



Annual Meeting 2026: Public Lands Workshop

The Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch Avon, Colorado

September 23, 2026

What: A comprehensive public lands workshop as part of the Annual Meeting. The goal is to roll up our sleeves and figure out some practical solutions while getting committee members to work together in person to improve committee interaction. *Chatham House Rules apply.*

When: September 23rd from 1:00 – 4:30

Where: Western Energy Alliance's Annual Meeting at The Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch. [Registration for the Annual Meeting](#) is required, which includes the working group sessions on the 23rd, dinner and “Whiskey and History” that evening, and the full program on the 24th. There is no partial registration option for just the Wednesday workshop.

Workshop Topics:

Session 1 - 1:00-2:15 Conquering BLM's Automated Fluid Minerals Support System (AFMMS).

Help on hand from BLM's Customer Support Group

For years, the Alliance has advocated for major updates to AFMMS or entirely doing away with it. We have identified a series of issues for BLM to address to make the system workable, efficient, and cost effective.

- GIS Data Submissions
- Retractions/Withdrawals
- The Credit Card Payment Threshold
- CBS Receipt Dependency
- Pad-Based Function / Multi-Well Visibility
- Non-CFR 3160 Data Requests
- Master Dill & Surface Plans
- APD Document Length, Documentation Redundancy, Batching Limitations, Entry/Upload/Download Time, Approval Visibility Delay
- File Format Limitations
- Reader/Printer Friendliness & Pad History
- SUPO for Off-Lease Wells
- Performance & Downtime of System
- Consolidated Deficiency Letters
- Geology Tab Formulation List
- Lease Number Accuracy
- Sundries
- Well Completion Reports Alignment
- Inspections & Enforcement Visibility

Tom Workman, Director of BLM's Operations Center, is the go-to customer service leader on AFMSS. He'll be on hand to deep dive and work through problems workshop participants face with the system. He will help you save time and stress, and he'll take your outstanding problems and suggestions back to BLM staff to address.

- Moderated by Jasmine Allison - Director Government & Regulatory Affairs, PureWest, Alliance Chair of Public Lands & Legislation Committee

Session 2 - 2:30-3:15 *"Regulatory Confusion"* - Dana Wood, VP of Environmental Compliance & Consulting, Energy Overwatch

An expert's perspective and update regarding upcoming air quality regulations and the most efficient ways to stay compliant.

Session 3 - 3:30-4:30 Panel Discussion: Advancing Multidimensional Advocacy Through Shared Expertise:

Lessons from the Commingling Rulemaking Working Group

This panel discussion will bring together industry leaders with subject-matter expertise to discuss lessons learned from the establishment and facilitation of the Alliance's Commingling Rulemaking Workshop. Designed as a dynamic conversation, the session will provide insight into the challenges, differences, and commonalities, working group participants encountered in finding agreement to language for comments to BLM's draft commingling rule.

Through moderated questions and audience participation, the discussion will explore how establishing working groups with subject matter experts can be a best practice for the Alliance for future rulemakings involving complex issues that are industry wide and yet unique to individual operators. The discussion will compare approaches to identifying the most qualified working group participants and identify practical actions workshop participants can apply going forward.

- Moderated by Melissa Simpson - President, Western Energy Alliance
- Dave Applegate - Manager, US Onshore Policy and External Affairs, Oxy
- Tracy Opp - Division Regulatory Manager, EOG
- Beth Ryan - Managing Counsel, Permian, ConocoPhillips