Western Regional Permit

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In the Beginning

- **1962** - Chair of WASHTO Mr. McCrea of Idaho drafted a plan to create uniformity in permitting

- **1987** – WASHTO Chief Administrative Officer, National Governor’s Assoc., Western Highway Institute, Western Trucking Association, and SC&RA adopted uniformity in truck size and weight as a top priority

- **1989** – WASHTO reps WA, OR, ID met to finalize a Tri-State Agreement
History of Western Regional Permit

- **1990** – WA, ID, OR sign into Tri State agreement
- **1991** – added UT, AZ, and MT and program became Western Regional Agreement
- **1994** – New Mexico
- **1995** – Colorado
- **1996** – Texas, Oklahoma
- **2002** – Nevada
- **2003** - Louisiana
Issuing State Totals (2015)

- Arizona 5
- Colorado 0
- Idaho 0
- Louisiana 0
- Montana 386
- Nevada 0
- New Mexico 0
- Oklahoma 0
- Oregon 0
- Texas 3,069
- Utah 1,890
- Washington 1,306
## States on 6,600 Regional Permits

- **Texas** 3,202
- **New Mexico** 2,446
- **Idaho** 2,328
- **Utah** 2,161
- **Arizona** 2,080
- **Washington** 1,886
- **Oregon** 1,398
- **Montana** 1,045
- **Nevada** 952
- **Colorado** 806
- **Louisiana** 732
- **Oklahoma** 383
Points to Ponder

• Effort to Administer Western Regional Permit
  • Payment processes and records between states
  • Restriction updates and distribution
  • Permitting System updates
  • Staffing issues
  • Off-Route approvals

• Instances of confusion for enforcement of WRP

• Permit design is not uniform between states
  • Dependent on individual state permit program design
Points to Ponder

- Industry Input
  - Ease of acquiring state by state permits
    - Self-issue by most states
  - Envelope vehicle too restrictive
    - Increase weight limit on tridem axles, gross weight
    - Increase dimensions
  - Attempt to expand envelope was unsuccessful
  - Increase designated routes
Withdrawal of Member Jurisdiction

- Any Member Jurisdiction may withdraw from this agreement by submitting to all other Member Jurisdictions an addendum signed by authorized representative. Said withdrawal shall be effective 30 days from the date of submission.
Future for Regional Permitting

• Open discussion
• As always…we work together for success