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News & Updates

It's been an incredibly busy summer for the Foundation! It turns out that working from home is very productive in fighting for the West.

WCF Rolls out DC --> Digital Connect

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WCF has recently rolled out Digital Connect. Our Digital Connect events add a more robust dynamic to our annual programming. The digital programming will do more to provide additional policy forums and meetings to our annual agenda of activities. WCF's DC↔Connect also provides an opportunity for those outside of the DC audience to attend our events. Overall, our new Digital DC↔Connect will allow greater interaction between Senate and Congressional Western Caucus members, staff, and stakeholders all across the country.

WCF in Montana – Digital Roundtable Announcement

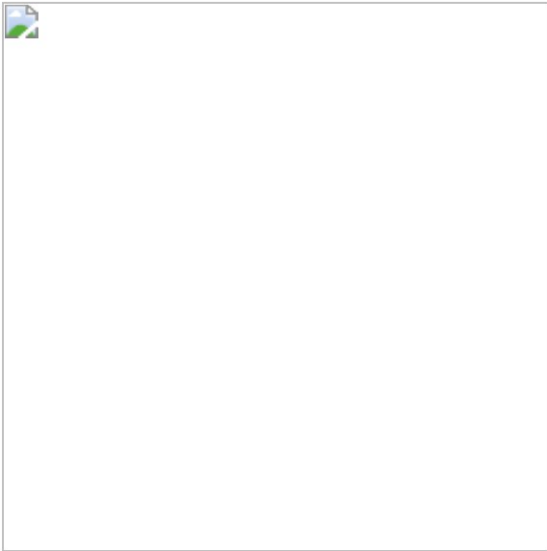
Although we've had to do things a little differently this year, WCF is thrilled to announce that our Annual Summer Policy Roundtable will be held digitally this year. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 19th, as we discuss recreational access, forestry management, wildfire and multiple use land policies.

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Don't worry, we haven't forgotten about field tours; Field tours will be held virtually this summer and you'll still have the opportunity to ask questions and put your digital boots on the ground all from the comfort of your couch.

Please stay tuned for further information and details - you can expect a formal invite in your inbox soon.

Digital Connect: Rural Broadband & Previous Policy Forums



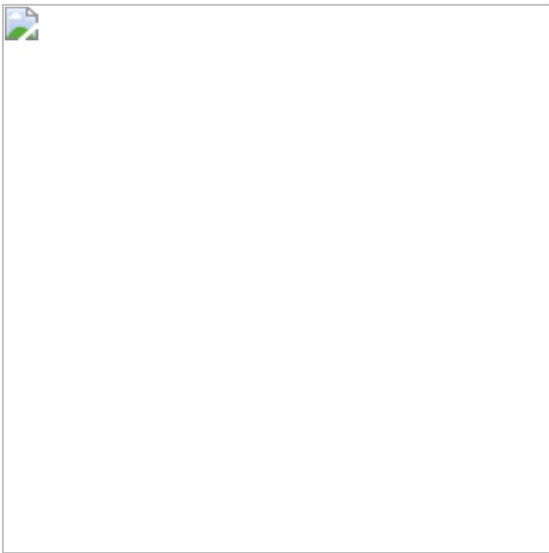
Last Week, WCF held a Digital Connect forum on America's rural broadband issues. Our guest speakers featured **Commissioner Brendon Carr** from the FCC, **Administrator Chad Rupe** from Rural Utility Services, USDA and **Greg Watson** from the Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House.

We also had external groups on the forum including **Vicki Robinson**, Senior Director of the Microsoft AirBand Initiative and **Stacey Mueller**, from Blackfoot Communications (a rural broadband provider and NTCA member). You can watch the webinar and check out our rural broadband resources page at the link below!

<http://westerncaucusfoundation.org/ruralbroadband/>

Recent Digital Connect events have included Web forums on **Rural Health Access** and **Securing America's Energy**.

