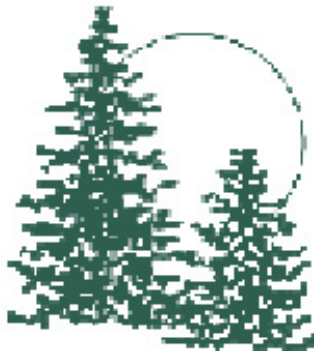


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## NWCC Update



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# NWCC Workgroups

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- Transmission
- Siting
- Wildlife
- Green Power & Credit Trading
- Economic Development

# Transmission Workgroup

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- Documents available

- Issue Briefs printed (see [www.nationalwind.org](http://www.nationalwind.org))
- Summaries of Upper Midwest Transmission Workshop IV and Western Transmission Planning Workshop
- March 10 RTO Update

- Workgroup Plans

- Case studies: Making capacity available for wind projects
- Fall workshop in SPP region to discuss integration of wind into transmission planning process
- Workshop with reps from Western transmission entities

# Siting Workgroup

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- Case studies in development on community reactions to wind development, pre, during and post construction
- Planning winter 2005 workshop for officials responsible for developing wind siting guidelines or with jurisdiction over local siting and planning functions
  - Explore permitting considerations
  - Share experiences from various jurisdictions

# Wildlife Workgroup

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- Revising Birds and Bats Fact Sheet
- Planning Fall 2004 research meeting of experts in migration, habitat fragmentation, shore birds, etc.

# Green Power & Credit Trading

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- Design Guide for REC Tracking Systems has been accepted as a resource document
- Design Principles are still under review for full NWCC consensus
- Planning future work:
  - Meetings May 4 and June 3 to discuss issues, opportunities and new directions

# Certificate Trading Plans

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- Pursue alternative funding for education and dialogue
  - ***Convene a dialogue*** with interested parties including utilities, financial institutions, regulators and REC experts to discuss different REC markets, to consider implications of strategies to focus REC activity in these different markets, and to consider possible steps for improved strategies in these markets.

# Plans (con't.)

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- ***Convene a dialogue*** with local, state, and federal air quality officials to discuss opportunities for RECs to participate in **emission cap and trade programs**
  - Meeting #1--Identify challenges and opportunities for renewables to participate in emissions markets. Discuss *allowance allocation* approaches for renewable energy.
  - Meeting #2--Discuss specific changes at both state and federal levels which will permit renewables to participate in emission markets. Seek agreement for a *model rule* for states seeking to include renewables in emissions markets.

# Economic Development

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- Fact sheets on Economic Development Case Studies and methodology are complete
- Will be distributed when printed