



# Energy Program

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## Least-Conflict Solar Siting on the Columbia Plateau Kickoff Gathering Agenda

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm, PST

Registration: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsf-6qpjwuGCymtHHOUwPz4sP4e8YbMGw>

### Kickoff Gathering Objectives

- Launch a process to identify least-conflict lands in eastern Washington's Columbia Plateau region for utility-scale solar development
- Provide project background and introduce participants to the least-conflict process
- Begin identifying key considerations to guide least-conflict mapping
- Foster knowledge-sharing and collaboration among participants
- Lay the groundwork for the creation of the mapping groups

Time	Agenda Topic	Facilitators
<b>10:00am – 10:20am</b> <i>20 minutes</i>	<b>Welcome!</b> Opening remarks, land acknowledgement, organizer introductions, agenda overview and objectives, and participant introductions	WSU Energy Program and Ross Strategic
<b>10:20am – 10:50am</b> <i>30 minutes</i>	<b>Project Background and Purpose</b>	Karen Janowitz, WSU Energy Program
<b>10:50am – 11:00am</b> <i>10 minutes</i>	<b>Audience Participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What opportunities or concerns does the concept of least-conflict solar siting evoke for you?</i></li></ul>	Ross Strategic
<b>11:00am – 11:35pm</b> <i>35 minutes</i>	<b>Overview of Least-conflict Process and San Joaquin Valley Case Study</b>	Jim Strittholt, Conservation Biology Institute
<b>11:35am – 11:45pm</b> <i>10 minutes</i>	<b>Audience Participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What are key sources of potential solar siting conflict in the Columbia Plateau that should be considered in this effort?</i></li></ul>	Ross Strategic
<b>11:45am – 12:00pm</b> <i>15 minutes</i>	<b>Preview of the Afternoon</b> Overview of afternoon agenda and breakout groups	Ross Strategic
<b>12:00pm – 12:45pm</b> <i>45 minutes</i>	<b>45-minute Lunch Break</b>	

<b>12:45pm – 1:00pm</b> <i>15 minutes</i>	<b>Reflections on What We Heard</b>	Ross Strategic and WSU Energy Program
<b>1:00pm – 1:20pm</b> <i>20 minutes</i>	<b>Overview of Project Mapping Groups</b>	Jim Strittholt, Conservation Biology Institute
<b>1:20pm – 1:30pm</b> <i>10 minutes</i>	<b>Introduction to Virtual White Boarding for Small Group Discussion</b>	Ross Strategic
<b>1:20pm – 2:30pm</b> <i>70 minutes</i>	<b>Interest-based Small Group Discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the ideal siting criteria needed to determine the optimal lands, if any, for solar development?</i></li> <li>• <i>What other information is needed to support stakeholder work to identify least-conflict lands?</i></li> </ul>	Small group facilitators
<b>2:20pm – 2:50pm</b> <i>20 minutes</i>	<b>Reflections on Small Group Discussions</b>	Small group facilitators
<b>2:50pm – 3:00pm</b> <i>10 minutes</i>	<b>Mapping Groups, Next Steps and Meeting Wrap Up</b> Building mapping groups and second large-group gathering	Small group facilitators and WSU Energy Program