

Big Sky, Montana | July 12 - 16, 2015

Saturday, July 11

**Northwest Montana Industry Tour**- Beginning in Flathead Valley near Glacier National Park, participants will visit cutting edge wood product manufacturers, mines, and an oil extraction research lab. The tour will end at Big Sky on Sunday afternoon. More information [online](#).

Sunday, July 12

11:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>Registration</b> - Upper Atrium, Big Sky Resort
11:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>Welcome Café</b> - Upper Atrium. Meet your fellow delegates, learn about Big Sky's fun activities, and enjoy coffee. Hosted by Wilks Ranch.
12:00 - 1:00 pm	<b>Executive Board Lunch</b> - Invitation Only -Talus
1:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> - Talus
6:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Congressional Welcome</b> featuring the <b>Hon. Steve Daines</b> , Senator from Montana - <i>Huntly Dining Room</i>
7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> hosted by University of Montana and NelsonMullins- <i>Huntly Dining Room</i>
9:00 - 11:00 pm	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> hosted by ExxonMobil - <i>Whisky Jacks</i>

Monday, July 13

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b> - Lower Atrium, Big Sky Resort					
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Northwest Territories Welcome Lounge</b> - Upper Atrium. Enjoy NWT hospitality and learn about the adventures awaiting at the 2015 Legislative Leadership Academy and Economic Leadership Forum in Yellowknife Nov. 15 - 18					
7:30 am - 9:00 am	<b>Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Breakfast</b> featuring <b>Matthew Rose</b> , Executive Chairman, and PNWER President <b>Minster David Ramsay</b> , Northwest Territories hosted by BNSF - <i>Missouri Ballroom</i>					
9:15 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Expanding Natural Gas Markets</b> -Overview: Supply, demand, prices -NW energy supply and Asia markets -Responsibly produced and regulated natural gas	<b>Transportation</b> -Industry initiatives on oil tank car safety -Rail capacity for western products -Legislative response panel on challenges in legislating around rail capacity	<b>Workforce Development</b> -Middle market businesses influence on the regional economy -Professional license mobility in the region	<b>Invasive Species</b> -Regional Framework for Perimeter Defense against Invasive zebra and quagga mussels - Building regional partnerships	<b>Cyber Security &amp; Disaster Resilience</b> -Drones, body cameras & the law. Discussion of legal & constitutional issues in new technology -Emerging threats in cyber security	
12:30 pm - 2:15	<b>Keynote Luncheon</b> featuring the <b>Honorable Steve Bullock</b> , Governor of Montana hosted by Northwestern Energy and <b>Dr. Royce Engstrom</b> , President, University of Montana					
2:30 pm -5:30 pm	<b>Energy</b> -Carbon capture & sequestration for enhanced oil recovery -EPA's Clean Power Plan -Communicating with the public. "How to connect energy infrastructure with core values	<b>Market Access</b> -Ensuring multi-modal transportation infrastructure can get our goods to market -Regional projects -Ports and rail terminals	<b>Agriculture</b> -Transportation challenges -Cross-border harmonization in research, market dev, & promotion -Food safety modernization plans -Social license	<b>Invasive Species</b> -Emerging issues, examples of coordinated response and new tools and technology -Enhancing communication among existing regional invasive species partnerships	<b>Forestry</b> -Marketing lumber by aligning building codes across the region and advancing wood building technology -Innovative approaches to federal forest management	<b>Arctic Caucus</b> -PNWER Arctic Caucus engagement with our Federal Partners during the U.S. Arctic Council Chairmanship - Working Session on Arctic Transportation Systems
6:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Reception</b> hosted by Imperial - <i>Peaks Pavilion (tented area behind Snowcrest Lodge)</i>					
9:00 - 11:00 pm	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> hosted by Enbridge					