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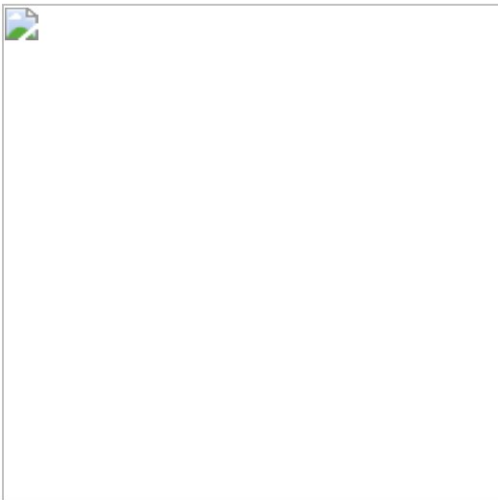
WCF has also hosted Stakeholder briefings with Western Caucus Members - our latest briefings included a leadership update from Rep. Liz Cheney. Interested in participating at our next briefing? [Email us here!](#)

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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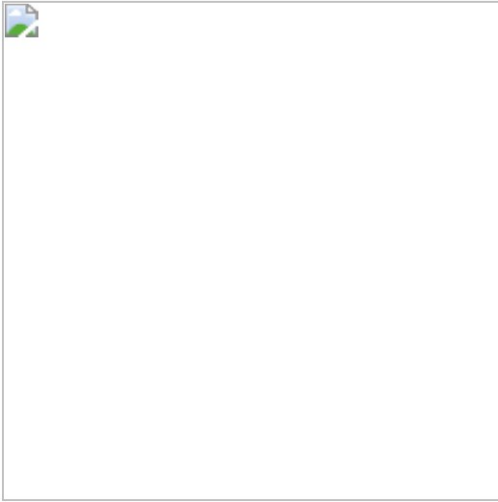
House Updates:

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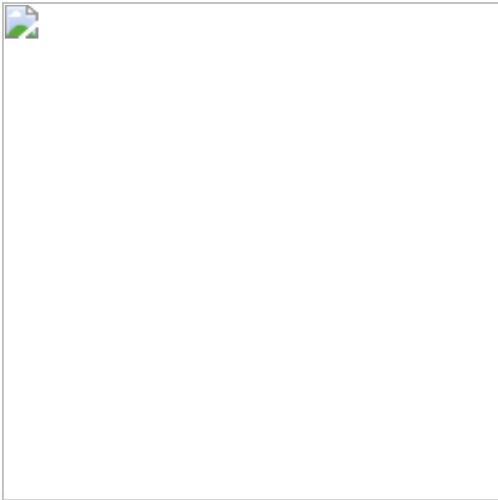


[Western Caucus Applaud EPA's Clean Air Act Rulemaking](#)

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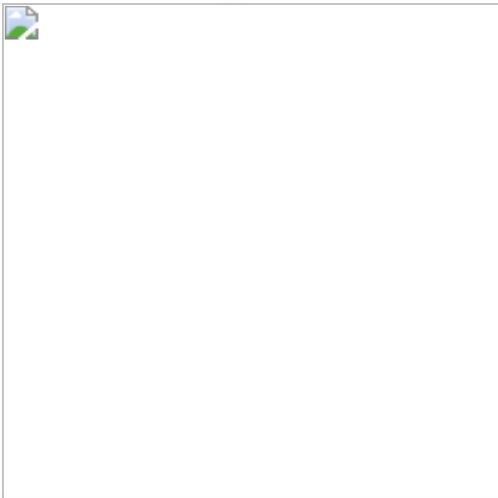


[WRDA Passes in the House](#)



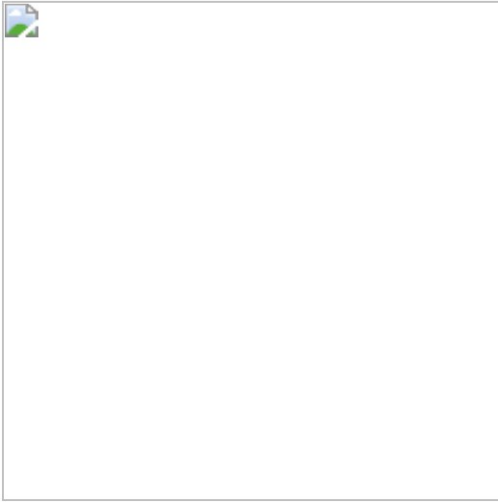
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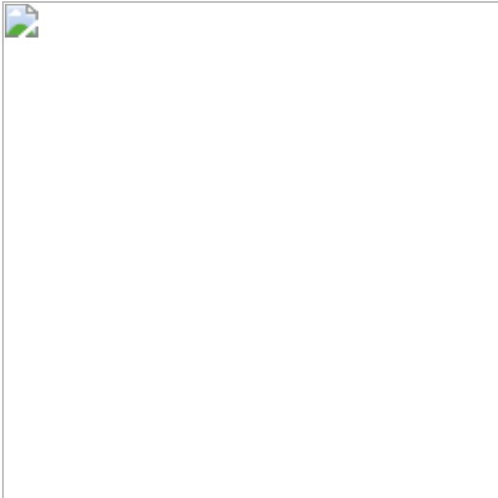


