

WESTERN POWER PLAYERS IX | AGENDA

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Tuesday, January 27, 2026					
Start Time	End Time	Event	Session Title	Moderator & Speakers	Room
4:00 PM	7:00 PM	Registration Open			Main Lodge Lobby
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Welcome Reception			High Lonesome Barn
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Welcome Dinner & Opening Conversation	Lessons of Success: Market Evolution in the West	Kathleen Staks, Executive Director, Western Freedom Rob Gramlich, Founder and President, Grid Strategies	High Lonesome Barn
9:00 PM	10:30 PM	Nightcap (hosted)			High Lonesome Barn

Wednesday, January 28, 2026					
Start Time	End Time	Event	Session Title	Moderator & Speakers	Room
8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Opens			High Lonesome Barn
8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks	Getting Stuff Done: Setting the Table for Western Grid Acceleration	Chris Hansen, Chair of IWE & CEO of LPEA Mark Dyson, Managing Director, RMI	High Lonesome Barn
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Opening Session	Managing Growth While Controlling Rates	Dr. Peter Fox-Penner, Principal, Brattle	High Lonesome Barn
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Coffee Break			
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Second Morning Plenary	Barrier Scan: Identifying the Obstacles to Western Grid Acceleration	Chris Hansen, Chair of IWE & CEO of LPEA	High Lonesome Barn
10:45 AM	11:00 AM	Transition			
11:00 AM	11:45 AM	Group Breakout Sessions	Barrier Deep Dive: Understanding Root Causes & System Factors		Property Wide
11:45 AM	12:00 PM	Transition			
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch Buffet Opens			High Lonesome Barn
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch Plenary	Developer Round Table	Moderator: Rikki Seguin, Executive Director, Interwest Energy Alliance Panelists: Katie Hoffmaster, Director of Origination, Primergy Sarah Webster, Senior Vice President of External Affairs & Market Development, Pattern Energy Robert Taylor, Vice President of Transmission New Markets, Invenergy	High Lonesome Barn
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Break			
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Group Breakout Sessions	Problem Statements & Pathways: From Root Causes to Solutions		Property Wide
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Break			
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Afternoon Plenary	Grid Innovation Showcase	Joseph Hunter, VP of Global Sales, TS Conductor Carlos Caldart, COO, Splight Helen Kemp, Director of Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Splight Scott Caruso, CEO and Co-Founder, GridVisibility	High Lonesome Barn
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Happy Hour (hosted)			Heck's Tavern Loft
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Group Dinners			See Assignment Card
9:00 PM	11:30 PM	Nightcap (hosted)			Heck's Tavern

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Thursday, January 29, 2026					
Start Time	End Time	Event	Session Title	Moderator & Speakers	Room
7:00 AM	11:00 AM	Breakfast Vouchers <i>Distributed at registration, valid at Hallowed Grounds Coffee Shop (open at 7AM) or Heck's Tavern (open at 7:30AM)</i>			Hallowed Grounds Coffee Shop or Heck's Tavern
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Ranch Activities <i>Pre-registration for activities required, must sign up by 12pm on Jan. 28</i>			Property Wide
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet Opens			High Lonesome Barn
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Plenary #1	Geothermal's Potential	Julie Murphy, Director, Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission	High Lonesome Barn
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch Plenary #2	Power Couples	Uday Varadarajan, Co-Founder and CEO, Coelectric	High Lonesome Barn
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Break			
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Group Breakout Sessions	Policy Solutions Workshop: Refining Implementation Approaches		Property Wide
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Break			
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Afternoon Plenary	Solutions Spotlight: Policy Pathways for Western Grid Acceleration	Report-out from small group breakout sessions	High Lonesome Barn
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Happy Hour (hosted)			High Lonesome Barn
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Closing Dinner			Heck's Tavern
9:00 PM	11:30 PM	Nightcap (hosted)			Heck's Tavern

Friday January 30, 2026					
Start Time	End Time	Event	Session Title	Moderator & Speakers	Room
8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Opens			High Lonesome Barn
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Closing Session & Closing Remarks	The Energy Permitting Reform Act: Unlocking Western Transmission Development	Chris Hansen, Chair of IWE & CEO of LPEA U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper	High Lonesome Barn

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