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**WILDLIFE RESOURCE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Pete Hildreth (IA)**

**Vice-Chair: Stewart Liley (NM)**

**Thursday, September 17, 2026 – 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM**  
**Lancaster, PA**

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| 3:30 PM | Call to Order – <i>Pete Hildreth, Chair, IA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions</li><li>• Agenda Review</li><li>• Approval of WRPC North American 2025 Minutes</li></ul> |
| 3:45 PM | BearWise Program Update – <i>Bryant White, AFWA</i>                                                                                                                                            |
| 3:55 PM | Human/Wildlife Conflicts Working Group Update – <i>Tricia Hebdon, ID</i>                                                                                                                       |
| 4:05 PM | USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Update – <i>Jessica Fantinato, USDA</i>                                                                                                                           |
| 4:20 PM | USGS Cooperative Research Units Update – <i>Kevin Pope, USGS</i>                                                                                                                               |
| 4:35 PM | Government Affairs Update – <i>David Lind/Nicole Venker, AFWA</i>                                                                                                                              |
| 4:50 PM | Roundtable/Next Steps                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5:30 PM | Adjourn                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Committee Charge:**

***To discuss and develop recommendations on Association positions related to federal laws, regulations and policies concerning habitat conservation, wildlife resources and related***

*funding for such programs as well as wildlife management practices including those concerned with problem or nuisance wildlife, and emerging issues (e.g., commercial trade). The committee also stays abreast of threatened and endangered species wildlife issues, state legislation pertaining to wildlife management and wildlife diversity funding initiatives.*