponize Fake Science

In October, Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA04) hosted our Fall Policy roundtable in Washington State. We were also joined by Rep. Russ Fulcher, (ID-01), and Western Caucus Staff. Our roundtable brought attention to the negative impact of shoddy, misguided federal government regulations on rural communities, and scrutinized the EPA's mistreatment of the dairy industry in the Pacific Northwest and across the country.

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Our keynote guest was Mandy Gunasekara, EPA, Chief of Staff to the Administrator - we held a lively discussion with her after the keynote, as she addressed the latest EPA goals and achievements.

Our guest speakers panelists included **Dan Wood**, Executive Officer of the Washington State Dairy Federation and **Rick Naerebout**, Chief Executive Officer of the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

Press Release:

[Newhouse Brings Attention to Mistreatment of Dairy Industry by EPA](#)

If you weren't able to watch the roundtable, you can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/westerncaucusfoundation>

Field Tour: Rattlesnake Mountain

Western Caucus members and locally elected officials met with USFWS for a tour of Rattlesnake Mountain. In 2015, the National Defense Authorization Act directed USFWS to provide public access - but has not done so yet. Rep. Newhouse leads the charge and discussion on why we must open up our public lands for public access.

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Read more about it here: [Rattlesnake Mountain](#)

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In late September, we held our third and final chapter of the Western Caucus Foundation's Digital Connect Forum on America's Energy security. Our panel hosted some great WCF members - we were joined by Neil J. Chatterjee, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulation Commission, Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA-04), Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (WA-05), Rep. John Curtis (UT-03), and Rep. Jim Baird (IN-04)

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Hosted By Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-04), Chair of the Congressional Western Caucus, our energy discussion centered around NEPA Reform, renewable (and responsible) energy, transmission and the permitting process due to the repercussions of COVID-19, including the challenges and potential solutions for Western and rural communities. If you missed our forum, you can watch it on our [Facebook page](#).

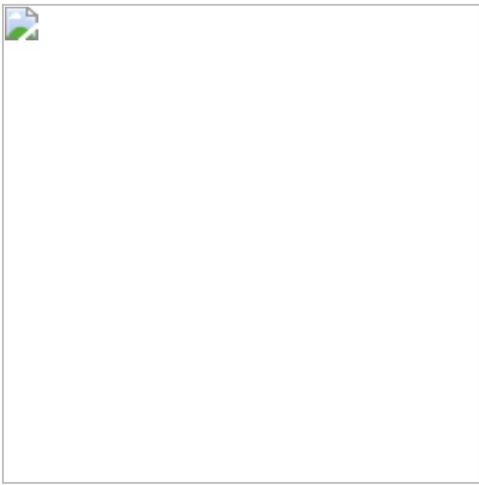
You can [contact the Foundation here](#) if you have any suggestions for topics or policy you'd like us to cover in an upcoming DC --> Digital Connect forum.

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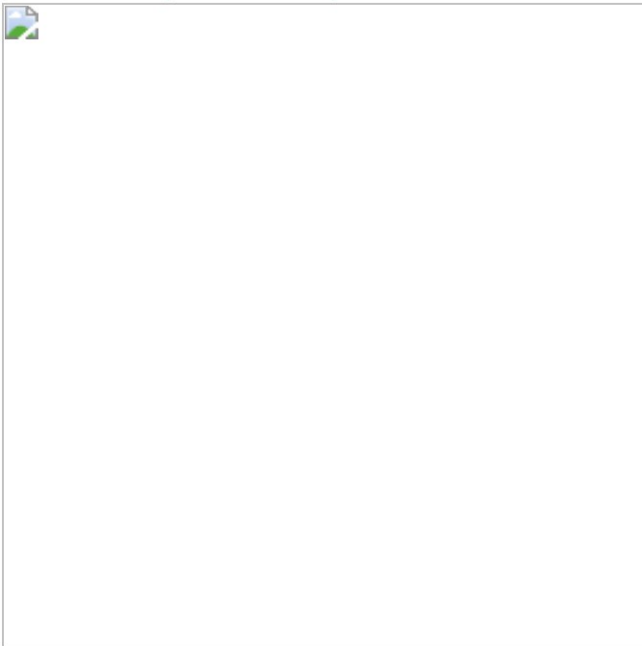
Senate Updates:

[Caring for Cattle: Senator Daines helps announces New Testing Guidelines](#)

