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## Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT and Protected Lands Workgroup Meeting

**October 21st, 2024 | 11:00am - 1:00pm**

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**11:00 AM**      **Welcome – Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA) and Anthony Bobo Jr. (PLWG Chair, BLM)**

➤ **Introductions and Roll Call**

- For roll call purposes, please enter your name & affiliation into the chat. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.

➤ **Announcements**

- The HWGIT has updated their Management Strategy and Workplan. Both updated documents have been submitted to the Management Board and are posted on the [CBP Watershed Agreement page](#).
- Jason Dubow is stepping down from the HWGIT Vice-Chair position. **At the end of today's meeting, we will review the nominations and vote for a new HWGIT Vice-Chair.**

**11:10 AM**      **Introduction to the Protected Lands Workgroup – Anthony Bobo Jr. (PLWG Chair, BLM), Aurelia Gracia (PLWG Coordinator, NPS), Daniel Koval (PLWG Staffer, CRC), John Wolf (USGS), and Sophie Waterman (USGS)**

- Anthony, Aurelia, Daniel will introduce the PLWG by providing an overview of the workgroup's scope and purpose. They will focus the PLWG's Work Plan and areas of overlap with the HWGIT.
- John and Sophie will provide an overview of plans for the PLWG's "Date of Establishment" 2022 and 2024 data.
- In addition, Aurelia will provide updates on current and completed project and opportunities for future collaboration.

**11:30 PM**      **Introduction to the Healthy Watersheds Goal Team – Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA) and Peter Claggett (HWGIT Coordinator, USGS)**

- Jeff and Peter will introduce the HWGIT by providing an overview of the goal team's scope and purpose. They will focus on the HWGIT's newly updated Management Strategy and Work Plan and highlight areas of overlap with the PLWG.

- In addition, Peter will explain how stream and watershed health are interconnected and the vital role that protected lands play in this process.

**11:50 PM**      **Time for Questions and Open Discussion** – *Aurelia Gracia (PLWG Coordinator, NPS) and Peter Claggett (HWGIT Coordinator, USGS)*

- Aurelia and Peter will moderate an open discussion where the PLWG and HWGIT are encouraged to ask questions and brainstorm opportunities for future collaboration.

**12:40 PM**      **HWGIT Vice-Chair Nominations and Vote** – *Jeff Lerner (HWGIT Chair, EPA)*

- Jeff will present the nominees for the HWGIT Vice-Chair position, giving each nominee the chance to introduce themselves and elaborate on their professional experiences.
- Following this, the HWGIT will proceed to vote on a nominee for the Vice-Chair position.

**1:00 PM**      **Adjourn**