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May Newsletter

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New Calendar Updates

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New Calendar Updates

Due to COVID-19, we've had to make some important updates to our calendar of events. Our May events have been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Please click here to view our latest updates: <http://westerncaucusfoundation.org/2020events/>

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.

Save The Dates!

June 17th

Energy Policy Forum – Part 1

Location: TBA, Capitol Hill, Washington DC. Roundtable, Time TBA

July 22nd

Rural Broadband 'Coffee & Policy'

A discussion with Stakeholders & Congressional Western Caucus Members

Location: TBA, Capitol Hill, Washington DC, Time TBA

August 16-19th

Summer Western Roundtable and Field Tour

Location: Bozeman – Big Sky, Montana

News & Updates

[Trump Administration Proactively Curbs Wildfire Risks](#)

In April, DOI Secretary Bernhardt signed a final decision to help maintain a system of 11,000 miles of strategically placed fuel breaks to control wildfires within a 223 million- acre area in portions of California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. This final decision will not only help slow and potentially stop wildfires, but also help save the 40 million people who live in the region. We applaud the Trump administration for their continued commitment to protect our forests.

[The Need for Minerals](#)

This week, the International Energy Agency published a new analysis confirming the need for critical minerals. "Covid-19 has underscored the need to monitor the security of minerals supply for a clean energy future." Western Caucus Members have made it abundantly clear that we cannot continue to rely on foreign countries to provide our critical substances.

[Read the IEA's report here.](#)

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House Updates

[Wildfire Preparedness Week](#)



[Rep. Newhouse wants more rural broadband and healthcare for rural communities](#)

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[Rep. Stauber introduces legislation to domestically source critical minerals](#)



[One Trillion Trees](#)

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Senate Updates

[Senator Daines advocates for manufacturing jobs to be brought home](#)

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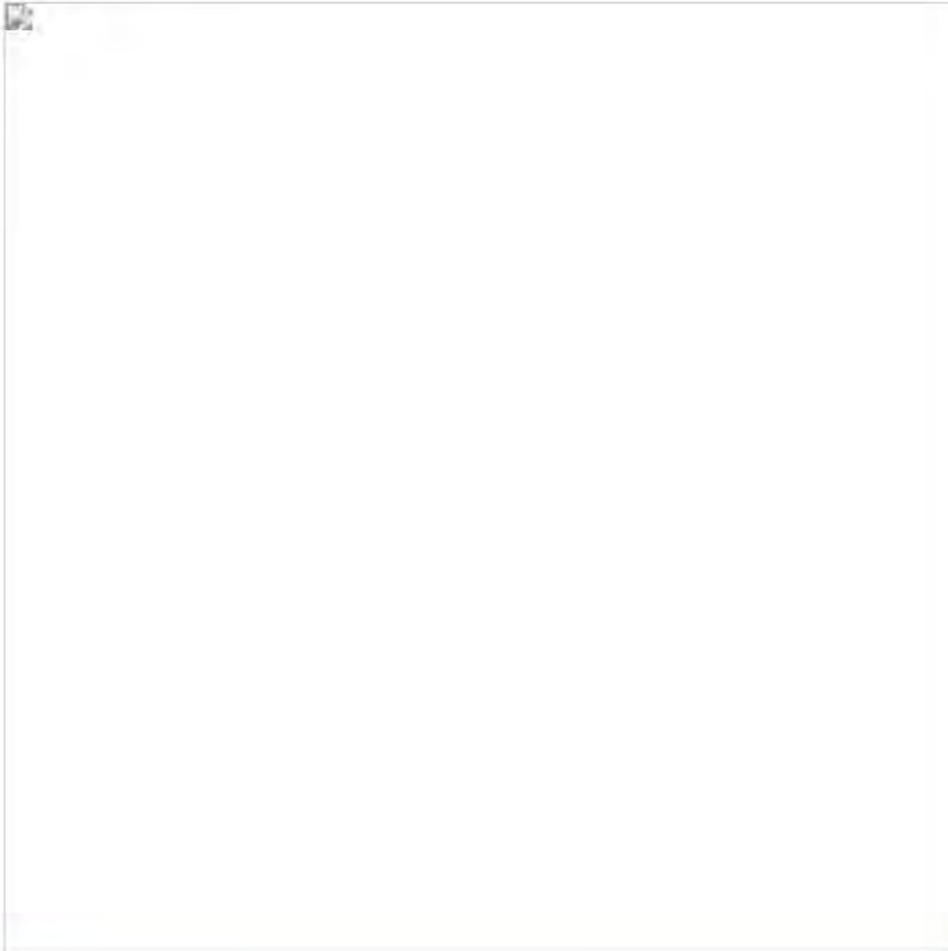
[Rural hospitals deserve a better chance against COVID19](#)

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[Senator Hoeven introduces bipartisan legislation to fund SPR](#)

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