**W506 Annual Meeting**

**August 9-10, 2016**

**Yarrow Hotel, Park City, UT**

**Meeting Objectives**

* Create a network of ESA expertise within the Western Region LGU system.
* Identify how the USFWS currently gathers information for ESA decision.
* Identify how LGUs currently feed into that information pipeline.
  + Best practices
  + Keys to success
* Identify how LGUs could better feed science into the information pipeline.
  + Priority actions for WAAESD and WEDA

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions (collect as pre-work)
   1. Name
   2. Institution
   3. What is your role at your home institution
   4. What has been your involvement in ESA issues (e.g., publications, policy discussions, etc.)
   5. Research gate profile link
   6. What do you hope to get out of this process?
2. Background on W506: Why are we here? Who is our audience? What outcomes will we deliver? (John Tanaka/Terry Messmer)
3. Review Objectives and Agenda for Meeting/Day (Sarah Lupis/Lorien Belton)
4. Governor’s office reps—perspective on how they use LGU information and how LGUs could better deliver information (WY, UT, CA, NV)
5. USFWS Information Gathering Process: the sage grouse case study - perspective on how they use LGU information and how LGUs could better deliver information (Pat Diebert & Mike Theobaldt)
6. How are LGUs currently feeding into the information pipeline (Outcome: Best practices, examples) (Sarah Lupis/Lorien Belton)
   1. What science is your LGU producing?
   2. Is that science relevant to endangered species?
   3. Is your LGU contributing to a process that transfers information the USFWS?
7. How can LGUs better feed science into the information pipeline? (Sarah Lupis/Lorien Belton)
   1. What is working?
   2. What isn’t?
   3. Priority actions for WAAESD and WEDA to affect change/make improvements to information delivery process
8. Review and close