

SECRETARY ZINKE VISIT TO ANTIETAM
July 5, 2017

Schedule for Event

- 9:45 a.m.** Secretary Zinke and VIPs meet at the Visitor Center parking lot for tour that will highlight recent preservation and restoration successes, along with park maintenance opportunities. NPS Historian Keith Snyder to lead tour.
- 11:15 a.m.** Secretary and VIPs arrive at news conference site (parking near Dunker Church) to greet assembled guests.
- 11: 30 a.m. – noon** News conference announcing \$7.2 million in American Battlefield Land Grants and projects that will benefit from President Trump's battlefield maintenance donation (see news conference agenda, below).
- 12:15 p.m. (approx.)** Tour of battlefield for members of the media who were brought to event by DOI. Civil War Trust historian Garry Adelman available to lead tour.
- 12:15 p.m. (approx.)** Public walking tour of battlefield begins (we typically offer public tours for attendees after an event as a thank you).
- 12:15 p.m. (approx.)** VIPs take van to historic Mumma Barn for VIP lunch.
- 1:15 p.m.** Secretary Zinke departs Antietam NB.

News Conference Agenda

Susan Trail (NPS Superintendent)	Welcome and Introductions (4-5 mins)
Jim Lighthizer (CWT President)	Remarks (4-5 mins)
Will Shafroth (NPF President)	Remarks (4-5 mins)
John L. Nau, III (CWT Former Chair)	Remarks and Introduce Secretary (5 mins)
Secretary Zinke	Keynote (7-10 minutes)
All Speakers	Check to Secretary/Photo Op (5 mins)
Susan Trail	Concluding Remarks (2-3 mins)

Legislative Summary
from
the Legislative Counsel
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
To: All Interested Interior Offices

Attached for your information is today's Legislative Summary.

In order to keep the Summary as up-to-date as possible, we request that any bureau or office contacted directly regarding hearings or markups notify this office immediately.

New information about scheduled hearings and business meetings appears shaded in yellow. Hearings printed in *bold italic* type indicate DOI involvement.

If you have any questions or corrections, please contact Joseph Nevils on (202) 208-4580, or via E-Mail (Joseph_Nevils@ios.doi.gov).

2017 Congressional Recess Schedule

<i>Senate</i>	<i>Holidays & Special Days</i>	<i>House</i>
State Work Period Jul. 3 – Jul. 7	Independence Day Jul. 4	District Work Week Jul. 3 – Jul. 7
		District Work Week Aug. 1 – Sep. 1
State Work Period Jul. 31 – Sep. 4	Labor Day Sep. 4	Labor Day Sep. 4
		District Work Week Sep. 18 – Sep. 22
State Work Period Sep. 21 – Sep. 22		
State Work Period Oct. 9 – Oct. 13	Columbus Day Oct. 9	Columbus Day Oct. 9
		District Work Week Oct. 16 – Oct. 20
	Veterans Day Nov. 10 (Observed)	
State Work Period Nov. 20 – Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23	District Work Week Nov. 20 – Nov. 24
State Work Period Dec. 18 – Dec. 29	Christmas Day Dec. 25	

Scheduled Floor Action

House

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

[H.R. 2847](#) - Improving Services for Older Youth in Foster Care Act

[H.R. 2866](#) - Reducing Barriers for Relative Foster Parents Act

[H.R. 1551](#) - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production from advanced nuclear power facilities

[H.R. 2742](#) - Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care

[H.R. 2834](#) - Partnership Grants to Strengthen Families Affected by Parental Substance Abuse Act, as amended

[H.R. 2857](#) - Supporting Families in Substance Abuse Treatment Act, as amended

[H.R. 2484](#) - Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017

[H.R. 2132](#) - Traveler Redress Improvement Act of 2017, as amended

[H.R. 625](#) - REPORT Act, as amended

[H.R. 2131](#) - DHS FIRM Act, as amended

[H.R. 2283](#) - DHS MORALE Act, as amended

[H.R. 1282](#) - DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2017, as amended

[H.R. 2190](#) - Streamlining DHS Overhead Act, as amended

[H.R. 1393](#) - Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2017

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

[H.R. 1873](#) - Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act (Subject to a Rule)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND

On Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

[H.R. 2353](#) - Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

[H.R. 1654](#) - Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act (Subject to a Rule)

FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD

On Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. Last votes expected no later than 3:00 p.m.

[H.R. 2842](#) - Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act, Rules Committee Print (Subject to a Rule)

Senate

During the balance of the week, the Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Recent Legislative Activity of Interest

Senate

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Manchin):

S. 1363. A bill to streamline the process for broadband facility location applications on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Cortez Masto, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Rubio):

S. 1364. A bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Latino, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Warren, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Nelson):

S. 1368. A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Cassidy):

S. 1373. A bill to designate the Gulf of Mexico Alliance as a Regional Coordination Partnership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Booker):

S. 1375. A bill to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Measures Reported:

S. 304, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 115–112)

S. 346, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–113)

House

By Mr. TIPTON:

H.R. 2907. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and publish an all-of-the-above quadrennial Federal onshore energy production strategy to meet domestic energy needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. Langevin, Mr. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, Mr. Sarbanes, Ms. Norton, Mr. Welch, Mr. Capuano, Ms. Slaughter, Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Tonko, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Clark of Massachusetts, Mr. McEachin, Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Payne, Ms. Jackson Lee, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Gallego, Mr. Keating, Mr. Evans, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Lowenthal, and Mr. Peters):

H.R. 2908. A bill to direct Federal departments and agencies to perform certain functions to ensure that climate change-related impacts are fully considered in the development of national security doctrine, policies, and plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Science, Space, and Technology, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Curbelo of Florida, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Cardenas, Mrs. Torres, Mr. Hurd, Mr. King of New York, and Mr. Newhouse):

H.R. 2911. A bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Latino, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. Cole, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Cardenas, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Beyer, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. DeGette, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Gallego, Mrs. Torres, Ms. Norton, Ms. Tsongas, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. DelBene, Mrs. Dingell, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Polis, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Sablan, and Ms. Hanabusa):

H.R. 2915. A bill to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. Polis, Mr. Coffman, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Buck, Mr. Perlmutter, Mr. Tipton, Ms. DeGette, and Mr. Kind):

H.R. 2921. A bill to establish a vegetation management pilot program on National Forest System land to better protect utility infrastructure from passing wildfire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. Palazzo, and Mr. Richmond):

H.R. 2923. A bill to designate the Gulf of Mexico Alliance as a regional coordination partnership of Federal and State actions related to the management of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

The Department has been invited to the following hearings:

Tue., June 20 DOI Budget Request

***Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Murkowski)*
Full Committee oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request for the Department of the**

10:00 a.m.; Room 366 Dirksen
Invitation Received 6.8.17
Witness: Ryan Zinke, Secretary
(Testimony Received)

Tue., June 20 State and Federal Partnerships

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining (Lee)
Subcommittee oversight hearing on Collaborative Initiatives: Restoring Watersheds and Large Landscapes across Boundaries through State and Federal partnership

2:30 p.m.; Room 366 Dirksen
Hearing Noticed 6.7.17
Witness: Kristin Bail, Assistant Director for Resources & Planning,
Bureau of Land Management
(Testimony Received)

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Wed., June 21 DOI Budget Request

Senate Appropriations S/C on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies (Murkowski)
Subcommittee oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior

9:30 a.m.; Room 124 Dirksen
Hearing Noticed 6.15.17
Witness: Ryan Zinke, Secretary

Wed., June 21 Helium Discussion Draft Bill

House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)

Full Committee hearing on

H.R. __, Helium Extraction Act of 2017 (Discussion Draft)

10:00 a.m.; Room 1324 Longworth

Hearing Noticed 6.15.2017

Witness: Tim Spisak, BLM Acting Assistant Director for Energy, Minerals and Realty Management

(Testimony Received)

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Thu., June 22 DOI Budget Request

House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)

Full Committee hearing on the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal

9:30 a.m.; Room 1324 Longworth

Invitation Received 6.9.17

Witness: Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior

Tue., June 22 Markup – Pending Legislation

House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)

Full Committee markup; details TBD

4:00 p.m.; Room 1324 Longworth

No Request for DOI witness

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Tue., June 27 Markup – Pending Legislation

House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)

Full Committee markup; details TBD

10:00 a.m.; Room 1324 Longworth

No Request for DOI witness

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Thu., June 29 Oil and Gas Leasing
(Tentative)

House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)

***Oversight Hearing on Bureau of Land Management Oil and Gas Leasing
Program***

Time and Location TBD

***Tentative Witness: Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and
Minerals Management***

POSTPONEMENTS*N/A*

Hearings of Interest:

Tue., June 20 Combating Gang Violence on Long Island

House Homeland Security S/C on Counterterrorism and Intelligence (King)

Subcommittee oversight field hearing on Combating Gang Violence on Long Island:
Shutting Down the MS-13 Pipeline

9:30 a.m.; Alfonse M. D'Amato U.S. Courthouse, 100 Federal Plaza, Central Islip, N.Y.
No request for DOI witness

Tue., June 20 Universal Service Fund/ Rural Broadband

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation S/C on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet (Wicker)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Universal Service Fund and Rural Broadband

10:00 a.m.; Room 253 Russell

No request for DOI witness

Tue., June 20 Discussion – Environmental Issues

House Science, Space and Technology Committee (Smith)

Full Committee discussion on the effects of climate change that have already occurred, what can we expect in the future, and what actions are and should be taken to address this growing crisis

10:00 a.m.; Room 2360 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Tue., June 20 Department of Energy Budget

House Appropriations S/C on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies (Simpson)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on the Department of Energy's Budget Request for FY 2018

1:00 p.m.; Room 2359 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Tue., June 20 State-Federal Watershed/Large Landscape Restoration

Senate Energy and Natural Resources S/C on Public Lands, Forests and Mining (Lee)

Subcommittee hearing on Collaborative Initiatives, Focusing on Restoring Watersheds and Large Landscapes across Boundaries through State and Federal Partnerships

2:30 p.m.; Room 366 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

Tue., June 20 **Innovative Water Infrastructure Financing**
(Postponed)

Senate Environment and Public Works S/C on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water (Boozman)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Innovative Financing and Funding: Addressing America's Crumbling Water Infrastructure

2:30 p.m.; Room 406 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

Tue., June 20 **Business Meeting**

House Rules Committee Business Meeting (Sessions)

Full Committee Business Meeting to formulate a rule on

H.R.1873, Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act

H.R. 1654, Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act

5:00 p.m.; Room H-313 Capitol

No request for DOI witness

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Wed., June 21 **Environmental Technology Advance**

House Science, Space and Technology S/C on Environment (Biggs)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Leading the Way: Examining Advances in Environmental Technologies

10:00 a.m.; Room 2318 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 **OMB Budget**

House Appropriations S/C on Financial Services and General Government (Graves)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Office of Management and Budget FY 2018 Budget Request

2:00 p.m.; Room 2359 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 **Antiquities/ Art Trade Illicit Activity**
(Postponed)

House Financial Services S/C on Terrorism and Illicit Finance (Pearce)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on The Exploitation of Cultural Property: Examining Illicit Activity in the Antiquities and Art Trade

10:00 a.m.; Room 2128 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 Broadband Coverage in America**House Energy and Commerce S/C on Communications and Technology (Blackburn)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Defining and Mapping Broadband Coverage in America

10:00 a.m.; Room 2123 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 Markup – Pending Legislation**House Judiciary Committee (Goodlatte)**

Full Committee markup on

H.R. 495, Protection of Children Act**H.R. 2826**, A bill to provide for an annual adjustment of the number of admissible refugees, and for other purposes**H.R. 1096**, Judgment Fund Transparency Act

10:00 a.m.; Room 2141 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 Cybersecurity Regulation Harmonization**Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Johnson)**

Full Committee oversight hearing on Cybersecurity Regulation Harmonization

10:30 a.m.; Room 342 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report**Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Corker)**

Full Committee closed briefing on Preparing the 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report

11:00 a.m.; Room S-116 Capitol Building

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 Indian Health Service Improvement**House Natural Resources S/C on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs (LaMalfa)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on

H.R. 2662 (Noem), Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act

2:00 p.m.; Room 1324 Longworth

No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 OMB Budget

House Appropriations S/C on Financial Services and General Government (Graves)
 Subcommittee oversight hearing on FY 2018 Budget for the Office of Management and Budget

2:00 p.m.; Room 2359 Rayburn
 No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 Markup - National Defense Authorization Act

House Armed Services S/C on Emerging Threats and Capabilities (Stefanik)
 Subcommittee markup on

H.R. 2810 (Thornberry), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

2:30 p.m.; Room 2212 Rayburn
 No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 Energy Budget

Senate Appropriations S/C on Energy and Water Development (Alexander)
 Subcommittee hearing on Proposed Budget Estimates and Justifications for FY 2018 for Energy Development.

2:30 p.m.; Room 138 Dirksen
 No request for DOI witness

Wed., June 21 Markup - National Defense Authorization Act

House Armed Services S/C on Tactical Air and Land Forces (Turner)
 Subcommittee markup on

H.R. 2810 (Thornberry), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

4:00 p.m.; Room 2118 Rayburn
 No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Markup - National Defense Authorization Act

House Armed Services S/C on Military Personnel (Coffman)
 Subcommittee markup of

H.R. 2810 (Thornberry), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

9:00 a.m.; Room 2212 Rayburn
 No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Markup - National Defense Authorization Act**House Armed Services S/C on Readiness (Wilson)**

Subcommittee markup of

H.R. 2810 (Thornberry), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

9:00 a.m.; Room 2212 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Department of Energy Budget**Senate Energy and Natural Resources S/C on Public Lands, Forests and Mining (Lee)**

Subcommittee hearing on the Department of Energy's budget request for FY 2018

10:00 a.m.; Room 366 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Marine Debris Solutions**Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation S/C on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard (Sullivan)**

Subcommittee hearing on Marine Debris: Efforts on Marine Debris in the Oceans and the Great Lakes

10:00 a.m.; Room 253 Russell

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Human Trafficking Bills/Boyd Nomination**Senate Judiciary Committee (Grassley)**

Full Committee markup on

S. 1331, A bill to establish the Great Lakes Mass Marking Program, and for other purposes**S. 1312**, Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

10:00 a.m.; Room 226 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

Thu. June 22 Improving Rural Broadband Deployment**House Small Business S/C on Agriculture, Energy and Trade (Blum)****House Small Business S/C on Health and Technology (Radewagen)**

Joint Subcommittee oversight hearing on Improving Broadband Deployment: Solutions and Rural America

10:00 a.m.; Room 2360 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Job Corps Program Student Safety**House Education and the Workforce Committee (Foxx)**

Full Committee oversight hearing on Student Safety in the Job Corps Program

10:00 a.m.; Room 2175 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Next Farm Bill**House Agriculture Committee (Conaway)**

Full Committee oversight hearing on The Next Farm Bill: University Research

10:00 a.m.; Room 1300 Longworth

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Juvenile Justice Reform**House Judiciary S/C on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations (Gowdy)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Juvenile Justice Reform in the Modern Era

10:00 a.m.; Room 2141 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Intercity Passenger Rail Service**House Transportation and Infrastructure S/C on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials (Denham)**Subcommittee oversight hearing on Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Challenges and Opportunities for Intercity Passenger Rail Service

10:00 a.m.; Room 2167 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Markup - Small Business Innovation/ Technology Improvements**House Science, Space and Technology Committee (Smith)**

Full Committee markup on

H.R. 2763, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Improvements Act

10:00 a.m.; Room 2318 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Markup - National Defense Authorization Act**House Armed Services S/C on Strategic Forces (Rogers)**

Subcommittee markup on

H.R. 2810 (Thornberry), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

10:30 a.m.; Room 2118 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Thu., June 22 Markup - National Defense Authorization Act

House Armed Services S/C on Seapower and Projection Forces (Wittman)

Subcommittee markup on

H.R. 2810 (Thornberry), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

12:30 p.m.; Room 2118 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

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Fri., June 23 Antiquities/ Art Trade Illicit Activity
(Rescheduled)

House Financial Services S/C on Terrorism and Illicit Finance (Pearce)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on The Exploitation of Cultural Property: Examining Illicit Activity in the Antiquities and Art Trade

10:00 a.m.; Room 2128 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

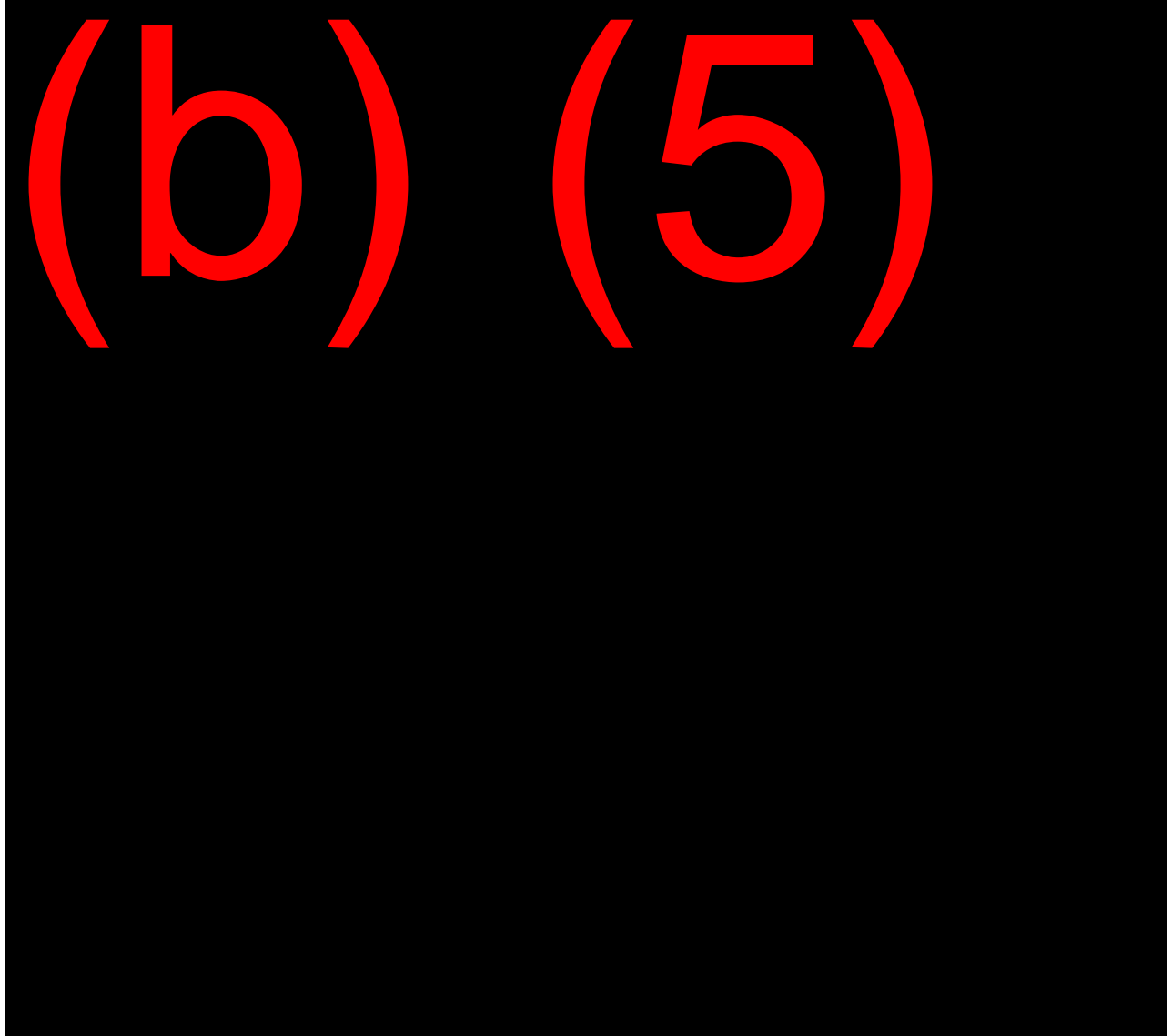
**Status of DOI Testimony
November 14, 2017**

Bureau/Preparer	Witness	Committee	Subject/Bill Number/Sponsor	OCL Attorney	Date of Hearing	Date OCL Notified	Due to OMB	Bureau Notified	Date Due to OCL	Date Rec'd in OCL
Bail	BLM	S-ENR	State/Federal Partnerships	Quinn	6.20.17	6.7.17	--	BLM	--	--
BLM	Spisak	H-NR	Helium Draft Bill (Tentative)	Quinn	6.21.17	--	--	BLM	--	--
A/S-LM	MacGregor	H-NR	Oil and Gas Leasing (Tentative)	Quinn	6.29.17	--	--	A/S-LM	--	--
OS	Zinke	S-ENR	FY 2018 DOI Budget Request	Salotti	6.20.17	6.8.17	--	OS	--	--
OS	Zinke	S-App	FY 2018 DOI Budget Request (Tentative)	Salotti	6.21.17	6.2.17	--	OS	--	--
OS	Zinke	H-NR	FY 2018 DOI Budget Request	Salotti	6.22.17	6.9.17	--	OS	--	--

**The following requests for comments have been received
Monday, June 19, 2017**

- HRG #27 TRANSPORTATION (Chao) Questions for the Record from 5/17/17 Hearing
Re: Improving America's Transportation Infrastructure: The Road Forward
(10 pages)
DUE 6/19/17 Atty: Dominic Maione
- S. 168 DHS Views Letter
Re: Commercial Vessel Incidental Discharge Act
(3 pages)
DUE 6/21/17 Atty: Dominic Maione
- S. 304 OMB Request for Views
Re: Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act
(5 pages)
DUE 6/22/17 Atty: Chris Salotti
- HRG #16 EPA Questions for the Record from 3/29/17 Hearing
Re: Cleaning up Our Nation's Cold War Legacy Sites
(11 pages)
DUE 6/22/17 Atty: Dominic Maione

Dear >>>>>>>>,



Ryan K. Zinke

U.S. Secretary of the Interior

U.S. Congressman, Montana (fmr)

U.S. Navy SEAL Commander (ret)

Made in America: Promoting the All-American Outdoor Experience

This week, President Trump kicked off “Made in America Week.” At the Department of the Interior, we are taking this opportunity to promote and strengthen America’s tradition of outdoor recreation on public lands, which is made possible, in large part, thanks to private foundations, American businesses, and the thousands of public-private-partnerships across our public lands.