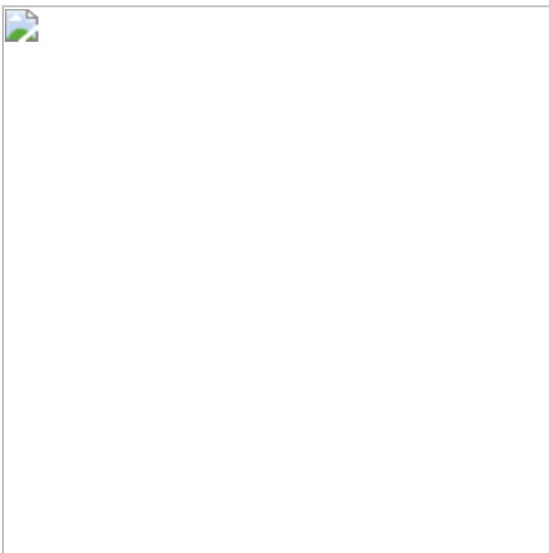
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[ACE ACT passes: Bipartisan Wildlife Conservation Bill](#)



[Senator Daines: Working on Grizzly Bear Recovery and Management](#)



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House Updates:

[Rep.Gosar & members applaud Trump Admin. for promoting Western Water Sustainability](#)



[Rep. Russ Fulcher: The work isn't over when the fires are put out.](#)

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[Rep. Westerman pulls no punches: It's time for CA to manage their forests](#)



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Agency Updates:

[DOI: Public Lands are Booming_](#)



[EPA: Clean-air than ever!](#)



[USDA: AG Trade Report shows strengthening rural economies](#)



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Upcoming Events:

Save the dates for the below events! You can expect an official invite in your mailbox soon.

November

6th **Monthly Bicameral Staff Only* Policy Briefing**

Location: Conference via digital platform

19th **New Members of Congress: Meet and Greet**

Meet the newest elected members of Western Caucus

(We hope for this to be an in-person event)

Location: TBA, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

December

4 - 5th **Winter Roundtable, Field Tour, and National Finals Rodeo**

(In-person event)

Roundtable to be broadcast via digital media.

Location: Ft. Worth, TX

TBA **Tribal Policy Discussion***

w/ Western Caucus Leaders

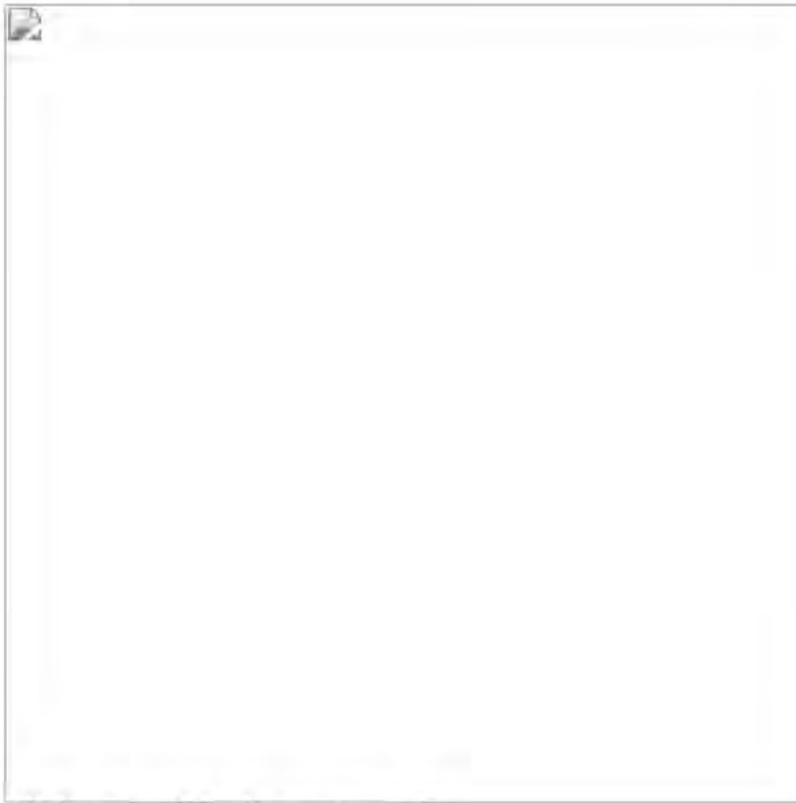
Via Live Digital Connect platform

**Tribal supporters, Western Caucus members,
and Congressional staff only*

Members and staff of the Senate and Congressional Western Caucuses are invited to all the listed 2020 Western Caucus Foundation events.

Seriously Scary **It's time to Hallo-Scream:**

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#HappyHalloween!



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