

Joint Charter

Midwest Natural Resources Group

Introduction

The Midwest Natural Resources Group is a coordinating group of federal agency executives that will advocate excellence in federal activities to support improved environmental quality, wise economic development, and sustained and enhanced natural resources in the Midwest. The Group's key goals are as follows: (1) to report cooperative accomplishments in order to bring an understanding and awareness to the high economic, environmental and cultural value and needs of the natural resources in the Midwest; (2) to focus on the fluid change and wise-use of natural resources, particularly in relation to urban sprawl and economic development; and (3) to garner Federal focus and fiscal support toward the enhancement of these resources.

The Group aims to achieve its goals through ensuring that processes are developed, resources are identified and coordinated between agencies and partners, opportunities are sought for collaboration and communication, and timely assistance is provided where needed for the benefit of the American public in the metropolitan areas, communities, towns and farms of the Midwest.

Purpose

To provide an opportunity for federal agencies to:

1. Coordinate, identify, and enhance the effectiveness of existing efforts being undertaken by federal, state, local and tribal governments and other partners;
2. Explore, and commit to, new opportunities for cooperation and collaboration;
3. Achieve better reporting procedures to Congress and the public regarding federal progress and results within the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA);
4. Better utilize limited resources to reap maximum benefits for the natural resources, environment and people of the Midwest.

Membership

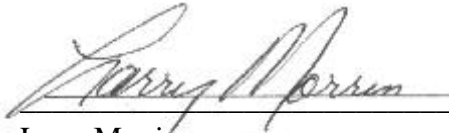
Each member agency is represented by its signatory regional executive (list attached). In the event that an agency's official representative is unable to participate in a meeting, the agency may designate an acting executive to serve as a substitute.



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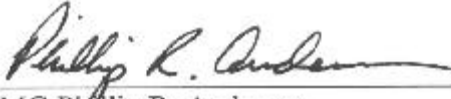
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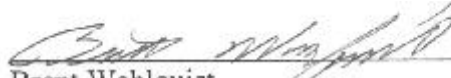
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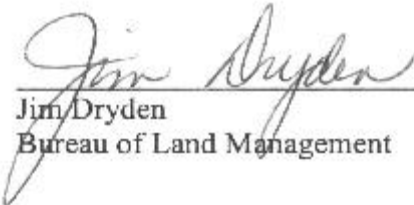
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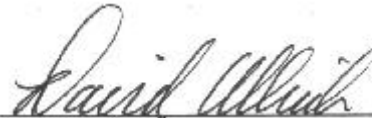
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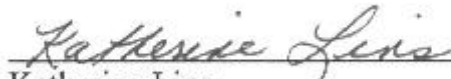
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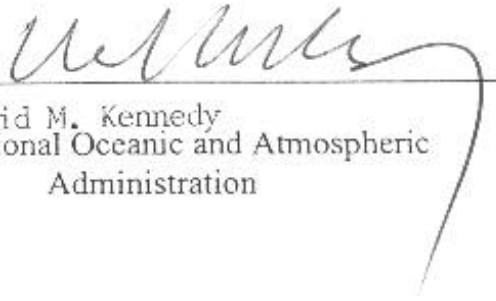
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