We already have thousands of partners across the country who fund and assist with visitor services, infrastructure, and even land acquisition.

Boston Harbor National Recreation Area is a unique example of a public-private-public partnership where federal, state, and private organizations work together to manage the land, provide boats between islands, restore historic lighthouses and forts, provide educational tours, and carry out janitorial and maintenance tasks. All of this could not be possible without the joint effort.

Private partners also help maintain our buildings and aging infrastructure.

For example, earlier this year, President Trump donated his first quarter salary of about \$78,000 to the National Park Service to restore historic battlefields. Private foundations like the Civil War Trust, National Park Foundation, and Save Historic Antietam all chipped in, and with matching donations we were able to fund a \$263,000 project to restore a historic structure and nearly mile-long fence at Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland.

Some of our most-iconic, all-American outdoor experiences, like riding a historic Ford “Red Jammer” bus in Glacier National Park, staying overnight in the El Tovar lodge at the Grand Canyon, or whale watching in Alaska’s Glacier Bay National Park, would not be possible without public-private partnerships.

To highlight and expand on Made in America partnerships, this week Interior is hosting a roundtable with outdoor recreation industry leaders to brainstorm innovative ideas for how we can work together to build upon the outdoor experience on public lands. Some ideas I’ve already heard is for a food truck in parking lot, energy-efficient cabins in a national monument, and mobile youth fishing centers in urban areas across the country.

The Department is focused on identifying and expanding the best existing services and bringing in new services to parks and recreation areas.

For example, Wi-Fi, internal transportation, campgrounds, boat ramps, concessions, and even restrooms are not available on many public lands. Also, once somebody gets to a recreation area, services like boat, ATV and fishing pole rentals are often unavailable. This would be like going on a ski vacation and not being able to rent skis or have access to a lift up the mountain.

This leaves many families without practical and affordable options for camping, hiking, and recreating. Having three kids and two granddaughters myself, I can't imagine going on a family vacation without some of these basic services.

More partnerships does not mean privatizing our parks as some have wrongly suggested. I am opposed to the sale or transfer of our public lands, and under my watch our public lands will remain public.

Having partners on public lands also does not mean the tour bus will look like a race car covered in corporate stickers. Some of our most iconic features are only possible thanks to partnerships.

Expanding partnerships will allow parks and public lands to deliver greater services to more visitors, while allowing our rangers to focus on things like the health of the ecosystem, guided tours, educational services, and land management. Partners are also able to deliver many services to the American people at a lower cost than the government can.

With the right amount of ingenuity and originality, we can foster the All-American Outdoor Experience through our work at Interior. The Roosevelt Arch at Yellowstone National Park reads, "For the enjoyment of the people." Enjoying recreation on public lands is at the core of our shared American heritage.

The All-American Outdoor Experience is part of who we are as Americans, but it's also a big economic driver for communities across the country. As a whole, the outdoor recreation industry generates \$887 billion in consumer spending and supports 7.6 million American jobs, according to industry analysts. In addition, the revenue the industry produces is a major boost to our economy.

Made in America is about products as much as it is about our shared heritage and values. It is about making memories by taking a kid fishing for the first time, or in my case, taking my wife hiking early in our relationship.

There's a reason 330 million people from across the country and the world visit our parks every year, and millions more flock to public lands coast to coast: It's because these spaces are uniquely American.

This "Made in America" Week, let's with under a common pride in our country, standing behind American businesses and engaging in American outdoor traditions that have stood the test of time.

- Chairman McCain, Ranking Member Reed, Members of the Committee...I'd like to introduce my friend, an American patriot
- Captain Cully Stimson is President Donald Trump's nominee for General Counsel of the United States Navy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Most Qualified for the Job)

- Important for Navy to have the most-qualified individuals in positions of leadership—Capt. Stimson fits the bill.
- We served together in the Navy, he has 20+ years experience as a lawyer, first served in Navy JAG Corps in 1990s.
- I worked with him and Congressman DeStefano on a bill to ensure victims of sexual assault in the military receive the legal services they deserve.
- Captain Stimson's story is a lifetime of commitment to both community and country.
 - Captain of the Men's Soccer Team at Kenyon College
- Graduated George Mason University School of LaW
- Navy JAG Corps – 5 years active duty
- Called back to active duty 2001, to support Joint Special Ops Task Force JAG for SEAL Group Two.
- Served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs under Pres. George W. Bush
 - Advised Secretaries of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Robert Gates about Pentagon detention operations.
- Has been with Heritage Foundation as a Senior Legal Fellow & Manager of their Nat'l Security Law Program since 2007
- Served our nation 2+ decades in Navy, recently as Dep. Chief Judge of Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary & adjunct law prof./instructor at Naval Justice School in reserve capacity.

PERSONAL LIFE (High-Character Human Being, Fit to Serve)

- Teaching high school/coaching & mentoring young Americans—devoted countless hours to cultivating next generation.
- Chairman of the Board, U.S. Soccer Foundation (charitable arm of U.S. Soccer): offers assistance to 35,000+ underserved and minority children.
- Captain Stimson has been married since 1995. He and his wife adopted four orphans.

- Epitome of a military officer: always first one to help others
 - Dozens of rec. letters for his students
 - Quietly paid tuition for two of his mentees who could not afford to take the Law School Admission Test.
 - Founded the Bryon J. Horn Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of a fallen fraternity brother.

BIPARTISAN LEADER (comfortable working across party lines)

- Worked with Jeh Johnson, then-General Counsel of the Dept of Defense, on a number of issues to keep our nation safe.
 - Eventually led to Capt. Stimson extending, and Johnson accepting, invitation to speak to the Heritage Foundation.
 - In that speech, Sec. Johnson remarked: “The office of General Counsel of the Defense Dept., particularly in the post-9/11 world, is in the middle of many difficult, front page issues.”
 - As General Counsel of the Navy, Capt. Stimson will confront a host of these difficult issues as well. I have full confidence in his ability to tackle them.

- Friend & brother-in-arms Capt. Stimson: Navy gaining an eminently qualified attorney, an honorable military officer, and an individual with vast experience/fidelity to law & our country.
- Long career of exemplary service in law & defense, excellent fit for the position to which he was nominated. No doubt he will be a wonderful General Counsel of the Navy.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS – SEC. ZINKE PRESERVATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Maryland State Monument, Antietam National Battlefield
5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, MD, 21782

SUGGESTED FORMAT: *Susan Trail will welcome guests and provide opening remarks. She will introduce Jim Lighthizer, who will discuss the partnership between the Civil War Trust and NPS at Antietam. Jim will then introduce Will Shafroth to talk about the National Park Foundation's work with NPS. Will will introduce Trust Chairman emeritus John Nau, who will discuss the many benefits of battlefield preservation and then introduce Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. It is suggested Secretary Zinke announce the battlefield grants and the donation of the President's salary to Antietam NB maintenance. Following the Secretary's remarks, there will be a check presentation to Antietam NB. Susan Trail will then return to the podium to make concluding remarks and recognize VIPs.*

Speakers

- **Susan Trail:** Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield
- **Jim Lighthizer:** President, Civil War Trust
- **Will Shafroth:** President and CEO, National Park Foundation
- **John L. Nau, III:** Chairman *emeritus*, Civil War Trust
- **Honorable Ryan Zinke:** Secretary of the Interior

SUSAN TRAIL – WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS (4-5 MINUTES)

- Susan, please welcome everyone to Antietam National Battlefield and thank those in attendance for coming together to celebrate new battlefield preservation achievements.
- Your fellow speakers are Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Jim Lighthizer, Will Shafroth, and John Nau. John is chairman *emeritus* of the Civil War Trust and serves on the boards of both the Trust and the Foundation.
- Mention the number of special guests, friends and partners present, and how excited we all are to welcome the Secretary of the Interior to Antietam.
- You may want to provide a brief background of the establishment of Antietam National Battlefield, and mention a couple of highlights in its 125-year history. Please reference the role of nonprofit organizations in helping to preserve Antietam.
- You may want to mention the thousands of visitors who attended the Salute to Independence over the weekend.

DIRECTION: Please ask Jim Lighthizer to the podium.

JIM LIGHTHIZER – (4-5 MINUTES)

- It is my privilege to serve as president of the Civil War Trust. We have saved more than 46,000 acres of battlefield land in 24 states, including 314 acres at Antietam and nearly 1,400 acres in Maryland.
- In 2015, the Trust and our partners preserved the Wilson Tract here at Antietam, located just over my shoulder, one of the most significant unprotected pieces of battleground anywhere in the country.
- This land, some of the bloodiest ground from the bloodiest day in American history, stood for years as a glaring hole on Antietam Battlefield, almost entirely devoid of monuments or interpretation, and inaccessible to tours and visitors.
- The Antietam battlefield is a special place for me, and a fitting backdrop for today's announcement. These fields are where I first realized the critical importance of saving the hallowed grounds of America's wars and memorializing the men who fought here.
- These battlefields tell a story of who we are as Americans and the sacrifice required by our forefathers to make this nation what it is today.
- Before the battle was fought, this was farmland – quiet, peaceful, anonymous. But when the thousands of men who bled and died here fought on September 17, 1862, they forever transformed this landscape, and consecrated it as hallowed ground.
- Recognizing the importance of this site, much of the land was preserved for future generations, first by the War Department, and then the National Park Service, which continues to preserve and maintain Antietam and other battlefield parks to this day.
- Without a doubt, the National Park Service is the strongest partner of the Civil War Trust. Together, we have preserved more than 27,000 acres of battleground through the American Battlefield Protection Program.
- While the Trust has saved land at major battlefield sites like Antietam and Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Gaines Mill and Appomattox Courthouse, it is important to note that much of what we've saved has been at the sites of smaller battles.
- For example, before they arrived here at Antietam, the armies clashed among the passes of South Mountain; after the Battle of Antietam, Union forces chased Confederates back into what was then West Virginia at Shepherdstown – both battlefields where the Trust, partnering with the American Battlefield Protection Program and local organizations, has preserved considerable acreage.

- Here at Antietam, we have enjoyed an incredible partnership with one of the best local battlefield preservation organizations in the country – the Save Historic Antietam Foundation.
- It is our honor to be joined today by the Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke. Secretary Zinke is passionate about protecting battlefield land for future generations, and we look forward to a partnership with him to continue this legacy.
- It is also an honor to be here today with my good friend, Will Shafroth. We had done a lot of good work at battlefields over the years – first while he was at DOI, and now as he leads the outstanding National Park Foundation.

DIRECTION: Please ask Will Shafroth to the podium.

WILL SHAFROTH – (4-5 MINUTES)

- Will, please briefly speak to the mission of the National Park Foundation as the official charitable partner of the National Park Service. Consider mentioning your family vacations to national parks as a child that sparked a lifelong passion for conservation and outdoor recreation.
- There are more than 70 parks in the National Park System with resources that are related to the history of the Civil War, including 25 National Battlefield parks. These parks provide Americans with opportunities to learn about this defining period in our nation's history and to appreciate the bravery and sacrifice of the citizen-soldiers who fought in the conflict.
- These parks also have real economic benefits for the communities in which they are located. Last year, the Foundation released the first-ever study to provide a comprehensive economic valuation of America's national parks and the programming provided by NPS, finding the total economic value of national parks and the National Park Service's programs to be \$92 billion, clearly demonstrating the public's shared perception of the incredible benefits of national parks and programs.
- The National Park Foundation has long been a supporter of Antietam National Battlefield. For example, in 2012, NPF awarded Antietam NB a grant from our Active Trails program to refurbish the Rohrbach group campground and increase visitor accessibility to the area.
- As most of you know, the National Park Service celebrated its 100th birthday in 2016. Together with the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation worked closely with partners and stakeholders across the country to ensure that the Centennial was more than just a birthday. Early last year, NPF and NPS launched the Find Your Park public

education and engagement campaign to inspire all Americans to connect with, enjoy, and support America's national parks. This movement continues beyond the Centennial, helping people discover that parks can be more than beautiful natural landscapes and that parks are relevant to all of our lives.

- We also cheer the National Park Service Centennial Act, bipartisan legislation which was developed and passed last year with the support of national park partners and champions, including the National Park Foundation and the National Parks Conservation Association. Included in this Act was the establishment of the National Park Centennial Challenge Fund, which will build on the on the Centennial Challenge program's proven success at leveraging philanthropic support for projects and programs across the National Park System.
- **In the past few years,** Congress has appropriated a total of \$25 million for the Centennial Challenge program, while NPS and partners such as NPF and local Friends Groups raised more than \$45 million. These funds **are supporting** several projects at Antietam by the National Park Foundation, the Save Historic Antietam Foundation, and the Western Maryland Interpretive Association, including the construction of an accessible walkway and the removal of non-historic trees from Antietam National Cemetery, and the restoration of the Otto House landscape.
- As we look forward to the next 100 years of the National Park Service, it is vitally important that these sites remain world-class destinations for Americans and people from all over the globe to visit, enjoy, and reflect.

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DIRECTION: Please ask John Nau to the podium.

JOHN NAU – BATTLEFIELD BENEFITS AND INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY (5 MINUTES)

- The protection of battlefield landscapes will stand the test of time. Every acre we save is an investment in our country's future. There can be no more lasting and fitting tribute than protecting the sites where the Civil War's outcome was decided — the battlefields themselves.
- Preserved battlefields can be economic engines for local communities – creating jobs, driving tourism, and protecting valuable open space.
- Visitors to battlefields tend to spend more and stay longer than other tourists at other attractions. Last year alone, Antietam National Battlefield was hosted more than 350,000 tourists, one of the highest visitation totals on record.
- In 2015, visitors to Washington County, where we stand today, had a direct consumer benefit of \$10.3 million for the county. There is little doubt that preserved battlefields are a boon for local communities.

- In addition, battlefields are outdoor classrooms; the Trust has invested considerable resources in its education initiatives, becoming a nonprofit leader in providing online history resources, including videos, animated maps, and mobile apps.
- At a time when many schools find it difficult to make ends meet, the Civil War Trust provides educators with free resources that encourage students to connect with history in dynamic and innovative ways.
- Our annual National Teacher Institute enables teachers to bring history and education alive for thousands of students. Our Generations Program, developed to help young people engage with history, holds family-friendly events at Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War sites, attracting more than 5,000 participants in the past 2 years.
- The Trust, along with our other battlefield partners – especially the National Park Foundation and National Park Service – will continue to explore new initiatives to connect Americans with these battlefields so they better understand how the actions of those who fought here translate to the America we know today.
- As a veteran of the Marine Corps, these fields have a special meaning to me, as living memorials to the soldiers who fought here as well as fields for training the modern American military.
- Professional military education tours, traditionally called “staff rides,” are frequently conducted on preserved battlefields and are an important element of U.S. Armed Forces training.
- On these staff rides, which are often led by military instructors or historians, soldiers learn valuable lessons and skills by studying historic terrain in person and placing themselves in the shoes of combat commanders from long ago.
- The Maryland Campaign and the Battle of Antietam provide exceptional opportunities for military education. According to National Park Service estimates, the Antietam National Battlefield hosts between 30 and 50 staff rides a year.
- As a military veteran himself, former Navy SEAL Secretary Zinke appreciates these battlefields as well – as a place of history, of sacrifice, reflection, and education.
- It is our great honor to have Secretary Zinke here. A former Congressman from Montana, Sec. Zinke is a friend of preservation and American history.
- It is my distinct honor to welcome the 51st Secretary of the Interior of the United States, the Honorable Ryan Zinke.

DIRECTION: Ask Secretary Zinke to the podium.

SECRETARY RYAN ZINKE – SUGGESTED KEYNOTE REMARKS (7-10 MINUTES)

- Secretary Zinke, please considering sharing with the audience your interest and enthusiasm in American battlefields, and what they mean to you.
- You may want to discuss the role of the National Park Service in preserving and maintaining America’s most famous battlegrounds, and how NPS relies on nonprofit partners like the Civil War Trust to accomplish its mission.
- Additionally, you may want to give some background on the American Battlefield Protection Program and its Battlefield Land Grants Program, which the Trust and its partners utilize to acquire unprotected battlefield land across the country.
- A little history: the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission was created in 1990 to prioritize America’s battlefields and identify cost-effective ways to preserve these sites.
- It also recommended the creation of the Battlefield Land Grant Program, a matching grant program administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program, that is designed work within the private sector market place to preserve battlefields.
- It is one of the most successful land preservation tools in the country, and has been used to save more than 27,000 acres of Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields to date.
- Preserved battlefields are our link to the past, and these landscapes offer us the chance to look back and understand the events that transpired here, and how they shaped the country we know today.
- Today, I am pleased to announce 23 new grants totaling more than \$7.2 million to protect 1,196 acres at 19 Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields. They are (these will be visually represented on a poster):
 - Prairie Grove, Ark.;
 - South Mountain and Williamsport, Md.;
 - Brices Cross Roads, Miss.;
 - Fort Ann and Sackets Harbor, N.Y.;
 - Brandywine, Pa.;
 - Eutaw Springs, S.C.;
 - Fort Donelson, Tenn.;

- Nine battlefields in Virginia: Appomattox Courthouse, Fredericksburg, Gaines Mill, Kelly's Ford, Malvern Hill, New Market, Second Manassas, Third Winchester, and Trevilian Station, Va.;
 - Shepherdstown, W.Va.
- It should be noted that this is the first time the Battlefield Land Grant Program has been used to preserve a War of 1812 site – Sackets Harbor in New York – since the program was expanded in December 2014 to include the Revolutionary War and War of 1812.
 - The National Park Service protects 417 sites that paint a full picture of the United States of America, from Antietam to the Grand Canyon, and from Denali to Dry Tortugas.
 - Years of neglect and delay have resulted in a \$12 billion backlog of deferred maintenance projects at our national parks. At America's 25 national battlefield parks, there currently exists a \$229 million backlog. That is no way to preserve our history, and this administration is taking steps to rectify this situation.
 - In April, I was proud to announce President Trump's decision to donate his first quarterly salary as president to the National Park Service's battlefield parks.
 - Today, I am announcing that this contribution, totaling \$79,000, will be given to Antietam National Battlefield, specifically for the upkeep and maintenance of the monuments on the battlefield.
 - The Civil War Trust, National Park Foundation, and Save Historic Foundation have agreed to match the President's generous challenge donation and – as a result – the President's 79,000 has generated a total of \$264,212 for maintenance at Antietam.
 - The gift of the President and the three nonprofit groups will go toward preservation of the historic Newcomer House, along with replacement of 5,000 linear feet of deteriorated rail fencing along the Hagerstown Turnpike where some of the most intense fighting of the battle occurred.

