



PUBLIC LANDS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

**All meetings in the Copper Convention Center unless otherwise noted.*

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 Sponsored by USRSB**

Wednesday, September 16

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** **Registration & Breakfast**
Breakfast will be available starting at 7:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Opening General Session**
Welcome to PLC's Annual Meeting! Hear from staff and agency partners about important federal lands work. Speakers include:
- ***Tim Canterbury***, PLC President's Opening Welcome
 - ***Kaitlynn Glover***, PLC Executive Director's Report
 - ***Garrett Edmonds***, PLC Policy Director's Report
 - ***BLM Director Steve Pearce***
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Break Out Sessions**
- **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). Technologies may include, but are not limited to: virtual fence and collars, satellite data for range management, GIS mapping of infrastructure, and more.
Note: Participants will be asked to complete a brief

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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.

Studies include:

- *Succession planning*
- *Seed persistence in fecal study*
- *Economic comparison of grazing rotational systems*

11:20 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

General Session: Where there's fire, there's policy change.

Hear from federal fire professionals on recent changes in fire management structure and opportunities to shore up national fire policy to build more resilient landscapes. Speakers include:

- **Ed Christopher**, Wildland Fire Service
- U.S. Forest Service

12:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Agency Awards Luncheon

Help us celebrate ranchers' public lands stewardship with the 2026 awardees of outstanding land management and conservation presented by BLM!

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings*

- *Grazing**
- *Industry Issues**

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break Out Sessions

- **Virtual Fence Technologies (Hosted by Merck/Vence)**
- **Continuing Education: Carbon Grazing on Public Lands (Hosted by Cultivo)**

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

General Session: Multiple Use and Future Policy

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. Speakers include:

- **Annie Ebberts**, Acting Division Chief, BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program
- **Dr. Jeffrey Beck**, Professor of Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management, University of Wyoming
- **Brenda Younkin**, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Lands and Minerals, Department of the Interior

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cowboy Cocktails Sponsored by Country Natural Beef

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Thursday, September 17

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast <i>Breakfast will be available starting at 7:00 a.m.</i>
8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	General Session: Industry Partners & Animal Health Considerations on Public Lands <i>PLC's final convention day highlights the value of industry partnerships when addressing common challenges. 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> <i>Speakers include:</i> • Mike Michener, Executive Vice President of the American Sheep Industry Association • Dr. Maggie Baldwin, Colorado State Veterinarian • Dr. Peach Van Wick, Colorado State Wildlife Veterinarian • Marshal Wilson, New Mexico Department of Agriculture Director of Biosecurity • Sigrid Johannes, Executive Director, National Cattlemen's Beef Association
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>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. Speakers include:</i> • <i>Department of Agriculture & U.S. Forest Service</i> • I Ling Thompson, CEO, Foundation for America's Public Lands
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 Sponsored by Stifel
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	2026 Awards Banquet <i>Located in the Grand Hall which is a short walk from the Conference Center. Shuttles will be available.</i>

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