



Rapid Response Team for Transmission: State and Federal Coordination

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Overview

- WGA and states met with project proponents and federal agencies in mid-January to review issues.
- Engaging with States to formulate an understanding of permitting requirements across state lines.
- Investigating the possibility of entering transmission siting MOUs between states and federal agencies.



Areas for Coordination

- State by State comparison of permitting requirements
- State by Federal comparison of permitting requirements
- Guidebook on best practices
- Federal and State coordinated training programs
- Coordinated discussion involving payments to private land holders: annual vs. annuity
- Data sharing amongst multiple state and federal agencies
 - Identify where this will be helpful
 - *E.g.*, integrate State Crucial Habitat Assessment Tools (CHATS)



Suggested State To-Do Topics, Cont

- Weigh in on the benefits of designating a Preferred Alternative Route in the Draft EIS vs. no such alternative
- States should require project developers to engage in a public scoping process with state and local government and the affected public before an application is submitted to the BLM
 - It may be helpful for the states to designate a central point of contact in each state's governmental structure to initiate and organize such outreach