I want to invite the Civil War Trust, the National Park Foundation and the Save Historic Foundation to return to the podium to present a check to the National Park Service to match the President's donation (nonprofit donation: \$185,212).

DIRECTION: Have Jim Lighthizer, Will Shafroth, John Nau, Susan Trail, and a representative of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation return to podium for photo op.

- Preserving and maintaining these sites, especially projects like we're celebrating today, provides future generations a place to reflect on the heroism, sacrifice and

determination of American soldiers throughout history, and the principles for which they fought. I am humbled to work toward such a remarkable goal.

DIRECTION: Ask Susan to make concluding remarks.

SUSAN TRAIL – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS (3-4 MINUTES)

- Thanks again to Sec. Zinke, John Nau, Will Shafroth and Jim Lighthizer, and to everyone who came out to Antietam today.
- Please recognize VIPs in audience not previously recognized. We will provide a short list during the event.
- To all of our friends, partners and members, especially those of you here today, thank you for making it possible to continue our mission, to keep these hallowed grounds preserved forever.

Speaker Biographies

Susan Trail, *Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield*

Susan Trail was named superintendent of Antietam National Battlefield in 2011. Before that, she served as superintendent of Monocacy National Battlefield for eight years. Trail was also assistant superintendent at Antietam, cultural resource manager at C&O Canal National Historic Park and supervisory archaeologist at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Trail is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia.

O. James Lighthizer, *President, Civil War Trust*

Jim's years of public service began in 1979 when he was elected to the Maryland State Legislature. In 1982, he was elected to the first of two terms as Anne Arundel County Executive. During his tenure as county executive, he established a county farmland protection program and embarked on an aggressive waterfront park acquisition effort. In 1991, Jim was appointed as Maryland's Secretary of Transportation, where he created an unprecedented program that to date has saved more than 4,500 acres of Civil War battlefield.

In December 1999, Jim accepted the presidency of the Civil War Preservation Trust, a new organization created by the merger of two other national battlefield preservation groups. When Jim took the reins, the fledgling organization had 22,000 members and its predecessor organizations had saved 7,000 acres in the previous 13 years. During Jim's tenure as President of the Trust, the group has saved 34,000 additional acres, and now boasts 55,000 members nationwide.

Will Shafroth, *President and CEO, National Park Foundation*

Will Shafroth joined the National Park Foundation as president and CEO in July of 2015. In this role, he oversees the Foundation's work, including its operations, philanthropic support through individual and foundation giving, corporate partnerships, and its promotion of the National Park Service Centennial celebration. Shafroth leads the Foundation's efforts toward the success of its mission to enrich America's national parks and programs by providing a measure of excellence made possible through private support. He has more than three decades of experience working to advance conservation and outdoor recreation.

In September 2013, Shafroth launched Red Sheep Consulting to support strategic philanthropy, aiding nonprofit leaders in achieving their goals, and assisting conservation groups in navigating the complexities of Washington, D.C. Prior to establishing Red Sheep Consulting, Shafroth served as Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar. In that role, he was responsible for developing and executing a 21st-century conservation and recreation agenda for America's land, water, and wildlife. Shafroth also served as principal deputy assistant secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior. Prior to his work at Interior, Shafroth served as executive director of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the Colorado Conservation Trust and chairman of the Land Trust Alliance and Resources Legacy Fund.

John Nau, Chairman Emeritus, Civil War Trust

In May 2011, John L. Nau, III, concluded two successful terms as chairman of the Board of the Civil War Trust. Beyond his involvement with the Civil War Trust, Nau has a long history of leadership within other history- and preservation-minded organizations. He has served as multi-term chairman of both the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Texas Historical Commission and sits on the Board of Directors of the National Parks Foundation. On July 1, 2011, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell appointed Nau to serve on the Board of Visitors of his alma mater, the University of Virginia. He serves in leadership capacities with a variety of charitable entities and is president and chief executive officer of Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P., the nation's largest distributor of Anheuser-Busch products and the number one beer distributor in Texas.

Hon. Ryan Zinke, Secretary, Department of the Interior

Ryan Zinke was sworn in as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior on March 1, 2017.

A fifth-generation Montanan and former U.S. Navy SEAL Commander, Ryan Zinke built one of the strongest track records in the 114th Congress on championing sportsmen's access, conservation, regulatory relief, forest management, responsible energy development, and smart management of federal lands.

Zinke is widely praised for his voting record supporting the Teddy Roosevelt philosophy of managing public lands, which calls for multiple-use to include economic, recreation and conservation.

As Secretary of the Interior, Zinke leads an agency with more than 70,000 employees who are stewards for 20 percent of the nation's lands, including national parks, monuments, wildlife refuges and other public lands. The department oversees the responsible development of conventional and renewable energy supplies on public lands and waters; is the largest supplier and manager of water in the 17 Western states; and upholds trust responsibilities to the 567 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives.

Ryan Zinke represented the state of Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2014. Before that he served in the Montana State Senate from 2009 to 2011, but the bulk of his public service was 23 years as a U.S. Navy SEAL officer.

Zinke enlisted in the Navy in 1985 and was soon selected to join the elite force where he would build an honorable career until his retirement in 2008. He retired with the rank of Commander after leading SEAL operations across the globe, including as the Deputy and Acting Commander of Joint Special Forces in Iraq and two tours at SEAL Team Six. Zinke was the first Navy SEAL elected to the U.S. House and is the first SEAL to serve as a cabinet secretary.

Zinke holds a Geology degree from the University of Oregon, where he was an All-PAC 10 football player; a Master's degree in Business Finance from National University; and a Master's degree in Global Leadership from the University of San Diego. Ryan and his wife Lolita (Lola) have three children and two granddaughters. Zinke is proud to be an adopted member of the Assiniboine Sioux Tribe at the Fort Peck Reservation in Northeast Montana.

**United States Department of the Interior
Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary**

**Youngstown, OH
July 25, 2017
FINAL**



TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
Youngstown, OH
July 25, 2017

Weather:

Youngstown, OH

High 76°, Low 59°; Partly Cloudy; 10% Chance of Precipitation

Time Zone:

Youngstown, OH

Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Advance:

Security Advance
Advance

Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Rusty Roddy

Cell Phone:

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(b) (6)

Traveling Staff:

None

Attire:

Business Attire

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Washington, DC → Youngstown, OH → Washington, DC

- 2:50-3:30pm EDT:** **Depart Department of the Interior en route Andrews Air Force Base (KADW)**
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ
Ben Collins
- 3:30-3:40pm EDT:** **Arrive Andrews Air Force Base (KADW) & Board Air Force One**
- 4:15pm EDT:** **The President & Mrs. Trump arrive Andrews Air Force Base & Board Air Force One**
- 4:25pm EDT-**
5:25pm EDT: **Wheels up Washington, DC (DCA) en route Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG)**
Flight: Air Force One
Principals: POTUS
The First Lady
RKZ
Secretary Rick Perry
Secretary David Shulkin
Flight time: ~1 hour
- 5:25pm EDT:** **Wheels down Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG)**
Location: Air Reserve Station
Building 407
3796 King - Graves Road
Vienna, Ohio 44473
- 5:25-5:35pm EDT:** **Proceed to Motorcade Vehicle & Await POTUS Arrival to Motorcade**
- 5:35-5:55pm EDT:** **Depart Airport en route AMVETS Post 44**
Location: AMVETS Post 44
Northside Rear Entrance
205 Elm Street
Struthers, OH 44471
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RKZ
Rusty Roddy
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Ben Collins
- 5:55-6:00pm EDT:** **Arrive Salute to American Heroes Event & Proceed to Offstage Announce Area**
Attendees: Terry Stocker, Mayor of Struthers, OH
150 invited service members and veterans
Press: Pool Press
- 6:00-6:35pm EDT:** **Participate in Salute to American Heroes Event**
Backdrop: American flag, Ohio flag, Armed Services flags, Red, White & Blue
Salute to American Heroes step & repeat banner, local veterans
Staging: Podium with Presidential seal & mic; ground level wooden floor stage

Program: Offstage announce of Secretary Rick Perry
Secretary Rick Perry delivers remarks (2 minutes) & introduces RKZ
RKZ delivers remarks (2 minutes) & introduces Secretary David Shulkin
Secretary David Shulkin delivers remarks (2 minutes) & introduces POTUS
POTUS delivers remarks

Note: Prior to speaking, Secretaries Perry, Zinke & Shulkin wait in offstage announce area until being announced to the stage. After speaking, Secretaries Perry, Zinke & Shulkin stand stage right while POTUS delivers remarks

6:35-6:40pm EDT: Proceed to Motorcade Vehicle & Await POTUS Arrival to Motorcade

6:40-6:50pm EDT: Depart AMVETS Post 44 en route Covelli Center

Location: Covelli Center
Rear Loading Dock Entrance
229 East Front Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RKZ
Rusty Roddy
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Ben Collins

6:50-7:00pm EDT: Arrive Covelli Center & Proceed to Staff & Guest Viewing Area

Location: Covelli Center arena floor
Front of Section 218

Note: POTUS & the First Lady will participate in photo op with local Supporters prior to rally

7:00-7:45pm EDT: Make America Great Again Rally

Attendance: 7,000

7:45-8:00pm EDT: Proceed to Motorcade Vehicle & Await POTUS Arrival to Motorcade

Note: POTUS & the First Lady will participate in photo op with law enforcement at conclusion of rally prior to departure

8:00-8:20pm EDT: Depart Covelli Center en route Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG)

Location: Air Reserve Station
Building 407
3796 King - Graves Road
Vienna, Ohio 44473

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RKZ
Rusty Roddy
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Ben Collins

8:20-8:30pm EDT: Arrive Airport & Board Air Force One

8:30pm EDT-

9:35pm EDT: Wheels up Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG) en route Washington, DC (KADW)

Flight: Air Force One
Principals: POTUS
 The First Lady
 RKZ
 Secretary Rick Perry
 Secretary David Shulkin
Flight time: ~1 hour, 5 minutes

9:35-9:45pm EDT: Wheels down Andrews Air Force Base & Board Vehicle

9:45-10:00pm EDT: Depart Andrews Air Force Base en route Residence

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Car: RKZ
 Ben Collins

**United States Department of the Interior
Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary**

Antietam National Battlefield

July 5, 2017

FINAL



TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
Antietam National Battlefield
July 5, 2017

Weather:

Sharpsburg, MD

High 84°, Low 69°; Partly Cloudy; 50% Chance of PM Thunderstorms

Time Zone:

Sharpsburg, MD

Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Advance:

Security Advance
Security Detail
Advance
Advance

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Cell Phone:

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(b) (6)
(b) (6)

Traveling Staff:

Security Detail
Senior Advisor
Photographer
Videographer

Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Doug Domenech
Tami Heilemann
Tim Bergling

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6)
(b) (6)

Attire:

Business casual (Khakis / Shirt for tour; Blazer added for grant announcement)

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Washington, DC → Sharpsburg, MD → Washington, DC

8:00-9:30am EDT:

Depart Residence en route Sharpsburg, MD

Location: Antietam National Battlefield
5831 Dunker Church Road
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ
Mrs. Zinke
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Note: Doug Domenech & Rusty Roddy will call RKZ cell number for briefing at 8:30 am

Note: Staff will meet at location

Drive Time: ~1 hour, 30 minutes without traffic

9:30-9:45am EDT:

Arrive Antietam National Battlefield // Receive Passport Stamp // Proceed to Passenger Van for Tour

Location: Visitor Center
Greeted By: Jim Lighthizer, Civil War Trust President
Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation President
John Nau, Civil War Trust and National Park Foundation Board Member
Susan Trail, Antietam NB Superintendent

Note: Passport will be stamped in front of cannon outside Visitor Center

9:45-11:30am EDT:

Driving Tour of Antietam National Battlefield

Stops Include: The Bloody Cornfield / Wilson Property Restoration
Met by: Matt George, Land Stewardship Manager, Civil War Trust
Bloody Lane / Sunken Road
Newcomer House (One of two restoration grant projects)
Burnside Bridge

Vehicle Manifest:

15 Passenger Van: RKZ
Mrs. Zinke
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Jim Lighthizer, Civil War Trust President
Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation President
John Nau, Civil War Trust and National Park Foundation Board Member
Teresa Hildreth, Guest of John Nau
Susan Trail, Antietam NB Superintendent
Keith Snider, Antietam NB Chief of Interpretation
Paul Coussan, Civil War Trust
Staff Vehicle 1: Rusty Roddy
Tami Heilemann
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Doug Domenech
David Bufkin, Historian

Note: At end of tour, a photo op stop will be made at the Antietam National Battlefield welcome sign. Staff & guests will remain in vehicles.

11:30-12:00pm EDT:

Civil War Grant Announcement

Location: Maryland Monument Field
Participants: RKZ
Susan Trail, Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield
Jim Lighthizer, President, Civil War Trust
John Nau, Chairman emeritus, Civil War Trust
Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation President
Press: Open
Staff: Heather Swift
Doug Domenech
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Staging: Podium / Mic; Open field / monument / cannons backdrop
Program: 11:30 am: Susan Trail delivers welcoming remarks & Introduces Jim Lighthizer
11:34 am: Jim Lighthizer delivers remarks & introduces Will Shafroth
11:38 am: Will Shafroth delivers remarks & introduces John Nau
11:42 am: John Nau delivers remarks and introduces RKZ
11:46 am: RKZ delivers remarks including announcement of grant allocation & DJT salary donation
11:54 am: Check Presentation & Photo Op
11:58 am: Susan Trail delivers closing remarks

12:00-12:20pm EDT:

Media Availability

Location: Maryland Monument field fence with Dunker Church backdrop
Staff: Heather Swift
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Note: The backdrop fencing is one of two restoration grant projects

12:20-12:40pm EDT:

Brief Remarks to DOI Employees

Location: Maryland Monument
Participants: RKZ
20 NPS Employees & Interns

12:40-12:55pm EDT:

Hold for One-on-One Interview

Location: TBD
Staff: Heather Swift

12:55-1:00pm EDT:

Pick up Box Lunches & Proceed to Vehicle

Note: Civil War Trust will be providing lunches

1:00-2:30pm EDT:

Depart Sharpsburg, MD en route DOI

Location: 1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ
Mrs. Zinke

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Drive Time: ~1 hour, 30 minutes without traffic

Ryan Douglas Nelson of Idaho to be Solicitor, Department of the Interior. Mr. Nelson is a seasoned attorney with broad experience advising government and corporate executives in the public and private sector. Mr. Nelson has worked for all three branches of government. He served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice, where he managed the natural resource, wildlife and appellate sections of the Division, and as Deputy General Counsel for the White House Office of Management and Budget. He also served as Special Counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and as a law clerk for the Senate Legal Counsel. After graduating from BYU Law School with Honors, Mr. Nelson clerked for Judge Henderson on the DC Circuit and for Richard Mosk and Charles Brower on the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague, The Netherlands. Mr. Nelson was an associate at Sidley Austin and is currently General Counsel for Idaho-based wellness company, Melaleuca, Inc. He has argued 13 federal courts of appeals cases on complex environmental and constitutional issues. Mr. Nelson resides in his hometown of Idaho Falls, Idaho, with his wife, Barbara Baer Nelson, and their seven children.

SUPPORT FOR DAVID BERNHARDT, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR NOMINEE

On April 28, 2017, President Donald Trump nominated David Bernhardt to serve as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Given his notable and extensive prior experience at the Department of the Interior and in the Commonwealth of Virginia, he has received broad support from his former colleagues, the sporting and conservation community, and Indian Country, including notable mentions such as the following:

- “We believe Mr. Bernhardt is well positioned to help lead the Department of the Interior in a manner that respects and upholds the federal government’s trust and treaty responsibilities to Indian tribes and empowers tribal communities to exercise greater self-determination.” – **National Congress of American Indians (5/25/2017)**.
- “I have known and worked with David Bernhardt for more than 10 years and could not be more pleased with his nomination for Deputy Secretary of the Interior...He is a man with personal and professional integrity that is beyond reproach and has always advocated for the proper implementation of the law.” – **Dale Hall, CEO, Ducks Unlimited, and former Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (4/28/2017)**.
- “Mr. Bernhardt is a dedicated hunter-conservationist, and he is committed to facilitating the economic and conservation benefits that result from hunting. He has extensive knowledge and experience in crafting solutions to complex problems of restoring wildlife habitat and developing economic incentives and markets for conservation actions.” – **Boone and Crockett Club (5/11/2017)**.
- “Dave Bernhardt is an excellent choice to be Deputy Secretary. After I became Secretary of the Interior, Dave was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be the Solicitor, Interior's highest ranking legal officer. Dave provided wide counsel based on thoroughly understanding issues being decided. He is thoughtful and fair. The Solicitor's Office, Interior political and career staff and the Department's diverse stakeholders respected Dave's intellect, leadership and management skill. I commend President Trump and Secretary Zinke for selecting Dave to help manage a Department that has operations in all 50 states and many parts of the world.” – **Former Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne (4/28/2017)**.
- “Given Mr. Bernhardt’s familiarity with our Tribe’s story and his stellar qualifications, we believe that Mr. Bernhardt is well-positioned to help lead the Department of the Interior in a manner that respects the federal responsibility to Indian tribes and empowers tribal communities to exercise greater self-determination.” – **Southern Ute Indian Tribe (5/17/2017)**.
- “During his tenure at DOI, David was responsible for drafting a ten year plan to implement President George W. Bush’s Executive Order 13443, which expanded hunting opportunities on federal lands, as well as the management of game species and their habitats. He clearly understands the vital role hunters play in conserving our natural resources.” – **National Rifle Association of America (5/17/2017)**.
- “Mr. Bernhardt’s extensive experience with the diverse responsibilities and mandates of the Department and its agencies will allow him to move quickly into a leadership role and ensure a smooth transition...Mr. Bernhardt’s significant experience will ensure that issues are assessed and addressed quickly.” – **Delta Waterfowl (5/5/2017)**.

Other support includes the Archery Trade Association; Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Camp Fire Club of America; Colorado Water Congress; Colorado Water District; Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation; Conservation Force; Dallas Safari Club; Family Farm Alliance; Gila River Indian Community; Houston Safari Club; Masters of Foxhounds Association & Foundation; Mule Deer Foundation; National Cattlemen’s Beef Association; National Shooting Sports Foundation; National Wild Turkey Federation; Oneida Indian Nation; Orion – The Hunter’s Institute; Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable; Penobscot Nation; Pheasants Forever; Professional Outfitters and Guides of America; Public Lands Council; Quail Forever; Quality Deer Management Association; Quapaw Tribe; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Safari Club International; Seneca Nation of Indians; Shikar-Safari Club; Sportsmen’s Alliance; Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; Wild Sheep Foundation; Wildlife Forever; Wildlife Management Institute; and Wildlife Mississippi.



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

May 25, 2017

Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chair
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior

Dear Chairman Murkowski,

On behalf of the National Congress of American Indians, I am writing to express our support for David Bernhardt's nomination to serve as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Interior. The National Congress of American Indians advocates for policies that promote tribal sovereignty and a strong government-to-government relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States, and we believe that Mr. Bernhardt possesses the perspective, knowledge, and skills to serve as an able proponent of such policies.

As you know, Mr. Bernhardt worked for the Administration under President Bush and gained extensive experience with tribal government issues during that time. We believe he understands the complex challenges for economic development, law enforcement, education and transportation on tribal lands, and the need to support tribal solutions to address those challenges. Mr. Bernhardt also has experience working on tribal water rights, an issue that is vital to our future.

In his earlier work, Mr. Bernhardt placed considerable focus on trust mismanagement litigation. Most of that litigation has since been settled, and NCAI is encouraging a new focus on collaboration with tribal governments in implementing the Indian Trust Asset Management Reform Act of 2016. Together with Tribal Nations and Congress, we are starting a new path towards self-determination and economic development in tribal land management, and we urge continuing the restoration of the tribal land base to address the land loss and fractionation that are the legacy of failed policy eras of the past.

