



**CSG West Westrends Board**

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Vail Cascade Resort & Spa – Creekside Room

**AGENDA**

9:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Senator Ginny Burdick  
Chair, Westrends Board  
Oregon State Senate
- Speaker Kermit Brown  
Vice Chair, Westrends Board  
Wyoming House of Representatives

9:10 a.m.

**Recreational Marijuana in the West**

Voters in four Western states have approved recreational marijuana and other states are likely to consider similar initiatives in the coming years. This session will focus on the regulatory and taxation strategies of the states that have adopted recreational marijuana, as well as lessons learned and ongoing challenges. Additionally, the session will include a perspective from Western attorneys general about legalizing an activity that violates federal law.

*Perspective Panel*

- Karen White  
Executive Director  
Conference of Western Attorneys General
- Ron Kammerzell  
Senior Director, Enforcement Division  
Colorado Department of Revenue
- Lewis Koski  
Director, Marijuana Enforcement  
Colorado Department of Revenue

- Jake Salazar  
President / CEO  
MMJ America
- Amy Margolis  
Oregon Cannabis PAC

11:00 a.m.

**Trends in Endangered Species Listings**

Endangered species are found throughout the country, however they tend to be concentrated in certain areas - among them the West. The listing of plant and animal species under federal protection, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, has challenged state and federal coordination and cooperation as governmental entities weigh the potential benefits and impacts. This session will provide an opportunity to hear from leaders on the trends in endangered species listing, as well as highlight successful partnerships that have protected species while not impacting economic opportunities.

- Nicole Alt  
Deputy Assistant Regional Director  
Mountain-Prairie Region  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

11:50 a.m.

**Open Discussion**

Noon

**Adjourn**