Tuesday, July 14						
7:00am-5:00 pm	<b>Registration - Big Sky Resort</b>					
7:00am—5:00 pm	<b>Northwest Territories Welcome Lounge - Upper Atrium</b>					
7:30am - 9:00 am	<b>Keynote Breakfast</b> featuring <b>His Excellency Bruce Heyman</b> , U.S. Ambassador to Canada hosted by HDR					
9:15am - 12:15 pm	<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b> –Energy Efficiency: Roadmap to Resilient, NetZero Buildings –Utility: Tools to address distributive generation resource planning	<b>Mining</b> –Best practice: Legislating Mining Safety for tailings ponds. Montana case study	<b>Border Issues</b> –Beyond the Border process and Pre-clearance task force –Pacific Northwest Border Solutions Council –Alberta & Montana inland border issues	<b>Water Policy</b> –Water supply storage & adaptation –Impact of decreasing snow pack	<b>Cross-border Livestock Health I</b> –Aligning U.S. and Canada policies for control of vesicular stomatitis	
12:30pm - 1:45	<b>Keynote Luncheon</b> hosted by Cloud Peak Energy and Blue Cross, Blue Shield					
2:00 pm -5:30 <i>Sign-up online for your preferred policy tour.</i>	<b>Innovation: Bozeman’s Hi-Tech Industry Cluster &amp; MSU’s Research Success</b>	<b>Agriculture: Developing Agriculture from Seed to Table</b>	<b>Craft Malting, Distilling, and Brewing</b>	<b>Tourism: Economics of National Park Tourism</b>	<b>Trade and Economic Development: Recreation Manufacturing</b>	<b>Water Policy: Exploring Water Policy in a Multi-issue Watershed</b>
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>Museum of the Rockies Reception</b> featuring <b>Dr. Waded Cruzado</b> , President, Montana State University, hosted by Montana State University. <i>Transportation to Bozeman provided from Big Sky Resort and policy tour locations. Reserve Resort - MOR bus online if not attending a policy tour.</i>					
9:00 pm - 11:00	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> hosted by Spectra Energy					
Wednesday, July 15						
7:00am - 5:00	<b>Northwest Territories Welcome Lounge - Upper Atrium</b>					
7:30am - 9:00	<b>Keynote Breakfast</b> featuring <b>Sam Schulhofer-Wohl</b> , Senior Vice President and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis hosted by the Washington Corporations					
9:15am - 12:15 pm	<b>Cross-border Livestock Health II</b> –Coordinating a regional response to avian influenza and minimizing trade restrictions during outbreaks	<b>Trade &amp; Economic Development</b> –Review of private sector-led state-wide business planning efforts –Connecting our innovation ecosystems	<b>Tourism</b> –Passenger rail tourism –Preclearance & potential impact –Marketing	<b>University Presidents</b> –Using innovation & entrepreneurship to make a difference with Jane Muir, Association. of University Technology Manager	<b>Transportation II: P3 Private Public Partnerships</b> –Benefits and implementation; successful cases	<b>Executive Committee</b> 11:00 am start
12:30 pm -2:15	<b>Keynote Luncheon</b> featuring <b>Sue Saarnio</b> , Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Canada, Mexico and Regional Economic Policy and <b>Denis Stevens</b> , Deputy Head of Mission, Canadian Embassy; hosted by MDU Resources and Lighthouse Resources					
2:30 pm -5:30 pm	<b>Cross-border Livestock Health III</b> Electronic health certificate programs & status of the US-	<b>Beehive Basin Hike: Resort Clusters Expanded Economies</b>	<b>Open Space Fishing</b>	<b>Whitewater Rafting</b>	<b>Executive Committee Continued</b>	
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>Engineering and Geoscience Regulators Reception</b> hosted by APEGGS and APEGBC					
9:00pm - 11:00	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> hosted by Shell					
Thursday, July 16						
8:00am - 10:00	<b>Optional Continental Breakfast</b>					
July 16 - 18	<b>Montana Energy Tour:</b> Leaving Big Sky on Thursday afternoon; participants overnight in Billings & depart Friday morning to tour Cloud Peak’s coal mine operation Spring Creek. Participants <b>depart from the Billings Airport on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.</b>					
8:00- 7:00pm	Day trip to <b>Yellowstone National Park</b> . More information online.			<b>Summit schedule is subject to change.</b>		