We believe Mr. Bernhardt is well positioned to help lead the Department of the Interior in a manner that respects and upholds the federal government's trust and treaty responsibilities to Indian tribes and empowers tribal communities to exercise greater self-determination. We urge the approval of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Cladoosby

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DU applauds nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 28, 2017 – Ducks Unlimited (DU), a leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation, looks forward to working with David L. Bernhardt, who was nominated by President Trump today to serve as the new Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), the department in charge of managing and conserving public land and natural resources in the United States. Bernhardt will serve under recently appointed Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke.

"I have known and worked with David Bernhardt for more than 10 years and could not be more pleased with his nomination for Deputy Secretary of the Interior," said Ducks Unlimited CEO Dale Hall. "He is a man with personal and professional integrity that is beyond reproach and has always advocated for the proper implementation of the law. We urge the Senate to quickly confirm Mr. Bernhardt for this extremely important position to the Department's expansive conservation responsibilities."

In 2006, Bernhardt was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to serve as the solicitor of the DOI. As solicitor, Bernhardt was the chief legal officer and third ranking official for the DOI.

Prior to serving as solicitor, he held several high-level positions with the DOI including Deputy Solicitor, Deputy Chief of Staff, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior and Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

In 2007, in addition to his DOI duties, Bernhardt was appointed by President George W. Bush to lead the International Boundary Commission between the United States and Canada where Bernhardt was responsible, along with his Canadian counterpart, for maintaining the 5,525-mile international boundary between these two nations.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 14 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. For more information on our work, visit www.ducks.org.

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May 11, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The Boone and Crockett Club writes to express its support for the nomination of David Bernhardt for the position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The Boone and Crockett Club has supported far-reaching conservation and hunting policy for over 125 years, since its founding by President Theodore Roosevelt. Through bold action, we have helped to build a system of conservation that has restored North American wildlife populations and habitat and is a model for the entire world. Mr. Bernhardt is a dedicated hunter-conservationist, and he is committed to facilitating the economic and conservation benefits that result from hunting. He has extensive knowledge and experience in crafting solutions to complex problems of restoring wildlife habitat and developing economic incentives and markets for conservation actions. He is keenly aware of the challenges of public access to public lands. Moreover, Mr. Bernhardt recognizes that hunters and anglers fund a large share of the habitat conservation work across the nation through license sales and self-imposed excise taxes on ammunition, tackle and firearms.

Having grown up hunting and fishing in rural western Colorado on public lands outside the town of Rifle, Mr. Bernhardt remains an active sportsman and recreational shooter.

In his previous capacity as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior under then-Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, Mr. Bernhardt, who was unanimously confirmed to serve, proved himself to be a champion for sportsmen, shooters and wildlife. We can expect no different if he is afforded the opportunity to serve as Deputy Secretary.

The Boone and Crockett Club is proud to offer its strong support of David Bernhardt and we ask for your support for his confirmation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

B.B. Hollingsworth, Jr.
President, Boone and Crockett Club

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Secretary Zinke Applauds Nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

4/28/2017

Last edited 4/28/2017



WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump today announced the nomination of Department of the Interior veteran David Bernhardt as the Interior's Deputy Secretary.

"I am excited to announce the President and I have selected Dave Bernhardt to help me lead the Interior Department," said Secretary Zinke. "Bernhardt's extensive experience

servicing under former Interior Secretaries Norton and Kempthorne and his esteemed legal career is exactly what is needed to help streamline government and make the Interior and our public lands work for the American economy."

"Dave Bernhardt is an excellent choice to be Deputy Secretary. After I became Secretary of the Interior, Dave was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be the Solicitor, Interior's highest ranking legal officer. Dave provided wide counsel based on thoroughly understanding issues being decided. He is thoughtful and fair. The Solicitor's Office, Interior political and career staff and the Department's diverse stakeholders respected Dave's intellect, leadership and management skill. I commend President Trump and Secretary Zinke for selecting Dave to help manage a Department that has operations in all 50 states and many parts of the world," said former Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne.

Bernhardt is an avid hunter and fisherman and recently served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has previously served as the United States Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission, U.S. and Canada.

From 2001 and 2009, he held several positions within the Department of the Interior, including serving as Solicitor. Previously he served then-Secretary Norton as a deputy solicitor, deputy chief of staff and counselor to the Secretary, and as director of congressional and legislative affairs and counselor to the Secretary. Currently, Bernhardt chairs the natural resource law practice at Brownstein, Hyatt Farber and Schreck, LLP.

A native of Rifle, Colorado, Bernhardt earned a B.A. from the University of Northern Colorado. He graduated with honors from the George Washington University National Law Center and is admitted to various state and federal court bars. He is married to Gena Bernhardt. They have two children, and reside in Arlington, Virginia.

The position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior is the Chief Operating Officer of the Department and Bernhardt's nomination is subject to confirmation by the United States Senate.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

May 17, 2017

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner
354 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for David Bernhardt to be Deputy Secretary for the Department of Interior

Dear Senator Gardner,

On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, I am writing to express our support for David Bernhardt's nomination to serve as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Interior. Our Tribe advocates for policies that promote Indian energy development, tribal sovereignty, Indian self-determination, and a positive government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States. As you know, Indian country faces many challenges, including reconsolidating fractionated lands, tribal economic development, and providing quality programs and services to tribal members.

After decades of disciplined governance and energy resource development, our Tribe has built an economy that is balanced, mature, and diversified. It is no exaggeration to say that our economy is the engine of growth and household incomes in southwest Colorado. As a result, our Tribe has long been involved in helping the Congress and federal agencies shape a rational, pro-development energy policy.

As a native of Colorado, Mr. Bernhardt is aware of our Tribe's unique history, particularly the role that meaningful self-determination coupled with prudent energy development has played in achieving economic prosperity for our Tribe, our tribal members, and surrounding communities. Given Mr. Bernhardt's familiarity with our Tribe's story and his stellar qualifications, we believe that Mr. Bernhardt is well-positioned to help lead the Department of the Interior in a manner that respects the federal trust responsibility to Indian tribes and empowers tribal communities to exercise greater self-determination. We urge swift approval of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Clement J. Frost
Chairman

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION
11250 WAPLES MILL ROAD
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030



Office of the Executive Director
CHRIS W. COX

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

I am writing to express the National Rifle Association's support for David Bernhardt's nomination as Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

Originally from Rifle, Colorado, David is an avid hunter, shooter, and fisherman. His commitment to preserving America's wildlife resources is rooted in his own experience as an outdoorsman.

David has extensive knowledge of DOI's operations, having served the Department in multiple capacities throughout his career. In 2006 he was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position of Solicitor, DOI's third-ranking official and chief legal officer. In that role, he provided a wide range of advice and counsel to various DOI agencies on legal and policy matters.

In addition, David served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia, where he currently lives with his wife and children. This experience has provided him with an understanding of the importance of federal-state partnerships in managing America's fish and wildlife populations.

During his tenure at DOI, David was responsible for drafting a ten year plan to implement President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13443, which expanded hunting opportunities on federal lands, as well as the management of game species and their habitats. He clearly understands the vital role hunters play in conserving our natural resources.

For these reasons, the NRA asks that the Senate quickly confirm David Bernhardt for the position of Deputy Secretary at DOI.

Sincerely,

Chris W. Cox



May 5, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

Delta Waterfowl is writing today in support of the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior. As an organization committed to the future of ducks and duck hunting, we believe Mr. Bernhardt has the experience, expertise and values necessary to conserve our vast and diverse natural resources while serving hunters, anglers and conservationists in this critically important role.

Mr. Bernhardt developed an early appreciation for hunting, fishing and public lands while growing up in Colorado, and these experiences have had a significant impact on his world view and professional life. We believe it is critically important that the Department of the Interior share these core values as one of the primary constituencies of Department are the millions of hunters and anglers who cherish the open spaces and access provided by our nation's public lands.

Mr. Bernhardt's extensive experience with the diverse responsibilities and mandates of the Department and its agencies will allow him to quickly move into a leadership role and ensure a smooth transition. There are a number of pressing priorities within the Department and Mr. Bernhardt's significant experience will ensure that issues are assessed and addressed quickly.

In closing, we request your support of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We believe he will be an effective member of the Department's leadership team and a key advocate for hunters, anglers, and conservationists. We appreciate your consideration of our perspective and thank you for your continued support for America's sportsmen-conservationists.

Sincerely,

John L. Devney
Vice President, U.S. Policy
Delta Waterfowl

Archery Trade Association * Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies * Boone and Crockett Club * Camp Fire Club of America * Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation * Conservation Force * Dallas Safari Club * Delta Waterfowl * Ducks Unlimited * Houston Safari Club * Masters of Foxhounds Association & Foundation * Mule Deer Foundation * National Shooting Sports Foundation * National Wild Turkey Federation * Orion – The Hunter's Institute * Pheasants Forever * Professional Outfitters and Guides of America * Quail Forever * Quality Deer Management Association * Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation * Safari Club International * Shikar-Safari Club * Sportsmen's Alliance * Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership * Wild Sheep Foundation * Wildlife Forever * Wildlife Management Institute * Wildlife Mississippi

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the millions of hunters, anglers, shooters and outdoor enthusiasts that our organizations represent, we are writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of David Bernhardt as the next Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Through his public service on Capitol Hill and in the Department of the Interior (DOI), Mr. Bernhardt has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to conserving and protecting our nation's natural, historic and cultural resources for the benefit of current and future generations.

David has a deeply held passion for conservation and historic preservation that is guided by his unwavering moral compass. David also has a strong track record of collaborating with diverse cross-sections of stakeholders to ensure that their best interests, not partisan politics, inform policy decisions that may affect them.

An avid hunter, angler and shooter, David recently volunteered his time to serve on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, Mr. Bernhardt understands the value of state and federal partnerships on issues such as ensuring that states retain primary jurisdiction over fish and wildlife within their borders, and interagency collaboration to enhance and expand the public's access to the lands that the public owns.

In 2006, Mr. Bernhardt was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to serve as the Solicitor of the Department of Interior. As solicitor, David was the chief legal officer and third ranking official for the Department. Prior to serving as Solicitor, David held several other positions at DOI including Deputy Solicitor, Deputy Chief of Staff, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior and Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

During his time at DOI, Mr. Bernhardt demonstrated his interest and ability in finding solutions to complex problems like restoring wildlife habitat and navigating the complexities of the Endangered Species Act. He served as an integral part of the administration that:

- Worked with Congress and administratively to create 15 new National Wildlife Refuges and emphasized recovery goals under the Endangered Species Act.
- Took efforts to conserve the populations of both the bald eagle and the Yellowstone grizzly bear that led to the recovery and removal of the bald eagle from the Endangered Species List; and the proposed delisting of the Greater Yellowstone grizzly bear population.
- Drafted 10-year plan to implement the Executive Order (E.O. 13443) to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities and the management of game species and their habitat.

We urge you to approve the confirmation of Mr. Bernhardt, so that the Senate may act to quickly confirm Mr. Bernhardt for this critical position at the Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

Archery Trade Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Boone and Crockett Club
Camp Fire Club of America
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Force
Dallas Safari Club
Delta Waterfowl
Ducks Unlimited
Houston Safari Club
Masters of Foxhounds Association &
Foundation
Mule Deer Foundation
National Shooting Sports Foundation
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Orion – The Hunter's Institute
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Quail Forever
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Sportsmen's Alliance
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Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute
Wildlife Mississippi



May 15, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources United States Senate
 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510
 VIA FAX 202-224-6163

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable (ORIR) supports the President’s nomination of David Longly Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, an appointment of great importance to the outdoor recreation industry. As the steward of more than 25% of the nation’s land-base – including prime recreation sites on public lands and waters drawing more than a billion visits annually – the Department is of vital importance to our industry and its customers.

Many of us have known David Bernhardt for years through his prior public service at the Department. We have found him responsive, intelligent and committed to cooperation among government agencies at all levels and the recreation community’s private sector. He understands that we manufacture, sell and service equipment ranging from RVs to boats, skis to fishing equipment and much more that make being outdoors fun. He understands that our industry has designed, built and now operates ski areas and lodging, campgrounds and marinas on public lands, and provides outfitter and guide services – again, helping Americans enjoy and benefit from the shared legacy of our national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, vast BLM-managed assets, the waters overseen by the Bureau of Reclamation and more.

David grew up with an appreciation of the outdoors in and around Rifle, Colorado, and those experiences have shaped his priorities and outlook. We worked with him in his role as Interior’s Director of Congressional Affairs on numerous issues, including the crafting of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, and later during his service as the department’s Deputy Chief of Staff and Solicitor.

The Department needs leadership from those aware of the complexities of balancing recreation, conservation and commodity purposes – and a person who understands that there are usually solutions to even very difficult matters if time is invested in understanding the full range of alternatives and then gaining broad buy-in by the range of interests involved in Interior topics.

Those leading the Department of the Interior will play a central role in determining whether the outdoor recreation industry, now estimated to generate \$887 billion in annual spending

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and supporting some 7.6 million jobs, will continue to grow and generate economic and health benefits and support long term community sustainability in areas with major public lands. We are convinced that Mr. Bernhardt will respond to these challenges and assist Secretary Zinke in very positive ways. We respectfully request that this letter and its message of support be included in the record of the May 18, 2017, confirmation hearing by your committee on this nomination.

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable is comprised of America's leading outdoor recreation trade associations, representing thousands of U.S. businesses that produce and provide equipment, gear, apparel, vehicles and services for some 150 million Americans who enjoy our nation's public lands, waterways, and byways. Spanning outdoor recreational activities such as boating, fishing, hunting, camping, snow sports and powersports, and including recreational vehicles, outdoor equipment and clothing used to pursue these activities, the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable is dedicated to growing diverse outdoor participation, expanding recreational access for Americans and promoting conservation. More information on ORIR is attached.

We look forward to working with Mr. Bernhardt and the team at the Department of Interior to advance the outdoor recreation sector, grow jobs in the U.S., and ensure robust public access and treasured experiences in the outdoors that also boost our nation's physical and mental well-being.

Sincerely,

American Recreation Coalition

Archery Trade Association

BoatU.S.

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Marine Retailers Association of America

Motorcycle Industry Council

National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC)

National Marine Manufacturers Association

National Park Hospitality Association

National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.

Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association

Recreation Vehicle Industry Association

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association

Specialty Equipment Market Association

Specialty Vehicle Institute of America

cc: Members, Energy and Natural Resources Committee, United States Senate



Colorado River District

Protecting Western Colorado Water Since 1937

May 23, 2017

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
(via email)

Dear Senator Gardner:

On behalf of the Colorado River Water Conservation District, I write to endorse and urge your support for confirmation of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior.

The Colorado River District has enjoyed working with David in a variety of capacities in the past. We have worked with David Bernhardt on both legislative and regulatory issues. He has always been advocate for western water and a problem-solver.

Mr. Bernhardt is highly qualified for this position. He spent his youth in Rifle, Colorado and learned water policy and water law from such exemplary mentors as Russell George and Scott McInnis. More recently, his service as the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior and his other D.C. experience will serve him and Interior extremely well in this new position. As a longtime advocate for western water, coupled with his understanding of both the legislative and regulatory process make him highly qualified to serve in this position.

The Department and the nation would be well served to have someone with David's qualifications and personal integrity in this position. The Colorado River District encourages your support and that of the US Senate for the prompt confirmation of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Kuhn, General Manager



Colorado Water Congress

THE LEADING VOICE OF COLORADO'S WATER COMMUNITY

May 15, 2017

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gardner,

On behalf of the Colorado Water Congress, we are writing to express our support for David Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior.

The Colorado Water Congress is the principal voice of Colorado's water community, and our Federal Affairs Committee fully supports Mr. Bernhardt's nomination. We have worked with David on issues affecting our water supplies; storage; delivery and conservation, as well as some regulatory issues, while he worked on Capitol Hill and the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Bernhardt is highly qualified to serve in this position. From his roots in Western Colorado to his prior service as the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior and in many other capacities, David has been a strong advocate for western water. Further, his thorough understanding of both the legislative process and natural resources law make him highly qualified to serve in this position.

David has been a public servant committed to the meaning of the term. He believes in and practices straight talk; is inclusive in consideration of issues brought before; explores all available options on the path to finding workable solutions in the real world where government actions impact real people. He has earned the trust of many because of his ability to communicate effectively and decide fairly.

The Department would be well served to have someone with David's qualifications and personal integrity in this position. Colorado Water Congress encourages the United States Senate to promptly confirm David Bernhardt's nomination so that the important work of the Department of the Interior can move forward.

Sincerely,

Doug Kemper
Executive Director

Andy Colosimo
Federal Affairs Committee Chair

Chris Treese
Federal Affairs Committee Vice Chair



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May 18, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairwoman
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Cantwell and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Family Farm Alliance (Alliance), we appreciate the opportunity to strongly endorse Mr. David Bernhardt as the next Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior).

The Alliance is a grassroots organization of family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts and allied industries in 16 Western states. The Alliance is focused on one mission: To ensure the availability of reliable, affordable irrigation water supplies to Western farmers and ranchers. We are also committed to the fundamental proposition that Western irrigated agriculture must be preserved and protected for a host of economic, sociological, environmental and national security reasons – many of which are often overlooked in the context of other national policy decisions.

Our organization works constructively with many federal departments and agencies, but the relationship we have with the Department of the Interior – and particularly, with the Bureau of Reclamation – is our closest.

We believe Mr. Bernhardt is a strong leader; a person with vision, common sense and high ethical standards. We have worked with Mr. Bernhardt in the past on several Western water issues and, as a Westerner himself, believe he understands the unique challenges faced by rural ag producers living in states where the federal government is the majority landowner and plays a significant role in the management of land and water that can impact our members.

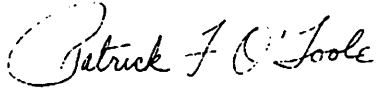
Mr. Bernhardt has extensive federal policy-level experience gained from his public service both as the Department of the Interior's chief legal counsel and as a policymaker who led efforts related to species conservation, conventional and alternative energy development, natural resources planning, environmental compliance, climate change and Indian affairs at the Department. He has a proven track record at Interior, where he was unanimously confirmed in 2006 by the United States Senate to serve as the Department Solicitor. Prior to serving as Solicitor, he held several other high-level positions in the George W. Bush Administration including: Deputy Solicitor, Deputy Chief of Staff, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior, and Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

As Solicitor, Mr. Bernhardt served with distinction as the Chief Legal Officer and third ranking official at Interior. He provided advice and counsel on a wide range of legal and policy matters to each of the agencies that make up the Department of the Interior, while leading a team of nearly 500 attorneys and staff.

It is our hope and expectation that Mr. Bernhardt will bring a level of practical experience, empathy for rural producers, and intelligence into this position that will serve not only the interests of the Trump Administration, but also farmers and ranchers throughout the Western United States.

The Family Farm Alliance respectfully requests your support of David Bernhardt's nomination as the next Deputy Secretary of Interior. We know he will serve our Nation well in this important position.

Sincerely,



Patrick O'Toole
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Dan Keppen
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May 10, 2017

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Heinrich:

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and recreational shooting sports industry. On behalf of our nearly 13,000 member companies nationwide, we write to express our strong support for the nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.

Having grown up hunting and fishing in rural western Colorado on public lands outside the town of Rifle, Mr. Bernhardt remains an active sportsman and recreational shooter.

In his previous capacity as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior under then-Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, Mr. Bernhardt, who was unanimously confirmed to serve, proved himself to be a champion for sportsmen, shooters and wildlife. We can expect no different if he is afforded the opportunity to serve as Deputy Secretary.

NSSF is proud to offer its strong support of David Bernhardt and we ask for your support for his confirmation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Keane

ONEIDA INDIAN NATION



ONEIDA NATION HOMELANDS

May 31, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski:

Re: Support for David Bernhardt, Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary Nominee

Shekóli. I write on behalf the Oneida Indian Nation in support of the confirmation of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Bernhardt's experience working for two Interior Secretaries during the Bush Administration convinces us that his knowledge of the Department and experience in dealing with the complex issues under its jurisdiction make him singularly well qualified for the Deputy Secretary position.

As Interior Solicitor, Mr. Bernhardt and his staff were involved in myriad thorny legal issues many of which involved Indian Country in some way, directly or indirectly. During his tenure as Solicitor, he was widely regarded as a thoughtful legal advisor to the Secretary and he was willing to defend final agency decisions in favor Indian tribes. Indeed, the United States Senate recognized his hard work and dedication when confirming him to serve as Interior Solicitor.

