



PUBLIC LANDS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

**Subject to change.*

Tuesday, September 15

- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Public Lands Council Board of Directors Meeting**
Open only to members and Directors*
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** **Welcome Reception**

Wednesday, September 16

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** **Registration & Breakfast**
Breakfast will be available in the Grand Ballroom.
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Opening General Session**
Kick off PLC58 with a dialogue with PLC Executive Director Kaitlynn Glover and Policy Director Garrett Edmonds about PLC's policy work in Washington, DC and 2026's progress in promoting grazing, range health, and meaningful multiple-use management.

Hear from leadership from the Bureau of Land Management about the transformational policy changes underway at the agency and how the administration has committed to improving agency efficiency across the country.
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Focus Group: Cooperative Monitoring Strategy Session with BLM and USFS**
Join BLM and USFS to discuss implementation of coordinated monitoring methods utilized as part of the duo of PLC MOUs.

Focus Group: Technology and Ranching – “Can you hear me now?” in Public Lands Ranching
As the use of geospatial technology continues to expand in public lands management, engage in a discussion about what makes technologies useful to your operations, and what evolution is needed to continue expanding value (and mitigating risk).

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Technologies may include, but are not limited to: virtual fence and collars, satellite data for range management, GIS mapping of infrastructure, and more.

Note: Those who wish to participate in this session and want to participate in the PLC virtual fence focus group will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire about existing use and priorities.

Mini session: Public Lands Research

Engage with PLC's academic partners on a suite of elevator-pitch style research presentations on emerging environmental, social, and economic research centered around range management and livestock production.

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| 11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | General Session: Where there's fire, there's policy change.
<i>Hear from federal and state fire professionals on recent changes in fire management structure, updates in fire tools available to communities and stakeholders, and opportunities to shore up national fire policy to build more resilient landscapes.</i> |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Agency Awards Luncheon
<i>Help us celebrate ranchers' public lands stewardship with the 2026 awardees of outstanding land management and conservation presented by BLM!</i> |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Committee Meetings*
<i>Grazing*</i>
<i>Industry Issues*</i> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Continuing Education: Virtual Fence Technologies (Hosted by Merck/Vence)

Continuing Education: Affiliate Development and Membership Tools |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | General Session: Multiple Use and Future Threats
<i>Range health depends on a wide variety of factors, but one that continues to challenge land managers and federal agencies depends on collaborative solutions from stakeholders, agency partners, and Congress. Join BLM program leadership for a discussion on wild horse and burro policy, funding, and more.</i>

<i>Close the day with a wrap-up from PLC leadership and staff of PLC activities in 2026.</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Cowboy Cocktails |

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Thursday, September 17

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast <i>Breakfast will be available in the Grand Ballroom.</i>
8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	General Session: Industry Partners & Animal Health <i>Hear from the new Executive Director of the American Sheep Industry Association about ASI's investment in the vitality of the sheep industry among changing market conditions, evolving consumer preferences, and changing land uses.</i> <i>Wherever you graze, managing animal health is a priority for the productivity of your herd, but managing animal health on federal grazing allotments also requires a robust program for wildlife surveillance, detection, and mitigation of risk. Hear from policy and practical experts in animal health who had key roles in developing federal and state plans for New World Screwworm and those who lead efforts on issues from brucellosis, trichomoniasis, bovine TB, and more.</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Committee Meetings* <i>Multiple Use*</i> <i>Wildlife*</i>
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Closing General Session <i>USDA has made significant investments in grazing policy and infrastructure over the last 18 months, and has demonstrated the value of strong leadership in changing the years-long paradigm around grazing in the larger USFS structure. Hear from USDA leadership on the agency's commitment to a strong relationship with grazers and policy priorities for the year ahead.</i> <i>Wrap up business for PLC58 with PLC leadership around what comes next for PLC's engagement and the high-priority issues permittees will take to Washington in 2027.</i>
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Voting Delegate Check-In for General Business Meeting
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	General Business Meeting*
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	2026 Awards Banquet

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