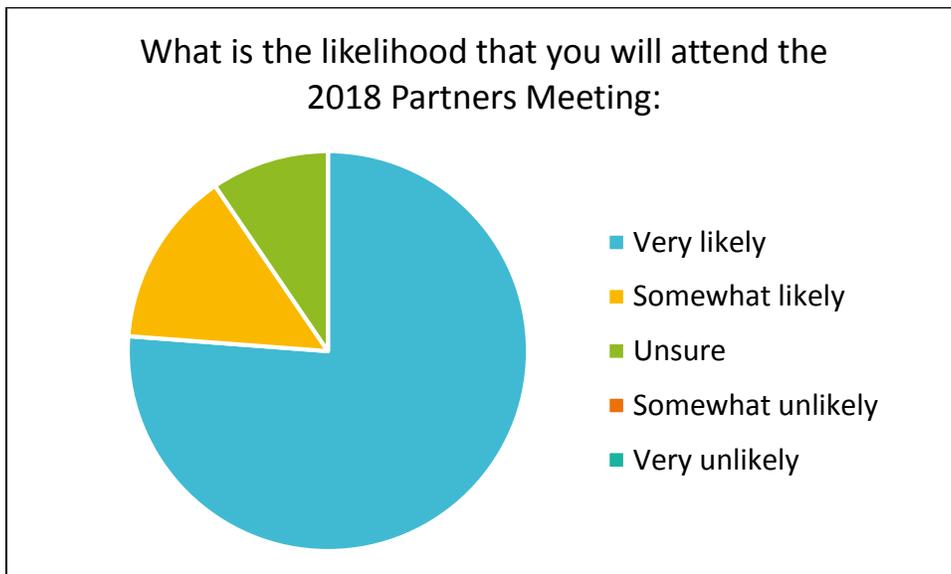


2017 WYNDD Partners Meeting Participant Survey Summary



What did you find MOST VALUABLE about this meeting?

- Exchange of ideas between WYNDD staff & leadership and the partners & users of the WYNDD product.
- Gaining a better understanding of the challenges individuals in a variety of agencies face while trying to manage biological resources.

- Discussion of protocols and visiting.
- Learning about database structure and the spatial data aspect.
- I gained a lot more background on WYNDD and how WYNDD works – very helpful.
- Networking, panel sessions.
- Biological data and information gaps and overview of WYNDD.
- Afternoon panel discussions especially on the biological data.
- Discussions about how the newer web applications will better serve public and agency consumers.
- Getting diverse folks together with common goals; panel discussions.
- Open discussion protocols & survey methods, number of different agencies present in audience.
- Description of data products, how obtained and processed, and data needs.
- Networking. *3 different participants wrote this*
- Getting everyone together from different agencies for discussion.
- The presentations in the morning.
- The beginning portion of the day talking & showing the database, 2nd is panel concerning holes in research needs and how to get useful information (or lack of) when you need the information.
- I really liked learning about the new database and the levels of complexity built in. I think it definitely helps to understand what & how databases use and display data so it's clear what standard of quality of data is needed.
- Defining how the database is designed and related. Understanding how WYNDD & data partners are working together on research projects/data digesting. The importance of negative data in a dataset.
- Broad discussion about data and data collection in Wyoming.

What did you find LEAST VALUABLE about this meeting?

- There was not enough participation by many of those in attendance.
- Less time on standardized protocols – this is a subject that can go on forever with no clear solution.
- I appreciated the brevity of the WYNDD research project examples.
- Not applicable. It was all valuable.
- The flavored potato chips. Really everything was valuable.
- Protocol discussion didn't add much to the meeting except George's last comment whether a component of the website should include a collection of known protocols. The answer to that question is definitely yes.
- The panel discussion on standard protocols.
- Difficult to hear.

- Wind ☺ in Laramie.
- I would have liked to see the database presentations longer. Maybe instead of trying to cram all the information into one day, do 2 or 3 per year so more time can be focused on topics.
- Natural resource management is a collateral duty for me as a museum technician. I was a little lost during a lot of the discussions, but I understand I am a minority.

What topics would you like to see addressed at the next Partners Meeting?

- Better explanation of WYNDD's core mission. Perhaps ask someone to facilitate at least the afternoon sessions to get better participation.
- Finding ways to overcome funding gaps for WYNDD's core mission.
- Relation between WyGIS, WISDOM, NREX, WYNDD.
- An opportunity to more fully discuss what WYNDD needs from partners and what partners need from WYNDD.
- Perhaps more information on the type of information collected by WYNDD studies in progress.
- Update on the status of the WYNDD data explorer. The role of WyGIS's NREX in WYNDD or how NREX and WYNDD interface or complement each other. Private land issues and data collection. Ways to collaborate with land owners to allow data collection on their land to aid in data gaps.
- How to better align seemingly different works with other partners. WYNDD can be a link between similar projects, but lack of awareness of related partner contributions aren't encouraging (bumble bee project example). I wasn't aware of contributions from other partners to the project?
- We should definitely talk more about how folks can efficiently get you data and coordinate on who is collecting which data where/when.
- Ways to collaborate on future EIS projects going forward (BLM/FS/DEQ/USFWS/WGFD).
- There was a lot of topic focus on the need for negative observations in addition to positive. I realize this is a difficult thing to measure, but this meeting is a potential opportunity to define how it is or could be measured. It is also a good opportunity to make requests for data/information from the people and agencies who use your services.
- Collaboration with other states; ways to improve relationships/data collection on private lands.
- Mobile technology – interactions between states.
- Meet each specialist and hear from them what they're doing in other locations.
- I would like to know more about what WYNDD expects from us as collaborative partners rather than solely the output process.

- What are future projects and new developments in the database.
- Coordination.

Please add any other suggestions you have for improving the next Partners Meeting, below:

- As I mentioned above, the next meeting would benefit from facilitated discussion.
- Time to mix and discuss.
- Increased opportunities for networking with WYNDD staff and other partners.
- Add another day to meeting in order to spend time together to share information and information needs.
- Distribution of data collected during pre-construction and or monitoring data for NEPA related documents; Distribution of BLM data to WYNDD to serve as a central storage.
- Bringing topics/suggestions for where the partners can work together and take advantage of multiplicative powers of collaboration.
- Looking forward to next year.
- I liked the idea of a resource where we can go to get new survey techniques and strategies for sensitive or rare species which can be difficult to detect.
- A workshop stepping through a methodology for submitting data to WYNDD and retrieving/using data from WYNDD.
- Consider, where could be used, small group discussions or break-out groups.
- How do you interact with WyGIS? Sage Grouse.
- Maybe do a few more focused meetings on specific topics, maybe at other partner's offices.
- Super cool stuff! I would like to see the meeting as less of a sales pitch and more of a collaborative workshop.