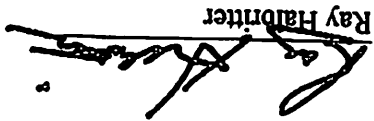
Further, as Mr. Bernhardt explained in his confirmation testimony of May 18, 2017, he has been recognized by tribal leaders for his work to resolve major Indian water rights disputes in Colorado, Arizona and Oklahoma. More importantly, we believe that Mr. Bernhardt understands the significance of tribal sovereignty, the real potential for tribal governments and non-tribal governments to resolve disputes by agreement where possible, and the constructive role that the federal government can play to support the negotiations and the resultant agreement.

While Mr. Bernhardt knows and respects the prerogatives of the Secretary, we think it significant that he knows and respects equally the obligation of full and meaningful government-to-government consultation before the United States takes actions that will impact Indian tribes.

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
May 31, 2017
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We respectfully urge the Committee to vote to report Mr. Bernhardt out of the Committee so that his nomination can be considered by the full Senate as soon as practicable.

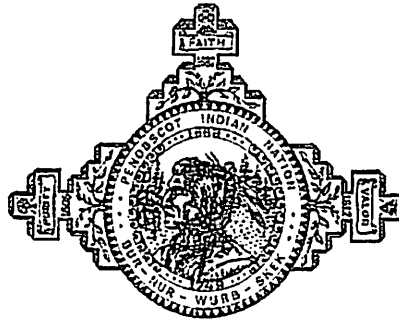
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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chair
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior Department

Dear Chair Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell,

On behalf of the Penobscot Nation, I write to express support for the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Although Mr. Bernhardt previously served at the Department during the Presidency of George W. Bush, the Penobscot Nation did not have any direct interaction with him. We are, however, aware of his interactions with other tribal nations during that time, who informed us that Mr. Bernhardt placed a priority on having honest and transparent interactions and utilizing processes that developed a record which would then provide guidance on the outcome of any decision-making. The Penobscot Nation supports these core principles for decision-making at the Department. For this reason, and those described below, we offer our support for Mr. Bernhardt's nomination.

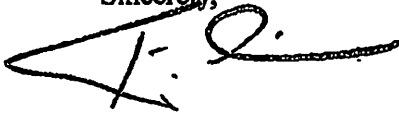
As described during the hearing on Mr. Bernhardt's nomination, his previous experience at the Interior Department makes him well-qualified to serve in the capacity of Deputy Secretary. Although, he did not interact with the Penobscot Nation during that time, we support the statements made by him during the recent hearing and believe that those views will provide a good foundation for interactions between the Department and tribal nations.

Mr. Bernhardt confirmed that consultation with tribal nations is a necessity and that it must be both meaningful and full. He provided assurances to Senator Martin Heinrich that funding for Indian programs are not suspect and there is a solid legal basis for such funding. He also assured Senator Jeff Flake that the Department will continue to play a constructive and appropriate role in the resolution of water disputes and tribal water issues. The Penobscot Nation agrees with these viewpoints and believes that the Department has a vital role in helping to protect the rights and trust assets of tribal nations.

Murkowski and Cantwell
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June 1, 2017

For the reasons described herein, we offer our support of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination and look forward to working with him in his capacity as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

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Kirk E. Francis
Chief



May 18, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Murkowski:

The Public Lands Council (PLC) and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the confirmation of David Bernhardt to be the Deputy Secretary of the Interior. PLC is the only national organization dedicated solely to representing the roughly 22,000 ranchers who hold federal grazing permits and operate on federal lands. NCBA is the beef industry's largest and oldest national marketing and trade association, representing American cattlemen and women who provide much of the nation's supply of food and own or manage a large portion of America's private property.

Mr. Bernhardt has a wealth of experience at the Department of the Interior, having previously served as the Department's Deputy Solicitor, deputy chief of staff and counselor to the Secretary, and as director of congressional and legislative affairs and counselor to the Secretary under former Interior Secretary Norton. He then went on to serve as the Solicitor under former Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. He is respected and widely regarded as a leader both inside and outside the Department. In his current capacity, Mr. Bernhardt leads the natural resource law practice at Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck, LLP and has his finger on the pulse of everything that is happening in the natural resource world. Finally, as a native of Colorado Mr. Bernhardt understands western issues and the unique challenges that our members face while operating on public lands in the west.

Western ranchers own approximately 120 million acres of the most productive private land in the west and manage nearly 250 million acres of public land. Ranchers who hold grazing permits on public land do vital work that benefits public land including the improvement of water sources, improvement of wildlife habitat, and maintaining the open space that Americans enjoy. Having leadership at the Department of Interior who understands public lands, and who values true cooperation with stakeholders is in the best interest of all Americans.

PLC and NCBA appreciate the opportunity to provide our input on behalf of our members – the nation's food and fiber producers. We urge the Senate to confirm Mr. Bernhardt without delay.

Sincerely,

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May 17, 2017

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Hon. Maria Cantwell
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Support for David L. Bernhardt to be Deputy Secretary – U.S. Department of the Interior

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

As veteran Senators from large western states, you know of the complexity of the issues affecting western communities. Management of federal and public lands, water, energy and natural resources and Indian affairs are but a handful of issues the U.S. Department of the Interior deals with on a daily basis.

In March 2017 the Senate --- rightly in my view --- voted overwhelmingly to confirm Ryan Zinke to be the Secretary of the Interior. His pro-active, upbeat, can-do attitude is the proper one to tackle the difficult issues facing Interior. Likewise, I believe David L. Bernhardt would be an excellent deputy to Secretary Zinke for the reasons mentioned below.

Mr. Bernhardt is a westerner by birth and orientation. In addition to an accomplished career in the private sector, he has experience working on Capitol Hill and spent 8 years in the Department of the Interior during the presidency of George W. Bush. Mr. Bernhardt wore many hats in his service to Secretary Gale Norton and Secretary Dirk Kempthorne in that 8-year period: Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Counselor to the Secretary, Deputy Chief of Staff, Deputy Solicitor, and Solicitor.

As you can imagine, these roles afforded Mr. Bernhardt the widest possible exposure to the most compelling issues of the day including species conservation, energy and natural resource development and management, environmental protection and compliance, and Indian affairs.

I have known and worked with Mr. Bernhardt for many years and know him to be of the highest integrity and professional competence. I therefore commend him to the Committee without hesitation and urge his swift confirmation by the United States Senate.

Sincerely,


JOHN L. BERREY
Chairman



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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
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RE: Support for Nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior

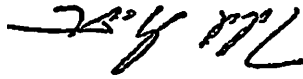
Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell,

I write on behalf of the Seneca Nation to support the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt to serve as the Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior. Our support is based on our previous interactions with Mr. Bernhardt when he served as the Solicitor for the Department during the Presidency of George W. Bush.

In his previous capacity as Solicitor, Mr. Bernhardt was asked to opine on the regulatory framework involving the interplay between the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Part 292 regulations regarding restricted fee lands. This was a complex matter that related to the Seneca Nation's ability to use funds from the Seneca Nation Settlement Act to purchase lands in restricted fee status and how those lands would be treated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. We found Mr. Bernhardt to be diligent, to consult with all stakeholders, to recognize the unique federal responsibility of the Department to tribal nations, and to form a record that carefully analyzed the relevant statutory and regulatory framework. More importantly, we appreciated Mr. Bernhardt not rushing the decision, but acting in a patient and deliberate manner to ensure that whatever the decision would ultimately be it was supported by an adequate record and analysis.

Given our prior interactions with Mr. Bernhardt, we believe that he will be a capable and competent Deputy Secretary who fully understands the relationship between the federal government and tribal nations and the appropriate role the Department of the Interior has to protect the trust assets of tribal nations but also support our self-determination.

Todd Gates, President
SENECA NATION OF INDIANS



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For these reasons, we support the nomination of Mr. David Bernhard to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Interior Department.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

“Putting Our People First”

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Monica Lynn Antone
Lieutenant Governor

June 1, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairwoman
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski,

I write on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community in support of the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Our support stems from our experience working with Mr. Bernhardt during his previous tenure as a senior official at the Department of Interior.

In particular, we negotiated extensively with Mr. Bernhardt on our water settlement—the Gila River Indian Community Water Rights Settlement that was enacted into law in 2004 as part of the Arizona Water Settlements Act. Mr. Bernhardt was a tough negotiator for the Department but also understood that the Community had legitimate rights to water. He was able to balance his role as an advocate for the Department with the understanding that the Department had a trust responsibility to the Community. Once a final settlement was reached, the Community found Mr. Bernhardt helpful in navigating the legislative process to ensure that Congress understood that the settlement benefited both the Community and the Federal government. As a result, the Community's water settlement was enacted into law and brought critical water resources to the Community and our members.

Based on our experience in negotiating and working on complex issues with Mr. Bernhardt we support his position as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We believe he has an understanding of tribal sovereignty and the United States' trust responsibility to tribal nations, including the Gila River Indian Community.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Roe Lewis
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**The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
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**The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
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May 11, 2017

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell,

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) supports the nomination of David Bernhardt to become the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The Department of the Interior has 10 major bureaus, 70,000 employees and manages more than 500 million acres of public land. The mission of the Department of Interior, to protect America's great outdoors and natural resources is of absolutely critical importance to our nation's \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy, which includes America's hunters and anglers.

The importance of the Department of Interior, the chief steward of our national public lands, requires a Deputy Secretary who understands how the department functions and understands the complexities associated with balancing the resource needs of our country, both now, and most importantly, for future generations of Americans. David Bernhardt will provide much needed departmental experience to the Interior leadership team at a time when important natural resource decisions with wide impact are being considered.

The Senate does have a responsibility to examine the potential conflicts of interest brought on by Mr. Bernhardt's private legal career, where he represented various parties with financial stakes in Department of the Interior decisions, and the TRCP supports this examination. In our experience, we have found Mr. Bernhardt to be fair, curious, thoughtful and committed to ensuring the Department of the Interior lives up to its responsibility to conserve the nation's lands and resources for future generations.

Mr. Bernhardt also boasts a first-hand appreciation for public lands, a critical component of his qualifications to help lead the Department. Growing up in Rifle, Colorado, Mr. Bernhardt enjoyed hunting and fishing on national public lands. These same lands were also heavily used for oil and gas production, giving him an early perspective about the necessity of balancing the many uses of our national landscapes. Mr. Bernhardt also understands the close partnership that must exist between the federal government and the states and our neighbors to the north and south. He served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia and was the United States Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission.

In summary, we believe that David Bernhardt has the experience, temperament and judgment to make an excellent Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior, and we support his nomination.

Sincerely,



**Whit Fosburgh
President and CEO
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**



United States Department of the Interior



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JUL 13 2017

Mr. Jeff Ruch
Executive Director
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
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Dear Mr. Ruch:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 9, 2017 and received by the National Park Service (NPS) on June 12, 2017. The Department of the Interior (DOI) tracking number for this request is NPS-2017-00890. Please cite this tracking number in any future communication with our office regarding your request.

Your request stated:

In April of this year, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke visited your area as well as Channel Islands National Park (CHIS). It is our information that the National Park Service (NPS) dispatched a boat to Santa Barbara to pick up Sec. Zinke and other parties to transport them to and back from CHIS. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) seeks records concerning this visit. Specifically, we request the following:

- *The names of all of the individuals in Sec. Zinke's party who were transported to CHIS;*
- *Records reflecting the costs incurred by NPS or CHIS in transporting Sec. Zinke and his party, including dispatching a boat, docking, driving, lodging, equipment or personnel costs incurred;*
- *Any records reflecting reimbursement of NPS expenses by Sec. Zinke, a member of his party or by anyone else; and*
- *Copies of all communications and records, including those internal to NPS, concerning Sec. Zinke's visit to CHIS, including any related emails, memos, logs, calendar entries, time and attendance records.*

Staff at Channel Islands National Park completed their search for responsive records and have forwarded them to this office as our policy requires when records must be withheld. We have

enclosed a total of 260 pages, which are being released to you in part. We have redacted parts of 60 pages under both FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. Please note that several pages contain redactions for multiple FOIA Exemptions.

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party... in litigation with the agency.” *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, attorney-client, and commercial information privileges. We are withholding nine pages in part under Exemption 5 because they qualify under the deliberative process privilege.

The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies and encourages the frank exchange of ideas on legal or policy matters by ensuring agencies are not forced to operate in a fish bowl. A number of policy purposes have been attributed to the deliberative process privilege. Among the most important are to: (1) assure that subordinates will feel free to provide the decisionmaker with their uninhibited opinions and recommendations; (2) protect against premature disclosure of proposed policies; and (3) protect against confusing the issues and misleading the public.

The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process” and may include “recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency.”

The materials that have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative. They do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. They are the result of frank and open discussions among employees of the Department of the Interior. Their contents have been held confidential by all parties and public dissemination of this information would expose the agency’s decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion within the agency, and thereby undermine its ability to perform its mandated functions.

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” *See* 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6). The phrase “similar files” covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens know what their government is up to. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which would be the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

We have withheld 59 pages in part. The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information such as names, home addresses, email addresses, cell phone numbers and personal medical or family information, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, you have not provided information that explains a relevant public interest under the FOIA in the disclosure of this personal information and we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure.

Deborah Bardwick, DOI Assistant Field Solicitor and Nancy Hori, NPS Pacific West Region FOIA Officer were consulted in this decision.

Your request for a fee waiver has been granted. Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the NPS response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the NPS concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and the NPS response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the NPS will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. §552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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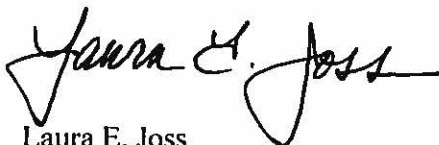
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Toll-free: (877) 684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison Charis Wilson by telephone at (303) 969-2959, by email at charis_wilson@nps.gov or by mail at 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, PO Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287.

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Sincerely,



Laura E. Joss
Regional Director
Pacific West Region

Attachments

cc: Russell E. Galipeau, Jr., Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park

Testimony of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke in support of the nomination of Captain Charles Stimson to the Department of Defense

Senate Armed Services Committee

Wednesday, July 11, 2017

Chairman McCain, Ranking Member Reed, and members of the Committee: it is an honor to be here today to tell you about an American patriot, a mentor, and a good friend, Captain Cully Stimson.

Captain Stimson is President Donald Trump's nominee for General Counsel of the United States Navy. I can think of no one more qualified for this job.

As a retired Navy SEAL Commander, I know just how important it is for the Navy to have the most-qualified individuals in positions of leadership, and the man I am introducing today fits the bill.

Captain Stimson and I served together in the Navy; he brings over two decades of experience as a lawyer, having first served in the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps, also known as the JAG Corps, in the 1990s.

In addition to our time together in the Navy, I also had the pleasure of working with him and Congressman DeStefano on a bill to ensure victims of sexual assault in the military receive the legal services they deserve.

To tell Captain Stimson's story is to tell of his lifetime of commitment to both his community and his country. He has been a leader from very early on, serving as Captain of the Men's Varsity Soccer Team at Kenyon College.

He went on to graduate from The George Mason University School of Law, and he joined the Navy as a young lawyer in 1992. For five years, he was on active duty, serving in both San Diego, California and London, England.

Captain Stimson was called back to active duty in 2001, to support the Joint Special Operations Task Force JAG for SEAL Group Two.

In President George W. Bush's administration, Captain Stimson was a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs, providing advice and counsel to Secretaries of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Robert Gates about the Pentagon's detention operations.

Since leaving public service, he has been with the Heritage Foundation as a Senior Legal Fellow and Manager of their National Security Law Program.

Captain Stimson has served our nation for over two decades in the Navy, more recently serving as Deputy Chief Judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary and an adjunct law professor and instructor at the Naval Justice School in a reserve capacity.

A bulleted list of Captain Stimson's professional achievements, however, does not paint the full picture of how this man has demonstrated himself to be the kind of high-character human being fit for service.

From teaching high school to coaching and mentoring hundreds, if not thousands, of young Americans, Captain Stimson has devoted countless hours to cultivating the next generation. He is Chairman of the Board of the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the charitable arm of U.S. Soccer, which offers assistance to more than 35,000 underserved and minority children.

A devoted family man, Captain Stimson has been married since 1995. He and his lovely wife adopted four orphans.

Captain Stimson is the epitome of a military officer, representing honor, integrity and service. He has always been the first one willing to help others, whether that has meant writing dozens of letters of recommendations for colleges, graduate schools, judicial clerkships, and jobs, or quietly paying the tuition of two of his mentees who could not afford to take the Law School Admission Test. He also founded the Bryon J. Horn Memorial Scholarship Fund, in honor of a fallen fraternity brother.

Captain Stimson is the type of public servant who is comfortable working across party lines. When President Obama's Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson was General Counsel of the Department of Defense, he and Stimson worked together on a number of tough issues aimed to keep our great nation safe.

This bipartisan partnership eventually led to Captain Stimson extending, and Johnson accepting, an invitation to speak to the Heritage Foundation.

In that speech, Secretary Johnson spoke about his job, and one line from his remarks stands out in particular. "The office of General Counsel of the Defense Department," he said. "Particularly in the post-9/11 world, is in the middle of many difficult, front page issues."

In his job as General Counsel of the Navy, Captain Stimson will confront a host of these difficult issues as well. I would not be here today if I did not have full confidence in his ability to tackle them.

Captain Stimson's partnership with Secretary Johnson was not an isolated event, either; he also developed partnerships with Stephen Preston, who served as General Counsel of both the Department of Defense and the CIA under President Obama. Preston recently spoke on a panel that Captain Stimson hosted at Heritage.

In my friend and brother-in-arms Captain Stimson, the Navy is gaining an imminently qualified attorney, an honorable military officer, and an individual with vast experience, and fidelity to the law and our country.

He has a long career of exemplary service in law and defense, and is an excellent fit for the position to which he was nominated.

I have no doubt he will be a wonderful General Counsel of the Navy.

ANTIETAM CEREMONY WITH INTERIOR SECRETARY RYAN ZINKE

Fact Sheet for July 5, 2017 Event

Speakers

Susan Trail, *Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield*

James Lighthizer, *President, Civil War Trust*

Will Shafroth, *President and CEO, National Park Foundation*

John L. Nau, III, *trustee of both the Civil War Trust and National Park Foundation*

Honorable Ryan Zinke, *U.S. Secretary of the Interior*

Purpose of Event

The purpose of today's event is two-fold: (1) to announce \$7.2 million in American Battlefield Land Grants for protection of battlefield land at 20 Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War sites in 9 states; and (2) to announce that Antietam National Battlefield will benefit from President Donald Trump's donation of \$78,333 for battlefield park maintenance, with his money matched by the Civil War Trust, the National Park Foundation, and the Save Historic Antietam Foundation.

American Battlefield Land Grants Program

The American Battlefield Land Grants Program is a federal matching grants program that encourages private-sector investment in battlefield preservation. The program, administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program (an arm of the National Park Service) and funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, has helped protect more than 28,500 acres of hallowed ground at Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefields.

Battlefields Receiving Grant Awards

At the ceremony today, Secretary Zinke announced \$7.2 million in American Battlefield Land Grants to protect 1,196 acres at 19 battlefields. The battlefields benefiting from the grants are: Prairie Grove, Ark.; South Mountain and Williamsport, Md.; Brices Cross Roads, Miss.; Fort Ann and Sackets Harbor, N.Y.; Brandywine, Pa.; Eutaw Springs, S.C.; Fort Donelson, Tenn.; Appomattox Courthouse, Fredericksburg, Gaines Mill, Kelly's Ford, Malvern Hill, New Market, Second Manassas, Third Winchester, and Trevilian Station, Va.; and Shepherdstown, W.Va.

President Trump's Donation for Battlefield Maintenance

Secretary Zinke also revealed that President Trump's donation for battlefield park maintenance, first announced this past April, will go toward preservation of the historic Newcomer House at Antietam, along with replacement of 5,000 linear feet of deteriorated rail fencing along the Hagerstown Turnpike where some of the most intense fighting of the battle occurred. The Civil War Trust, National Park Foundation and Save Historic Antietam Foundation presented a check of \$185,212 to match the President's \$78,333 gift, bring the total to \$263,545 for maintenance at Antietam.

