



Protected Lands Workgroup Meeting

August 4, 2026
2:00-4:00pm

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Agenda

Meeting Materials:

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Purpose: Discuss progress on the Management Strategy drafting, the Community and Urban Greenspace target, potential scenarios for the Agricultural Lands target, and conservation initiatives through Sentinel Landscapes.

Welcome and Introductions

(2:00 - 2:10pm)

Place your name and affiliation in the chat

Ice Breaker: Share a good news protection story!

I. Protected Lands Workgroup Membership

(2:10 - 2:20)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will review the workgroup's current membership structure and the membership framework outlined in the [Governance and Management Framework](#).
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides
 - [Governance and Management Framework](#).
 - Call for at-large members

II. Updates on the Protected Lands Management Strategy Chapter and Jurisdictional Meetings (2:20-2:40)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will hear updates on the drafting process of the Protected Lands Management Strategy and get a summary of the overall takeaways from the one-on-one meetings between the protected lands coordination team and jurisdictions.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional, members and interested parties are asked to review the DRAFT Management Strategy.
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides
 - Draft Management Strategy

III. Urban and Community Greenspace Target - Goal Setting (2:40-3:05)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will discuss potential protection numbers for the greenspace target, which will follow with a decisional action.
- Requested Action: **Decisional.**
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides

IV. Agricultural Target Discussion (3:05-3:30)

- Lead: Sophie Waterman, USGS, PLWG Coordinator
- Participants will hear baseline numbers on agricultural lands that are protected within the watershed, and begin discussion on potential acreage targets to be set.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides

V. Sentinel Landscapes (3:30-4:00)

- Lead: Kevin DuBois, DoD
- Participants will learn about different Sentinel Landscape programs across the watershed, and their connection to land protection efforts.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
- Materials:
 - Presentation Slides

VI. Adjourn (4:00pm)

- Next Meeting: October 6, 2:00-4:00pm
 - **Good News Round Robin: Exchange positive updates, including new initiatives, grant opportunities, program successes, and emerging resources that support protection work.**

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