[Agriculture: Daines helps tackle Cattle Market Manipulation in Montana](#)

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[Sen. Daines & DOI announce \\$35 Million in PILT Funds](#)



Hill Happenings:

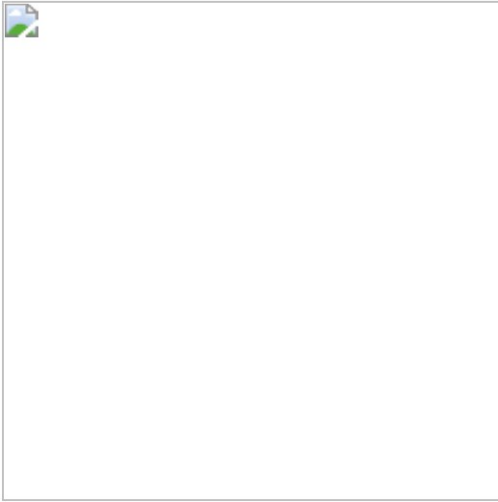
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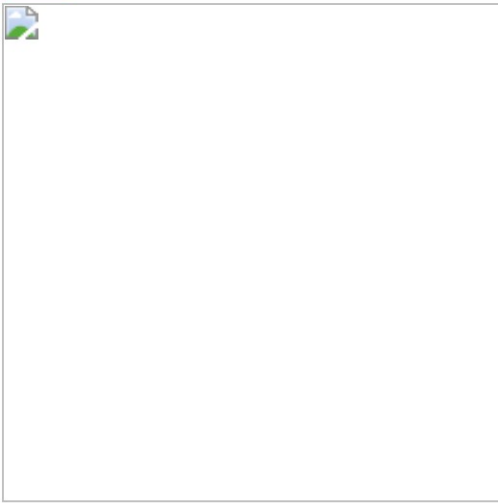
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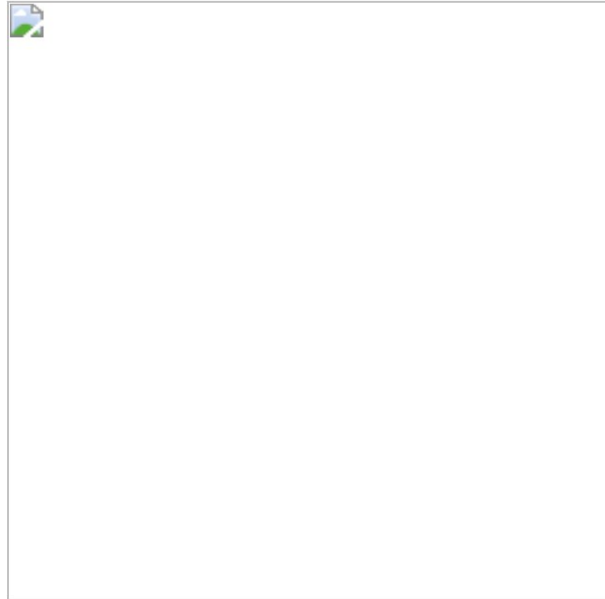
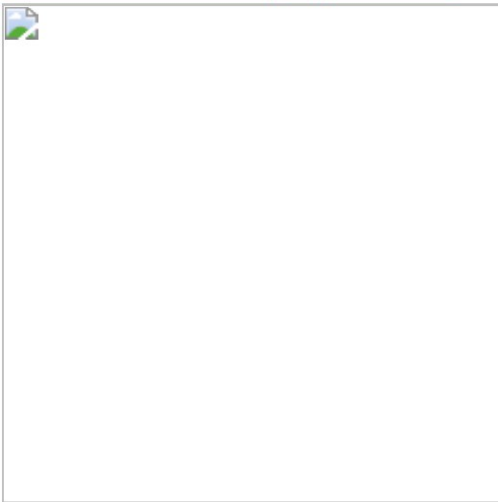
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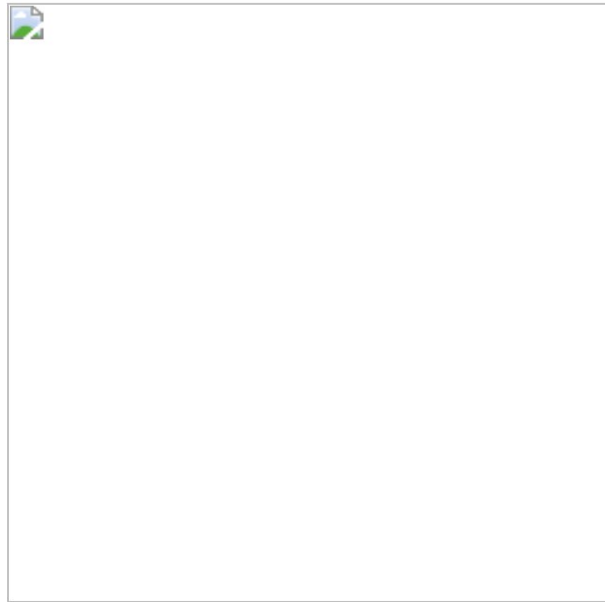
[EPA: Reducing Red Tape in the West](#)