About the Battle of Antietam

The Battle of Antietam, fought September 17, 1862, is one of the most significant battles in American history. Although the battle itself was a tactical stalemate, the Confederate Army under Gen. Robert E. Lee was forced to retreat south of the Potomac, ending Lee's first invasion of the North. Lee's retreat provided the Union cause with a strategic victory, enabling President Abraham Lincoln to release the Emancipation Proclamation, granting freedom to slaves in regions under Confederate control. The battle also marked the bloodiest day in American history, resulting in nearly 23,000 casualties.

RYAN D. NELSON

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EXPERIENCE

MELALEUCA, INC., Idaho Falls, ID, 2009 – present

General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

- Senior corporate management team member overseeing Legal and Policy Departments and managing all corporate compliance, litigation, and regulatory issues
- Successfully prosecuted several strategic litigation cases to protect the company's interests, resulting in millions of dollars in judgments and settlements
- Successfully defended company in dozens of regulatory actions by FDA, EPA, FTC and Departments of Labor and Transportation and international regulatory bodies
- Handled several legal issues and litigation resulting from political donations to Republican presidential and federal candidates
- Member of Executive Committee overseeing corporate growth from \$800 million to \$1.7 billion and worldwide expansion to 18 countries
- ABA Co-Chair for Corporate Counsel Committee, Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice (2014 - present)
- ABA Council Member, Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice (2015-17)

UNITED STATES SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, Washington, DC, 2009

Special Counsel for Supreme Court Nomination, for Ranking Member Senator Sessions

- Briefed senators and senior staff on legal issues for Supreme Court nomination
- Drafted speeches and questions for senators for nomination hearings
- Drafted legislative proposals and reviewed lower court judicial nominees

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, Washington, DC, 2008 - 2009

Deputy General Counsel, White House Office of Management and Budget

- Legal counsel to 500 OMB staff, providing legal direction to senior White House officials regarding regulatory, legislative, budgetary, management issues and Executive Orders
- Coordinated legal issues for dozens of significant rulemakings from agencies, including Interior, EPA, Agriculture, Treasury, Labor, SEC, FDA, Homeland Security, Transportation and Justice
- Reviewed appellate briefs addressing significant administration policies, including land use and environmental issues

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, DC, 2006 - 2008

Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment & Natural Resources Division

- Senior manager (second ranking) overseeing 700 Division attorneys and staff and hiring
- Personally argued 13 federal appellate cases in 9 of the 13 appellate courts on complex statutory, administrative law and constitutional issues
- Division counsel on 50 Supreme Court briefs on issues including ESA, Indian trust, land acquisition for border wall, NEPA, Clean Air Act, CWA, CERCLA, administrative law, constitutional and national security
- Advised federal agencies including Departments of Interior, Agriculture, and Energy and EPA on agency initiatives for rulemaking and enforcement actions

- Managed Appellate Section, overseeing 500 appeals in all federal courts of appeals defending agency rulemakings, enforcement actions and criminal prosecutions
- Managed Natural Resources and Wildlife Sections overseeing complex district court practice defending vital federal programs involving 200 environmental statutes

SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP, Washington, DC, 2001 - 2006

Practice Groups: Litigation and Appellate; Products Liability

- Argued appellate case and major dispositive motions on constitutional, administrative law, telecommunications and class action issues
- Drafted briefs in 12 Supreme Court cases and all federal courts of appeals on issues ranging from Alien Tort Statute and international law; First, Eighth, Eleventh and Fourteenth Amendments; Commerce, Copyright and Census Clauses; Guantanamo Bay litigation; and complex statutes such as antitrust, telecommunications, FDCA, and ADA
- Successfully represented Bayer Corp. in nationwide pharmaceutical mass tort litigation

HONORABLE CHARLES BROWER & RICHARD MOSK, IRAN-U.S. CLAIMS TRIBUNAL,
The Hague, Netherlands, 2000 - 2001

Law Clerk. Drafted legal opinions and memoranda, and negotiated international legal claims

HONORABLE KAREN HENDERSON, D.C. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, 1999 - 2000

Law Clerk. Drafted and edited opinions & memoranda, prepared for oral arguments on cases with heavy administrative law docket

UNITED STATES SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL, Washington, D.C., 1998 - 1999

Law Clerk. Drafted legal memoranda during Presidential impeachment trial

EDUCATION

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 1999

- *Magna cum laude*, J.D.; Order of the Coif; full scholarship
- Lead Articles Editor, BYU Law Review
- Moot Court, Best Brief and Oralist; Trial Competition, Finalist & Team Member

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, 1996

- *Cum laude*, Bachelor of Arts, English Literature; University Scholar full scholarship

SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- *Massachusetts v. EPA and Regulation of CO₂*, Florida State Bar; Washington, DC (2008)
- *Reducing CO₂ Emissions: Short-Term and Long-Term Strategies*; New York (2007)
- *Massachusetts v. EPA and Regulation of Greenhouse Gases*, Yale Federalist Society
- *Massachusetts v. EPA, The Domestic Response to Global Climate Change: Federal, State and Litigation Initiatives*; University of San Francisco (2007)
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Trial Clinic Instructor (2007)
- *Supreme Court 2005 Term Review and 2006 Term Preview*, Norfolk, VA (2006)
- *The Effects of Confirming and Vacating an International Arbitration Award on Enforcement in Foreign Jurisdictions*, 18 J. Int'l Arbitration 463 (2001) (with Richard M. Mosk)

Chairman Cedric Cromwell
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
483 Great Neck Road
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649

Dear Chairman Cromwell:

In 2012, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (Mashpee Tribe or Tribe) submitted an amended fee-to-trust application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to acquire approximately 321 acres of lands in the Towns of Mashpee and Taunton, Massachusetts in trust for the Tribe pursuant to Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA or Act). Having been federally acknowledged in 2007 pursuant to 25 C.F.R. Part 83, the Tribe sought the land as its initial reservation for purposes of tribal government, tribal housing, and economic development, including Indian gaming. Section 5 of the IRA (Section 5) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to acquire land in trust for “Indians.”¹ The IRA, in Section 19, defines “Indian” in three ways:

The term “Indian” as used in this Act shall include [1] all persons of Indian descent who are members of any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction, and [2] all persons who are descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation, and [3] shall further include all other persons of one-half or more Indian blood.²

On September 18, 2015, the Department of the Interior (Department) determined that the Tribe satisfied the IRA’s second definition of “Indian” as descendants of members of a recognized tribe occupying an Indian reservation in 1934.³ The Department based its determination in part on the Tribe’s long and continuous occupation of tribal lands in what is today Mashpee, Massachusetts. The Department also determined that phrase “such members” in the IRA’s second definition of “Indian” was ambiguous and was properly construed as referring only to the phrase “members of any recognized Indian tribe” in the first definition, but not the entire phrase, “members of any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction.” Accordingly, the Department’s reading did not incorporate the phrase “now under federal jurisdiction” from the first definition which,

¹ 25 U.S.C. § 5108. Prior to the 2016 reclassification of Title 25 by the Office of Law Revision Counsel, Section 19 had been codified as 25 U.S.C. § 465.

² 25 U.S.C. § 5129 (bracketed numerals added). Prior to the 2016 reclassification of Title 25 by the Office of Law Revision Counsel, Section 19 had been codified as 25 U.S.C. § 479.

³ U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record of Decision, Trust Acquisition for 151 Acres in the City of Taunton, Massachusetts, and 170 Acres in the Town of Mashpee, Massachusetts, for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (Sept. 18, 2015) (2015 Decision).

based on the Supreme Court's ruling in *Carciari v. Salazar*,⁴ requires a tribe seeking land in trust under the IRA to show it was under federal jurisdiction in 1934.

Residents of Taunton, Massachusetts filed suit challenging the 2015 Decision.⁵ On July 28, 2016 the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts ruled that the phrase "such members" in the IRA's second definition of "Indian" unambiguously incorporates the entire antecedent phrase "members of any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction," thereby incorporating the temporal limitation of the first definition.⁶ Because the Department's decision had not considered that issue, the District Court remanded to the Department for consideration in the first instance whether the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934.⁷ The Department thereafter established procedures by which the Tribe and the *Littlefield* plaintiffs (Littlefields) could submit evidence and arguments on the issue of whether the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934. The submission period closed on February 28, 2017.

I have assessed the parties' submission under the Department's two-part framework for interpreting "under federal jurisdiction" for purposes of the IRA, as set forth in M-37029.⁸ Having completed my review of the submissions and supporting documentation provided by the parties, and as explained in more detail below, I conclude that the Tribe's evidence does not demonstrate that the United States took an action or series of actions in or before 1934 that sufficiently establishes or generally reflects federal obligations, duties, responsibility for or authority over the Tribe. Based on the record before the Department I cannot conclude that the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934.⁹ I therefore regret to inform you that I cannot acquire land in trust for the Tribe under the IRA's first definition of "Indian," nor under the second definition as it has been interpreted by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

I. BACKGROUND

In 1975, the Tribe petitioned the Department for federal acknowledgment.¹⁰ Thirty-two years later, in 2007, the Department determined that the Tribe was entitled to acknowledgment as a federally recognized Indian tribe pursuant to the administrative

⁴ 555 U.S. 379 (2009) (*Carciari*).

⁵ *Littlefield v. United States DOI*, 199 F.Supp.3d 391 (D.Mass. 2016).

⁶ *Littlefield*, 199 F.Supp.3d at 399.

⁷ The district court decision contained language to the effect that the Tribe was not under federal jurisdiction in 1934. *See, e.g., Littlefield*, 199 F.Supp.3d at 397. The district court subsequently issued an order on October 12, 2016 clarifying that the 2015 Decision contained no such finding concerning the Tribe's jurisdictional status in 1934 and that the Secretary had presented no such argument to the court. *See Littlefield v. United States DOI*, No. 16-cv-10184, Dkt. 121 at 2 (D. Mass. Oct. 12, 2016).

⁸ The Meaning of 'Under Federal Jurisdiction' for Purposes of the Indian Reorganization Act, Op. Sol. Interior M-37029 (Mar. 12, 2014) (M-37029).

⁹ As of April 6, 2017, the authority for off-reservation land-into-trust acquisitions for gaming lies with the Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. *See Delegated Authority for Off-Reservation Fee to Trust Decisions*, Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs to All Regional Directors (Apr. 6, 2017).

¹⁰ Proposed Finding for Federal Acknowledgment of the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Incorporated of Massachusetts, 71 Fed. Reg. 17,488 (Apr. 6, 2006).

procedures set forth at 25 C.F.R. Part 83.¹¹ That determination was based on the research and analysis of the historians, anthropologists, and genealogists in the Department's Office of Federal Acknowledgment, who supported the conclusion that the Tribe satisfied the criteria for federal acknowledgment.¹² The Department based its decision on evidence showing that the Tribe's members and ancestors had maintained consistent interaction and significant social relationships since the time of first sustained contact with Europeans in the seventeenth-century, through the colonial and Revolutionary eras up until the present time. The Tribe presented evidence showing that nearly all the Tribe's members lived in a defined geographical area, namely, the Town of Mashpee (or "Marshpee" as it was formerly known), which was inhabited almost exclusively of the Tribe and its members.¹³ The decision also relied on evidence showing that the Tribe had also continued to maintain an autonomous political existence as a tribe from the time of first sustained contact to the present.¹⁴ Moreover, the Tribe had shown that nearly all of its members (97%) descended from the historical Tribe identified by outside observers in the nineteenth-century.¹⁵ The Department published a proposed finding in favor of federal acknowledgment in 2006¹⁶ and its final determination in 2007.¹⁷ The Tribe's acknowledgment became effective on May 23, 2007.¹⁸

A. Fee-to-Trust Application

In 2007, the Tribe submitted applications seeking to have the Department acquire certain lands in trust for the Tribe's benefit pursuant to the authority of Section 5 of the IRA, including a parcel totaling approximately 170 acres in Mashpee, Massachusetts (Mashpee parcel). It later amended its application in March 2012 so as to remove certain parcels and add a 150-acre parcel near the Town of Taunton, Massachusetts (Taunton parcel).

The Tribe sought trust land in order to meet the present and future needs of its members by providing land for self-determination and self-governance, housing, education, and cultural preservation.¹⁹ The Mashpee parcel included culturally significant sites such as the Mashpee Old Indian Meeting House and historic Tribal burial grounds that have been used by the Tribe and its members for centuries.²⁰ Revenue from economic development would be used to enhance the Tribe's ability to preserve its history and community by funding the preservation and restoration of culturally significant sites.²¹ The Tribe showed a need for economic development to create sufficient revenue to meet the needs of tribal members, many of whom are unemployed with incomes below the poverty

¹¹ Final Determination for Federal Acknowledgment of the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Inc. of Massachusetts, 72 Fed. Reg. 8007 (Feb. 22, 2007).

¹² 2015 Dec. at 59.

¹³ MWT FD at 9.

¹⁴ MWT FD at 18.

¹⁵ MWT FD 30, 34; 72 Fed. Reg. at 8,009.

¹⁶ 71 Fed. Reg. 17,488 (Apr. 6, 2006).

¹⁷ See 72 Fed. Reg. 8,007 (Feb. 22, 2007); 73 Fed. Reg. 18,553, 18553-54 (Apr. 4, 2008).

¹⁸ 72 Fed. Reg. at 8,009.

¹⁹ 2015 Dec. at 7.

²⁰ 2015 Dec. at 6, 15, 110.

²¹ 2015 Dec. at 8.

level.²² Because the Tribe’s members also face serious needs for housing, the Tribe would use revenue for economic development to fund construction of tribal housing and programs such as the Wampanoag Housing Program and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.²³ The Tribe intended to use the Mashpee parcel for tribal administrative purposes, tribal housing, and cultural purposes. It intended to use the Taunton parcel for economic development by the construction and operation of a gaming facility under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.²⁴

1. *Carcieri v. Salazar*, 555 U.S. 379 (2009)

While the Tribe’s 2007 application was pending, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*,²⁵ which considered the Secretary’s trust-acquisition authority under Section 5 of the IRA. Section 5 provides the Secretary discretionary authority to acquire land in trust for “Indians.” As noted above, Section 19 of the IRA includes the following three definitions of “Indian”:

The term “Indian” as used in this Act shall include [1] all persons of Indian descent who are members of any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction, and [2] all persons who are descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation, and [3] shall further include all other persons of one-half or more Indian blood.²⁶

Carcieri held that the word “now” in the first definition of “Indian” refers to the time of the IRA’s passage in 1934. The Court did not further address the meaning of the phrase “under federal jurisdiction,” however, finding no need to do so in the context of the case.²⁷ As a result, it was left to the Department to utilize its expertise in interpreting and applying Section 19’s temporal qualification and the meaning of “under federal jurisdiction.”

2. Department’s *Carcieri* Framework

To continue implementing the IRA in accordance with the holding in *Carcieri*, the Department was required to determine the meaning of the phrase “under federal jurisdiction” and to consider what evidence could demonstrate it.²⁸ The Department

²² 2015 Dec. at 7.

²³ 2015 Dec. at 8.

²⁴ 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.

²⁵ 555 U.S. § 379 (2009).

²⁶ 25 U.S.C. § 5129.

²⁷ *Carcieri* also did not address the Secretary’s authority to acquire land in trust for groups that fall under other definitions of “Indian” in Section 19 of the IRA.

²⁸ The Meaning of ‘Under Federal Jurisdiction’ for Purposes of the Indian Reorganization Act, Op. Sol. Interior M-37029 at 4 (Mar. 12, 2014) (M-37029). The Department announced its framework for interpreting “now under federal jurisdiction” in a December 2010 record of decision to acquire land in trust for another tribe, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record of Decision, Trust Acquisition of, and Reservation Proclamation for the 151.87-acre Cowlitz Parcel in Clark

considered the text of the IRA and concluded the Act did not establish the meaning of “under federal jurisdiction” and that the phrase itself had no plain meaning.²⁹ A review of its legislative history suggested only that Congress intended the phrase to qualify the expression “recognized Indian tribe” in some manner.³⁰ Based on this, the Department determined that the phrase “under federal jurisdiction” had no clear and unambiguous meaning and that Congress had left an interpretive gap for the agency to fill.³¹

The Solicitor closely considered the IRA’s text, remedial purpose, and legislative history, as well as the Act’s early implementation by the Department and concluded that “under federal jurisdiction” requires a tribe to show that the United States exercised jurisdiction over the tribe at some point in or before 1934 and that such jurisdictional status remained intact as of 1934.³² By requiring evidence of particular exercises of federal jurisdictional authority, the Solicitor rejected the assertion that the phrase “under federal jurisdiction” has a plain meaning that is synonymous with Congress’ plenary authority over tribes pursuant to the Indian Commerce Clause.³³ Under that view, every Indian tribe as such could be considered “under federal jurisdiction.”³⁴ Agreeing that the general principle of plenary authority served as the relevant backdrop to the analysis, the Solicitor determined that *Carcieri* required a tribe to do more by showing indicia of federal jurisdiction that demonstrate the federal government’s exercise of responsibility for and obligation toward a tribe and its members in or before 1934.³⁵

M-37029 establishes a two-part inquiry for ascertaining whether a tribe was “under federal jurisdiction” as of 1934. The first step requires a tribe to show that the United States took an action or series of actions in or before 1934 that sufficiently established or generally reflected federal obligations, duties, responsibility for or authority over the tribe.³⁶ The second step of the inquiry is to ascertain whether that jurisdictional status continued through 1934.

M-37029 describes the types of evidence that may be used at step one of the “under federal jurisdiction” analysis.³⁷ A tribe might provide evidence of a course of dealings or

County, Washington, for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe (Dec. 17, 2010). Issued while the Mashpee Tribe’s own fee-to-trust application was pending, the Cowlitz analysis formed the basis for the framework in M-37029.

²⁹ M-37029 at 18.

³⁰ M-37029 at 17.

³¹ M-37029 at 17, citing *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council*, 467 U.S. 837, 840-843 (1984).

³² M-37029 at 18-19.

³³ M-37029 at 17.

³⁴ See *United States v. Holliday*, 70 U.S. 407, 419 (1866) (tribes, as such, are placed by the Constitution within the control of Congress); William Wood, “Indians, Tribes, and (Federal) Jurisdiction,” 65 KANSAS L. REV. 415, 422 (2017) (whether federal jurisdiction exists with respect to a particular people involves a singular inquiry into whether they continue to exist as a distinct Indian community such that the federal Indian affairs jurisdiction attaches to them). See also *United States v. Sandoval*, 231 U.S. 28, 46 (1913) (Congress may not arbitrarily bring a body of people within its plenary authority by arbitrarily calling them an Indian tribe).

³⁵ M-37029 at 17.

³⁶ M-37029 at 19.

³⁷ The broad range of the Solicitor’s non-exclusive list of evidence reflects that the federal government applied its Indian policies “to numerous tribes with diverse cultures” and necessarily “fluctuate[d]

other relevant acts by the federal government for or on behalf of the tribe or, in some instances, its members.³⁸ In some cases, one federal action can, in and of itself, conclusively establish that a tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934, obviating the need to consider the tribe's broader history.³⁹ In other cases a variety of federal actions, when viewed together, can demonstrate that a tribe was under federal jurisdiction. This might include, for example, guardian-like actions taken by the United States, or a continuous course of federal dealings with a tribe.⁴⁰ Such evidence may include federal approval of contracts between a tribe and non-Indians or enforcement of the Trade and Intercourse Acts (Indian trader, liquor laws, and land transactions).⁴¹ Such evidence might also consist of actions by the Office of Indian Affairs or other federal officials with respect to the tribe and its affairs⁴² evidencing the Federal Government's obligations, duties to, acknowledged responsibility for, or power or authority over a particular tribe.⁴³

Once having identified that the tribe was under federal jurisdiction prior to 1934, the second question is to ascertain whether the tribe's jurisdictional status remained intact in 1934. For some tribes, the circumstances or evidence will demonstrate that the jurisdiction was retained in 1934.⁴⁴ In some instances, it will be necessary to explore the universe of actions or evidence that might be relevant to such a determination or to ascertain generally whether certain acts are, alone or in conjunction with others, sufficient indicia of the tribe having retained its jurisdictional status in 1934.⁴⁵

3. Tribe's Prior *Carciari* Submissions

In September 2012, the Tribe submitted a detailed discussion of its statutory eligibility with supplementary exhibits totaling more than 300 pages.⁴⁶ The Tribe's 2012

dramatically as the needs of the Nation and those of the tribes changed over time." *United States v. Lara*, 541 U.S. 193, 202 (2004).

³⁸ M-37029 at 19.

³⁹ See e.g., *Shawano County v. Acting Midwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs*, 53 I.B.I.A. 62 (2011) (Secretarial calling of vote to accept or reject IRA necessarily recognizes tribe as under federal jurisdiction). See generally Theodore H. Haas, *Ten Years of Tribal Government Under I.R.A.* (1947) (specifying, in part, tribes that either voted to accept or reject the IRA).

⁴⁰ M-37029 at 19.

⁴¹ M-37029 at 19.

⁴² The OIA had responsibility for the administration of Indian reservations and the implementation of Indian legislation. M-37029 at 19.

⁴³ M-37029 at 19.

⁴⁴ M-37029 at 19.

⁴⁵ M-37029 at 19.

⁴⁶ Letter, MWT Chairman Cedric Cromwell to Assistant Secretary Donald "Del" Laverdure (Sept. 4, 2012) (MWT 2012 Letter). The Tribe elaborated on the arguments and evidence contained in its September 2012 submission with follow-up submissions in 2012 and 2013. See Chairman Cedric Cromwell to Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Donald "Del" Laverdure (Sept. 4, 2012); Arlinda Locklear, Esq. to Bella Wolitz, Esq. Dep't of the Interior, Knoxville Field Solicitor's Office (Nov. 5, 2012); *same* (Nov. 29, 2012). The Tribe had included a discussion of the Secretary's statutory authority to take land in trust for the Tribe in light of *Carciari* when it amended its application in 2010. 2010 App. The Tribe asserted that *Carciari* did not impair the Secretary's authority to acquire land in trust for the Tribe but deferred providing supplementary evidence or detailed discussion of the issue. 2010 App. at 9. The Tribe also claimed that amendments to the IRA in 1994 prohibited the Department from making any decision or determination that

submission offered two different views of why the Tribe should be considered to have been “under federal jurisdiction” in 1934 for purposes of the IRA’s first definition of “Indian.”

The Tribe first argued that, by operation of law, it had been under federal jurisdiction since 1789.⁴⁷ This argument relied on three separate claims. First, that by reserving specific rights to the Tribe in the colonial era, the British Crown had created “functional treaty” obligations to which the United States later succeeded.⁴⁸ Second, that the Tribe had always exercised and maintained aboriginal fishing and other usufructuary rights on lands the Tribe had ceded over time.⁴⁹ Third, a federal trust relationship had always existed by virtue of federal common law and the Indian Trade and Intercourse Act regardless of attempts by Massachusetts to extinguish the Tribe’s title to its lands.⁵⁰ Next the Tribe argued that it was under federal jurisdiction in 1934 by virtue of particular, affirmative acts of federal supervision from before 1934, which included the federal government’s consideration and ultimate rejection of whether to subject the Tribe to the federal Removal Policy in the 1820s; federal supervision of Mashpee students at the Carlisle Indian school at the turn of the twentieth century; and the inclusion of Mashpee Indians in both general and Indian-specific Federal censuses.⁵¹

In addition to arguing that the Tribe satisfied the IRA’s first definition of “Indian,” however, the Tribe’s 2012 submission argued that the Tribe independently satisfied the second definition of “Indian,” which defines “Indian” to include “all persons who are descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation.”⁵² The Tribe argued that the lands in the Town of Mashpee that it had continuously occupied for centuries constituted a “reservation” for purposes of the IRA’s second definition of “Indian.”⁵³ It did not, however, address the other components of the second definition.

B. Department’s September 2015 Decision

On September 18, 2015, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) Kevin K. Washburn issued a record of decision (2015 Decision) to acquire the Mashpee and Taunton parcels in trust for the Tribe.⁵⁴ The Department determined that it had statutory authority to acquire the lands in trust for the Tribe under the second definition of “Indian”

disadvantaged or diminished its rights as a federally recognized tribe relative to other recognized tribes. *Id.*, citing 25 U.S.C. § 5126(f) [476(f)].

⁴⁷ MWT 2012 Letter at 2.

⁴⁸ MWT 2012 Letter at 2.

⁴⁹ MWT 2012 Letter at 3.

⁵⁰ MWT 2012 Letter at 3.

⁵¹ MWT 2012 Letter at 3.

⁵² MWT 2012 Letter at 3; 25 U.S.C. § 5129.

⁵³ MWT 2012 Letter at 31-36.

⁵⁴ U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record of Decision, Trust Acquisition for 151 Acres in the City of Taunton, Massachusetts, and 170 Acres in the Town of Mashpee, Massachusetts, for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (Sept. 18, 2015) (2015 Dec.).

set forth in IRA Section 19.⁵⁵ As a result, the Department found it unnecessary to decide whether the Tribe could also qualify under the first definition.⁵⁶

The 2015 Decision detailed the Department's interpretation and application of Section 19's second definition of Indian, that is, "all persons who are descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation." The Department found that the phrases "descendants," "such members," and "any Indian reservation" to be ambiguous, compelling the Department to review the statutory language and legislative history, and to consider the Department's prior implementation of the Act.⁵⁷

1. Interpretation of Ambiguous Terms

The Department found it unclear whether the phrase "such members" in the second definition referred only to the expression "members of any recognized Indian tribe" or to "members of any recognized Indian tribe *now under Federal jurisdiction*."⁵⁸ Among other things, the Department concluded that "such members" was ambiguous and was properly construed as referring back to the phrase "members of any recognized Indian tribe" in the first definition of "Indian," and not the entire phrase "members of any recognized now under federal jurisdiction." The Department reasoned that incorporating all of the requirements of the first definition would render the second definition largely redundant of the first definition. .⁵⁹

The Department found that the IRA does not define "Indian reservation"⁶⁰ and that Section 19 left unclear whether its residency requirement applied to the members of a recognized Indian tribe or to their "descendants." The Department concluded that Congress apparently removed the definitions of these terms contained in the original draft bill of the IRA⁶¹ so as to leave such determinations to the Department's expertise in order

⁵⁵ 2015 Dec. at 79.

⁵⁶ 2015 Dec. at 79. *See* 80 Fed. Reg. 57,848 (Sept. 25, 2015). The BIA accepted title to the parcels in trust on behalf of the United States for the benefit of the Tribe on November 10, 2015, and proclaimed them the Tribe's initial reservation.

⁵⁷ 2015 Dec. at 80.

⁵⁸ 2015 Dec. 93-95 (emphasis added for clarity). The Department also found ambiguous the phrase "descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing...on an Indian reservation." Neither the Act's language nor its legislative history made clear whether it was the members or their descendants who had to be in residence on June 1, 1934. If the former, then the category of individuals eligible for trust acquisitions under the second definition of "Indian" would be open to all descendants. If the latter, however, eligibility would be limited to the closed class of descendants alive and residing on the reservation in 1934.

⁵⁹ 2015 Dec. at 93. The Department additionally determined that Congress intended the second definition to be independent of the first as shown by the use of the conjunction "and" to link the two definitions. *Id.* Further, it would have been redundant for Congress to incorporate "under federal jurisdiction" into the second definition at a time when it was well-established that Indian residents of a reservation were automatically under federal authority. 2015 Dec. at 94.

⁶⁰ 2015 Dec. at 81.

⁶¹ 2015 Dec. at 82. While Congress did not explain its emendation, Commissioner John Collier elsewhere emphasized that the bill was designed to be flexible to meet unique problems arising across Indian country. *Id.* at 83.

to accommodate the particular circumstances of each tribe and reservation.⁶² The Department's later implementation of the IRA showed that reservations established and primarily regulated under state law could be considered "reservations" for purposes of the second definition.⁶³ This was consistent with the historical evolution of the concept of a "reservation," which evolved alongside federal policy.⁶⁴ Current federal regulations contain different definitions of the term "reservation,"⁶⁵ while the Department's own Handbook on Federal Indian Law described the different forms a reservation may take and the different methods by which they are created.⁶⁶ The Department ultimately concluded that at the time Congress enacted the IRA, the generally accepted understanding of "Indian reservation" meant lands set aside for Indian use and occupation through a variety of ways,⁶⁷ which in turn required a case-by-case evaluation to determine whether a specific tract qualifies as such and what its "present boundaries" might be.⁶⁸

The Department conducted a comprehensive, fact-intensive legal analysis of the Tribe's eligibility under Section 19 in light of the Department's interpretation of "reservation."⁶⁹ The Department examined the Tribe's continuous history in the Town of Mashpee from before European contact until modern times,⁷⁰ relying on extensive historical documentation, including materials assembled before the Office of Federal Acknowledgment when considering the Tribe's petition for federal acknowledgment. The record showed the Tribe's long-standing relationship with the lands now comprising the Town of Mashpee and the intertwined relationship between the Tribe, the British Crown and Province of Massachusetts before the United States was founded.⁷¹ The record showed the recognition and protection of that relationship by the Crown and Colonial governments and by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, separate and apart from protections later enacted by the United States, such as the Non-Intercourse Act.⁷² It further showed that the federal government had considered the Tribe as inhabiting a reservation in the 1820s when considering implementation of the federal removal policy.⁷³

The Department determined that the historical record showed that a reservation had been set aside for the Tribe's occupation and use under the protection of the colonial court and government, and that such reservation continued to exist and continued to be occupied by Mashpee tribal members through 1934.⁷⁴ Based on this information, the Department found that the Tribe was composed of descendants of members of a recognized Indian

⁶² 2015 Dec. at 83.

⁶³ 2015 Dec. at 87-88.

⁶⁴ 2015 Dec. at 95.

⁶⁵ 2015 Dec. at 95, comparing 25 C.F.R. §§ 151.20 and 292.2.

⁶⁶ 2015 Dec. at 96-97.

⁶⁷ 2015 Dec. at 98.

⁶⁸ 2015 Dec. at 98-99.

⁶⁹ See 2015 Dec. at 101-120.

⁷⁰ 2015 Dec., at 101 ff..

⁷¹ 2015 Dec. at 102.

⁷² 2015 Dec. at 110-112. 25 U.S.C. § 177.

⁷³ 2015 Dec. at 104-105.

⁷⁴ 2015 Dec. at 113-119.

tribe.⁷⁵ Accordingly, the Department determined that it had the authority to acquire land in trust for the Tribe's benefit under the IRA's second definition of "Indian."

C. *Littlefield* Litigation

On February 4, 2016, certain residents of the City of Taunton brought suit in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts under the Administrative Procedure Act⁷⁶ challenging the Department's decision to acquire land in trust for the Tribe.⁷⁷ In addition to challenging the Department's interpretation of the IRA's second definition, the Littlefields claimed, among other things, that the Department erred by concluding that the Tribe satisfied the second definition.⁷⁸ The parties subsequently filed cross-motions for summary judgment on that claim.⁷⁹

On July 28, 2016, the District Court ruled, contrary to the Department's position, that the phrase "such members" as it appears in the IRA's second definition of "Indian" unambiguously incorporates the entire antecedent phrase "members of any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction" in the first definition and remanded the matter to the Secretary for further proceedings consistent with the court's opinion.⁸⁰ The district court's decision included language suggesting that the Court further concluded that the Tribe was not under federal jurisdiction in 1934. Because the Department had expressly declined to reach that issue in the 2015 Decision, however,⁸¹ the Department sought reconsideration or clarification by the court of its July 28, 2016 order.⁸²

On October 12, 2016, the district court clarified its July 28, 2016 decision.⁸³ The court explained that its previous ruling had held that in order to qualify as an eligible beneficiary under the IRA's second definition of "Indian," the Tribe must have been under federal jurisdiction in 1934.⁸⁴ The court noted that the 2015 Decision included no such finding based on the Department's conclusion that the second definition did not incorporate the "under federal jurisdiction" phrase.⁸⁵ The court therefore clarified that it

⁷⁵ 2015 Dec. at 112. Since the Tribe had also shown that its current members included persons who had resided on the Mashpee reservation in 1934 as well as descendants thereof, the Department found no need to address whether the second definition's residency requirement applied to "descendants" or "members." 2015 Dec. at 100.

⁷⁶ 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706.

⁷⁷ *Littlefield, et al. v. United States Dep't of the Interior*, Case No. 16-CV-10184 (D. Mass.).

⁷⁸ Plaintiffs' remaining causes of action challenged the Department's conclusions that the Tribe had significant historical connection to the City of Taunton; that the distinct Mashpee and Taunton parcels could together form the Tribe's "initial reservation"; and that the Tribe's Mashpee lands constituted a "reservation" for purposes of the IRA. Plaintiffs' fifth cause of action challenged Section 5 of the IRA as an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority. Plaintiffs further sought to collaterally attack the Tribe's federal acknowledgment. *See* Complaint at ¶¶ 91-96.

⁷⁹ *Littlefield v. United States Dep't of the Interior*, 16-CV-10184 (D. Mass.), Dkt. Nos. 55, 59 (July 7, 2016).

⁸⁰ *Littlefield v. United States DOI*, 199 F.Supp.3d 391, 400 (D. Mass. 2016).

⁸¹ Dkt. 87 at 22.

⁸² Dkt. 99 (Aug. 24, 2016).

⁸³ Dkt. 121 (Oct. 12, 2016).

⁸⁴ Dkt. 121 at 2.

⁸⁵ Dkt. 121 at 2.

would be “no violation of the Court’s [July 28] order should the agency wish to analyze the Mashpees’ eligibility under the first definition of ‘Indian’” or to “reassess the Mashpees’ eligibility under the second definition consistent with the Court’s ruling on the proper interpretation of that definition.”⁸⁶

Although the Department initially filed a notice of appeal challenging the district court’s interpretation of the IRA, the Department ultimately moved for voluntarily dismissal of its appeal.⁸⁷ The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit granted the Department’s motion for voluntary dismissal on May 8, 2017. Because the Department is bound to apply the district court’s interpretation of the IRA’s second definition in this remand proceeding, I therefore may grant the Tribe’s land-into-trust application under the IRA’s second definition only if I find that the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934.

D. Remand Proceedings

On December 6, 2016, the Department notified the parties to the *Littlefield* litigation of the procedures to be followed on remand.⁸⁸ The Department invited the Tribe to submit by January 6, 2017, any evidence or argument it wished the Department to consider in determining whether the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934 for purposes of the IRA. The Department provided Plaintiffs with a thirty-day window in which to respond to the Tribe’s submission, and it provided the Tribe with a final 15-day window in which to reply. The Tribe provided its opening submissions on December 21, 2016 and January 5, 2017. Plaintiffs requested and received an extension of time to submit their response, which Plaintiffs ultimately filed on February 14, 2017. The Tribe’s reply was timely submitted to the Department on February 28, 2017. On April 19, 2017, the Department notified the parties that its decision would issue by June 19, 2017.⁸⁹

II. DISCUSSION

I first summarize the arguments presented by the Tribe and the Littlefields on remand. I next address the Littlefields’ request for the “vacatur” of M-37029 and its two-part framework and explain why M-37029 governs my analysis. I then set out the standard of review under M-37029 and discuss the parties’ interpretations thereof. Applying the M-37029 framework to the record before me, I conclude that the evidence submitted by the Tribe fails to show particular exercises of federal authority sufficient to conclude that the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in or before 1934.

⁸⁶ Dkt. 121 at 2.

⁸⁷ Motion to Voluntarily Dismiss Appeal, *Littlefield, et al. v. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior*, No. 16-2481 (1st Cir. Apr. 27, 2017).

⁸⁸ See Letters, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary- Indian Affairs Lawrence Roberts to Adam Bond, Cedric Cromwell, Matthew Frankel, David Tennant (Dec. 6, 2016).

⁸⁹ Email, Associate Solicitor – Indian Affairs Eric Shepard to the parties (Apr. 19, 2017).

A. Summary of Arguments

1. Mashpee Tribe Opening Brief

Part one of the Tribe's opening submissions addresses the single legal question of whether the historical relationship between the Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (State) precludes the possibility of federal jurisdiction over the Tribe.⁹⁰ The Tribe argues that the federal government's authority over Indian affairs is paramount throughout the United States, including within the original thirteen states. While some of the original thirteen states exercised authority over tribes within their borders, the federal government assumed plenary authority over tribes everywhere upon ratification of the United States Constitution in 1788. Assertions of state authority over tribes within a state cannot and do not oust paramount federal authority, which may be exercised at any time and which can only be terminated by Congress. Based on these principles, the Tribe argues that Massachusetts's treatment of the Tribe and its members could not, as a matter of law, oust the federal government's supreme jurisdictional authority. The Tribe explained that by 1882 the State had ceased treating the Tribe as Indians, having enacted legislation making Tribal members state citizens and making Tribal lands into alienable fee property. The Tribe asserts that federal officials erred in and around 1934 in claiming that the Tribe remained under state jurisdiction. Instead, the Tribe argues, the Tribe at that time was solely within the federal government's Indian affairs authority.

Part two of the Tribe's opening submissions addresses the evidence of the Tribe's federal jurisdictional status before and in 1934. The Tribe claims that, viewed in totality, its evidence indisputably shows exercises of federal jurisdiction over the Tribe.⁹¹ Largely repeating its 2012 arguments (*see above*), the Tribe offers general and particular grounds why it was "under federal jurisdiction" in 1934. Broadly, the Tribe argues for being under federal jurisdiction as a matter of law based on "treaty-like" obligations of the British Crown to which the United States later succeeded; federal restraints against alienation of the Tribe's aboriginal lands; and the continuing existence of usufructuary rights into the twentieth-century. More particularly, the Tribe claims it was placed under federal jurisdiction through specific federal activities, including considering the Tribe for removal in the 1820s; federal policy recommendations concerning Massachusetts tribes in the 1850s; mention of the Tribe on federal censuses between 1850 and 1910; and the enrollment of Tribal students at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in the early decades of the 1900s. The Tribe offered as further evidence of specific federal acts including references to the Tribe and its history in federal reports or studies in 1888, 1890 and 1935.

⁹⁰ Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, "The Early Relationship Between The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe And The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts Cannot Preclude Federal Jurisdiction Under The IRA" (Dec. 21, 2016).

⁹¹ Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, "The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Is Eligible For Land Into Trust Under the Indian Reorganization Act As A Tribe Under Federal Jurisdiction In 1934" (Jan. 5, 2017) (MWT Op. Br.).

2. Littlefield Response

The Littlefields submitted a 112-page response to the Tribe's submission on February 14, 2017.⁹² They devote nearly half to arguing for the "vacatur" of Solicitor's Opinion M-37029. The remainder offers several arguments to refute the Tribe's claims and show that the Tribe could not be under federal jurisdiction under any test. The Littlefields first contend that the United States is judicially estopped from finding that the Tribe was recognized and under federal jurisdiction in 1934, based on 1970s litigation finding that the Tribe lacked standing to bring claims under the Nonintercourse Act. They next argue that the Tribe cannot show it was under federal jurisdiction because its history of state jurisdiction cannot meaningfully be distinguished from that of the Narragansett Tribe, which *Carcieri* concluded was not under federal jurisdiction in 1934. The Littlefields also reject the particular forms of evidence submitted by the Tribe, arguing that *Carcieri* requires evidence of federal actions akin to a treaty, legislation, or formal benefits enrollment with the Office of Indian Affairs. The Littlefields conclude by arguing that Office of Indian Affairs officials disclaimed responsibility for the Tribe in and around 1934, conclusively showing the Tribe could not then have been under federal jurisdiction.

3. Mashpee Tribe Reply

The Tribe submitted its reply to the Littlefield Response on February 28, 2017.⁹³ The Tribe's Reply includes a new argument not raised in the Tribe's opening submissions.⁹⁴ The Tribe in its Reply additionally argues that because the Tribe occupied a reservation in 1934, as the Department in its 2015 Decision determined, it was automatically eligible to conduct a vote under IRA Section 18 to approve the IRA, and that such eligibility alone should be dispositive of its jurisdictional status.

Second, the Tribe argues that its 2007 federal acknowledgment entailed a finding of continuous tribal existence for all purposes of federal law. Based on this, the Tribe also claims that the Littlefields' argument for collateral estoppel amounts to an improper collateral attack on the acknowledged status of the Tribe.

Third, the Tribe presents arguments showing why the Narragansett Tribe's history is not relevant. The Tribe contends that Narragansett's jurisdictional status was never at issue in the *Carcieri* litigation, which turned instead on the meaning of "now" in the IRA's first definition of "Indian." The Tribe further argues that unlike with Mashpee, the federal government retroactively disclaimed jurisdiction over the Narragansett in 1934.