[USDA Forest Service : New, Historic Shared Stewardship Agreement](#)



[Rep. Dusty Johnson introduces Telehealth Bill](#)



[Dream Team: Reps. LaMalfa, Schrader, &](#)

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Summer Calendar Updates:

With a rising number of cases of COVID-19, we've had to rework our events to ensure the safety of all attendees. WCF has temporarily suspended all in-person events, until further CDC guidelines.

Our summer events are still continuing as planned. Save the dates for the below events! You can expect an official invite in your mailbox soon.

Mark Your Calendars:

August 18-19th

**Virtual Field Tour Experiences
From Montana**

August 19th

**Digital Connect: Western Summer Policy Roundtable
From Montana**

September, Dates TBA

**Digital Connect: Securing America's Energy, Part II
Digital Connect: Stakeholder Briefing
Digital Connect: Tribal Leaders "Coffee & Policy" Talk**

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Thank You!

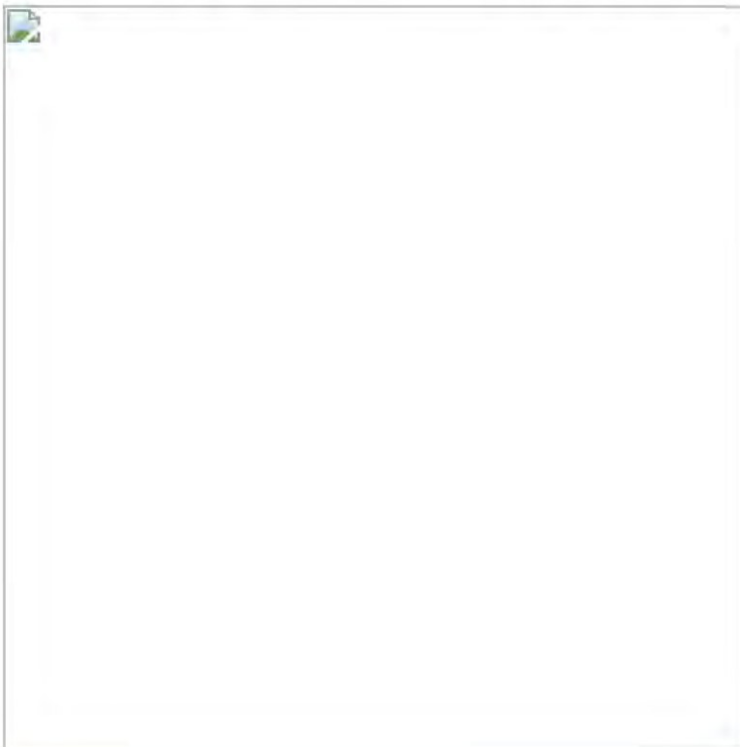
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