The Tribe also challenges the evidentiary standard relied on by the Littlefields. The Tribe contends that the test does not require an active guardian-ward relationship in effect in 1934 or even specific evidence from the year 1934. The Tribe further contends that the Littlefield Response confuses two distinct issues, namely, whether Massachusetts'

⁹² Citizens Group, "Submission on Remand, *Littlefield, et al. v. Department of the Interior*, No. 16-10184 (D. Mass 2016) (Littlefield Resp.).

⁹³ Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, "Reply to Citizens' Group Submission on Remand, *Littlefield, et al. v. Department of the Interior*, No. 16-10184 (D. Mass., 2016) (Feb. 28, 2017) (MWT Reply).

⁹⁴ The Littlefields raised no objection to the Tribe's new argument.⁹⁵ MWT Reply at 31 ff.

exercise of jurisdiction over the Tribe could preclude federal jurisdiction, and whether federal officials in 1934 could waive federal jurisdiction in favor of state jurisdiction over a tribe. The Tribe concludes that state jurisdiction cannot, as a matter of law, preclude federal jurisdiction over Indian affairs and, separately, that M-37029 specifically states that once federal responsibility to a tribe attaches, only Congress may terminate it.

The Tribe concludes by denying that its evidence is episodic or insubstantial, as the Littlefields claim. The Tribe further notes the Littlefields' purported failure to address the Tribe's continued occupation of its aboriginal territory and the unique legal consequences thereof.⁹⁵ According to the Tribe, this forms a "fundamental feature" of the Tribe's interaction with the United States that must be viewed with the Tribe's other evidence of federal jurisdiction.

B. Littlefield "Vacatur" Request

The Littlefields devote nearly half of their Response to argue for the "vacatur" of M-37029 for being contrary to law and for lacking any meaningful test for determining when a tribe is *not* under federal jurisdiction in 1934.⁹⁶ While signed M-opinions are binding on Departmental offices and officials, including the Assistant-Secretary – Indian Affairs,⁹⁷ they may be modified by the Secretary, Solicitor, or Deputy Secretary.⁹⁸ The courts to have thus far assessed its interpretive framework have upheld its interpretation of IRA Section 19 and its two-step procedure for determining when a tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934.⁹⁹

⁹⁵ MWT Reply at 31 ff.

⁹⁶ See Littlefield Resp. at 2, 8-49. Despite being aimed at M-37029, the Littlefields include numerous arguments in this section of their Response that in fact challenge the merits of the Tribe's submissions, not M-37029.

⁹⁷ U.S. Dep't of the Interior, Departmental Manual, Part 209, ch. 3.2(A)(11), available at <http://elips.doi.gov/elips/>. See also *Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Ass'n v. Andrus*, 500 F. Supp. 1338, 1341-42 (D. Wyo. 1980), *rev'd on other grounds and remanded*, 696 F.2d 734 (10th Cir. 1982) (Solicitor's opinions considered the "law of the Department"). The Secretary has delegated the authority to perform all the legal work of the Department to the Solicitor, 209 DM 3.1(A), who has responsibility for issuing final legal interpretations in the form of published M-Opinions on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Department. 209 DM 3.2(A)(11).

⁹⁸ 209 DM 3.2(A)(11).

⁹⁹ See *Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Cmty. of Or. v. Jewell*, 75 F.Supp.3d 387 (D.D.C. 2014), *aff'd*, 830 F.3d 552 (D.C. Cir. 2016), *cert. den. sub nom. Citizens Against Reservation Shopping v. Zinke*, 137 S.Ct. 1433 (2017); *Cent. N.Y. Fair Bus. Ass'n v. Jewell*, No. 6:08-cv-0660 (LEK/DEP), 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38719 (N.D.N.Y. Mar. 26, 2015), *aff'd*, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 21965 (2d Cir. 2016), *petition for cert. filed*, (U.S. Mar. 9, 2017) (No. 16-1135) (deferring to Department's reasonable interpretation of "under federal jurisdiction"); *Citizens for a Better Way v. United States DOI*, No. 2:12-cv-3021-TLN-AC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 128745, at *54 (E.D. Cal. Sep. 23, 2015) (upholding Department's reliance on IRA Section 18 vote in 1935 as dispositive evidence of being "under federal jurisdiction" for purposes of IRA Section 5); *Stand Up for Cal.! v. United States DOI*, 204 F. Supp. 3d 212, 282 (D.D.C. 2016) (same); *No Casino in Plymouth and Citizens Equal Rights Alliance v. Jewell*, 136 F. Supp. 3d 1166 (E.D. 2015), *appeal docketed*, No. 15-17189 (9th Cir. Nov. 3, 2015); *County of Amador v. Jewell*, 136 F. Supp. 3d 1193 (E.D. 2015), *appeal docketed*, No. 15-17253 (9th Cir. Nov. 13, 2015).

Many of the Littlefields' arguments for vacatur in addition seem misdirected, going as they do to the merits of the Tribe's remand submissions.¹⁰⁰ Such arguments have less to do with M-37029's interpretive framework than with how the Littlefields think it should be applied to the Tribe's submissions. The actual vacatur arguments the Littlefields proffer have two targets. The first is M-37029's interpretation of "under federal jurisdiction," which the Littlefields challenge as contrary to the IRA's purpose, intent, and historical context. The Littlefields claim that Congress intended to limit the IRA's benefits only to "restricted" Indians who were impoverished, uncivilized, and not state citizens. As explained below, such views have no support in the text or legislative history of the IRA.

The Littlefields' second aim is the two-step test for assessing jurisdictional status under M-37029. The Littlefields claim the test is inadequate since it can be satisfied easily by virtually any tribe, contrary to the decision in *Carciari*. They further attack the kind of evidence M-37029 suggests may be used as insufficient. The Littlefields separately challenge the second step of M-37029's jurisdictional test, which considers whether a tribe's pre-1934 jurisdictional status (if any) continues or not through 1934. This includes two extraordinary claims: first, that Congress does not have sole authority to terminate a tribe; and second, that the courts may also terminate a tribe's acknowledged status when a tribe fails to continuously maintain a "tribal" status. These arguments find no support in judicial precedent or congressional enactments, and they run counter to the Constitutional foundations of the federal Indian affairs authority. I briefly address and reject the Littlefields' criticisms of M-37029 before turning to the question whether the Tribe's submissions meet its two-part framework, concluding that they unquestionably fall short.

1. Meaning of "UFJ"

The Littlefields claim that the interpretation of UFJ in M-37029 is contrary to law for several reasons. They first argue that UFJ must be interpreted narrowly to include only "restricted Indians" having a guardian-ward relationship with the United States who (1) had financial need; (2) were "unassimilated"; and (3) were not state citizens. Ignoring M-37029's exhaustive analysis of the legislative history behind the IRA, the Littlefields derive the requirement of financial need from the IRA's general "historical context." They assert that the Act was a "Depression-era" statute intended to limit benefits to Indians who "truly needed the Federal Government's ... support."¹⁰¹ The Littlefields' suggested "restricted Indian" and "unassimilated" criteria derive from the Meriam Report, a *pre*-Depression study of the history and status of the federal government's implementation of the General Allotment Act. The plain language of the IRA, however, provides no support for the criteria suggested by the Littlefields, who do not dispute that the phrase "under federal jurisdiction" is ambiguous and subject to more than one interpretation. Neither the Act's plain terms nor its legislative history suggest that its

¹⁰⁰ See, e.g., Littlefield Resp. at 15 (arguing legal effect of Massachusetts' extension of state citizenship to Tribe in 1869); 30 (significance of federal correspondence with Tribe in 1930s); 44-45 (discussing effect Mashpee land-claim litigation); 25-32 (arguing similar historical circumstances means that *Carciari*'s finding of no federal jurisdiction for Narragansett Tribe renders Mashpee ineligible as well); 39-40 (challenging reliance on Carlisle Indian School records).

¹⁰¹ Littlefield Resp. at 11.

benefits are conditioned by financial need, much less “civilizational” status. Nor would that make sense, since the Act’s benefits are not directly financial, but instead meant to assist Indians in reorganizing their communities and replacing lost opportunities for economic development in the wake of the discredited General Allotment Act.

Next, the Littlefields argue that M-37029 is an “administrative nullification” of *Carcieri* that ignores the benchmark the Supreme Court set for the Narragansett Tribe.¹⁰² This argument goes to the substance of the evidence submitted by the Tribe on remand, not the Solicitor’s interpretation of UFJ in M-37029. It further misrepresents *Carcieri*, which did not offer an interpretation of UFJ, much less establish a “benchmark” for use by other tribes, finding instead that the parties had already conceded that the Narragansett were not under federal jurisdiction in 1934.¹⁰³

2. Test of Federal Jurisdiction

a. Criteria

In addition to attacking M-37029’s legal foundation generally, the Littlefields challenge its two-part framework for assessing federal jurisdiction particularly.¹⁰⁴ The Littlefields offer broad, conclusory assertions about the test while offering no evidence in support of their claims. For example, they claim that M-37029’s two-step test is “too loosely structured”; may be satisfied by any listed evidence “*or, remarkably, without any of them*” (emphasis original); “basically any historical facts can count”; offers no meaningful guidance; amounts to “we know it when we see it” test; and is an “absurdity” that thwarts judicial review.¹⁰⁵ Courts, after considering arguments such as these, have consistently upheld the test set forth in M-37029 as reasonable,¹⁰⁶ and the Littlefields’ own arguments rely on examples of its prior application.¹⁰⁷

Consistent with their misunderstanding of the IRA’s legislative intent, the Littlefields argue that the test under M-37029 should be narrower. The Littlefields inaccurately assert that M-37029 does not address “a key limiting principle” of the IRA, namely, “living under federal tutelage,” which the Littlefields do not otherwise define.¹⁰⁸ To the contrary, M-37029’s exhaustive review of the IRA’s legislative history¹⁰⁹ expressly noted that it includes references to “more limiting terms such as ‘federal supervision,’ ‘federal guardianship,’ and ‘federal tutelage.’”¹¹⁰ Nevertheless the Solicitor concluded in M-37029 that, by relying “on the *broader* concept of under federal jurisdiction,” Congress chose not to rely on those terms.¹¹¹ The Littlefields assert that the jurisdictional analysis

¹⁰² Littlefield Resp. at 25, 47.

¹⁰³ M-37029 at 5. *See Carcieri*, 555 U.S. at 399.

¹⁰⁴ Littlefield Resp. at 32-39.

¹⁰⁵ Littlefield Resp. at 32, 38, 39.

¹⁰⁶ *See, supra*, n. 97.

¹⁰⁷ Littlefield Resp., App. A (table detailing evidence relied on by the Department in prior determinations of “under federal jurisdiction” status).

¹⁰⁸ *See, e.g.*, Littlefield Resp. at 8.

¹⁰⁹ M-37029 at 6-12 (analyzing legislative history).

¹¹⁰ M-37029 at 11, n. 71.

¹¹¹ M-37029 at 11-12, n. 71 (emphasis added).

should rely on criteria including financial need,¹¹² Indian service enrollment,¹¹³ and “assimilated”¹¹⁴ or civilizational status¹¹⁵ (which the courts might evaluate at any time¹¹⁶), including state citizenship.¹¹⁷ The Littlefields offer no authority for limiting the meaning of “under Federal jurisdiction” in this way, nor do they offer any examples of the type of records that might be used to satisfy their criteria.

I conclude that the Littlefields’ interpretation runs counter to the plain text and legislative history of the IRA. Though they claim to derive their criteria from the IRA’s historical context as a “Depression-era law,”¹¹⁸ they rely primarily on a pre-Depression study of the General Allotment Act’s implementation published six years before the IRA’s enactment.¹¹⁹ Further, as even the Littlefields note, Congress added the phrase “now under federal jurisdiction” to restrict the IRA’s *first* definition of “Indian.”¹²⁰ Its other provisions contain no reference to “assimilation” or state citizenship, and nowhere does the IRA require means-testing.¹²¹ The remaining provisions of Section 19 make plain that the benefits of the IRA may extend to Indians based on their degree of Indian ancestry or on their status as Eskimos or aboriginal peoples of Alaska.¹²²

b. Evidence

The Littlefields favorably offer Justice Breyer’s view that the “under federal jurisdiction” requirement implies an obligation that is “jurisdictional in nature.”¹²³ Under Justice Breyer’s view, they claim, evidence to show a jurisdictional act must be more than a casual contact with a tribe. It must be dispositive, “something like a federal treaty, congressional appropriation, or direct supervision through the Indian Office,” and must generally go beyond contacts with individuals.¹²⁴ Yet M-37029 already takes this approach. It rejects any test of under federal jurisdiction that relies only on Congress’ plenary authority as inconsistent with the decision in *Carcieri*. Far from the

¹¹² Littlefield Resp. at 11.

¹¹³ See Littlefield Resp. at 16, n. 7.

¹¹⁴ Littlefield Resp. at 11 (IRA distinguishes unassimilated “long hairs” from Indians “assimilated as state citizens”).

¹¹⁵ See, e.g., Littlefield Resp. at 11ff. (purpose of IRA is to provide emergency relief to unassimilated Indians).

¹¹⁶ Littlefield Resp. at 35.

¹¹⁷ Littlefield Resp. at 16.

¹¹⁸ Littlefield Resp. at 11, 15.

¹¹⁹ See M-37029 at 6, n. 40, citing The Institute for Govt. Research, Studies in Administration, *The Problem of Indian Administration* (1928).

¹²⁰ See Littlefield Resp. at 13-14, citing *To Grant to Indians Living under Federal Tutelage the Freedom to Organize for Purposes of Local Self-Government and Economic Enterprise: Hearing on S. 2755 Before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs*, 73rd Cong. at 237 (May 17, 1934); see also M-37029 at 10. The District Court has since determined, contrary to the Department’s interpretation of Section 19, that the second definition of “Indian” incorporates the jurisdictional requirement of the first.

¹²¹ The IRA provides no direct financial benefits, but is instead intended to restore measures of political economic self-determination.

¹²² The Littlefields err in their description of the IRA’s third definition of “Indian,” which does not, on its face, require a showing of “more than ½ [Indian] blood.” Littlefield Resp. at 13 (emphasis added).

¹²³ Littlefield Resp. at 29, citing *Carcieri*, 555 U.S. at 399.

¹²⁴ Littlefield Resp. at 30.

“administrative nullification” the Littlefields claim,¹²⁵ M-37029 instead expressly acknowledges that *Carciere* counsels the Department to point to “some indication...*beyond* the general principle of plenary authority to show that a tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934.”¹²⁶

M-37029 includes a discussion of the kinds of historical evidence that can show federal jurisdiction over a tribe, including treaties, congressional appropriations, and direct federal supervision.¹²⁷ But it also notes that a one-size-fits-all list of evidence types would not reflect the changing nature of federal Indian policy over time, from treaty-making to legislation to assimilation and allotment.¹²⁸ As a result, the types of federal actions that might show that a tribe was under federal jurisdiction may differ depending on the tribe and when first contact with non-Indians occurred.¹²⁹ However, my determination that the Tribe fails to satisfy the two-part analysis set forth in M-37029 eliminates any need to address the Littlefields’ hypothetical claims whether a reasonable alternative analysis exists.

Finally, I note that the view that only Congress may terminate a tribe’s government-to-government relationship with the United States, which the Littlefields characterize as “extreme,”¹³⁰ is in fact the view of Congress itself. In 1994 Congress expressly stated that a tribe acknowledged by Congressional legislation, administrative procedures, *or* judicial decision “may not be terminated *except by an Act of Congress*.”¹³¹

¹²⁵ Littlefield Resp. at 47.

¹²⁶ M-37029 at 18 (emphasis added).

¹²⁷ M-37029 at 14-16; 19-21.

¹²⁸ M-37029 at 14. *See also* *Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Cmty. of Or. v. Jewell*, 830 F.3d 552, 565 (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied sub. nom. Citizens Against Reservation Shopping v. Zinke*, 137 S.Ct. 1433 (2017) (contextual analysis takes into account the diversity of kinds of evidence a tribe might be able to produce, as well as evolving agency practice in administering Indian affairs and implementing the statute).

¹²⁹ The Littlefields also reject the jurisdictional significance of elections called by the Secretary pursuant to Section 18 of the IRA. Littlefield Resp. at 38. They equate a tribe’s vote to reject the IRA with a rejection of federal jurisdictional authority. That mistakes the exercise of tribal self-determination for the federal exercise of Indian affairs jurisdiction, however, and neglects that the Indians who vote in a Section 18 election only do so *after* federal officials determine their eligibility – that is, conclude that they are eligible Indians over whom the federal government has jurisdiction. The Littlefields’ view is also contrary to federal law. In 1983, Congress enacted the Indian Land Consolidation Act (ILCA). Pub. L. N. 97-459, 96 Stat. 2517, as amended. ILCA expressly directs that Section 5 of the IRA “shall apply to *all* tribes” notwithstanding the opt-out provisions of Section 18. 25 U.S.C. § 2202. As the majority in *Carciere* stated, “[Section] 2202 by its terms simply ensures that tribes may benefit from [Section 5] *even if they opted out of the IRA pursuant to [Section 18]*.” 555 U.S. at 394-95 (emphasis added). *See also* *Upstate Citizens for Equal., Inc. v. United States*, 841 F.3d 556, 572 (2d Cir. 2016) (emphasis original), citing 25 U.S.C. § 2202.

¹³⁰ Littlefield Resp. at 36. M-37029 relies on this settled principle of law in pointing out that the failure by federal officials to take actions on behalf of a tribe or their disavowal of legal responsibility toward a tribe may not, in themselves, necessarily reflect a termination or loss of jurisdictional status “absent express congressional action.” M-37029 at 20.

¹³¹ Pub. L. No. 103-454, § 103, 108 Stat. 4791 (Nov. 2, 1994) (emphasis added). *See, e.g., United States v. Zepeda*, 738 F.3d 201, 211 n.11 (9th Cir. 2013) (“Congress has declared that it alone has the authority to terminate a tribe’s federally recognized status”); *Stand Up for Cal.! v. United States DOI*, 204 F. Supp. 3d 212, 301 (D.D.C. 2016) (tribe recognized through legislation, part 83 or by US court decision may not be terminated without an Act of Congress); *Muwekma Tribe v. Babbitt*, 133 F. Supp. 2d 30, 37 (D.D.C. 2000). *See also* *Baker v. Carr*, 369 U.S. 186, 216 (1962), citing *United States v. Sandoval*, 231 U.S. 28, 46 (1913)

C. Standard of Review

As already explained,¹³² the Department construes the phrase “now under federal jurisdiction” in light of *Carciere* as requiring a two-part inquiry.¹³³ The first part considers whether a tribe can show that the United States took an action or series of actions in or before 1934 that establish, or that generally reflect, federal obligations, duties, responsibility for or authority over the tribe by the federal government.¹³⁴ Such actions could include a course of dealings or other relevant acts for or on behalf of the tribe or, in some instances, its tribal members.¹³⁵ Evidence of such action might be specific to the tribe, such as treaties and treaty negotiations; the approval of contracts between a tribe and non-Indians; enforcement of the Trade and Intercourse Acts (Indian trader, liquor laws, and land transactions); or the provision of health or social services to a tribe. Other evidence might include actions by the Office of Indian Affairs, which exercised administrative jurisdiction over tribes, individual Indians, and their lands.

Where a tribe can establish it was historically under federal jurisdiction, the second part of the test ascertains whether there exists evidence or circumstances sufficient to demonstrate that the tribe’s jurisdictional status remained intact as of 1934.¹³⁶ The lack of federal actions following the original establishment of jurisdiction does not, in itself, necessarily reflect a termination or loss of the tribe’s jurisdictional status since in some instances a tribe’s federal jurisdictional status may have continued even where federal officials thought otherwise.¹³⁷

D. Analysis

M-37029 requires that I first determine whether the Tribe’s submissions demonstrate a federal action or series of actions establishing or reflecting federal obligations, duties,

(settled that Congress has right to determine for itself when guardianship over Indians shall cease); *Shinnecock Indian Nation v. Kempthorne*, No. 06-CV-5013 (JFB) (ARL), 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 75826, at *28 (E.D.N.Y. Sep. 30, 2008) (federal recognition of Indian tribes poses a political question for Congress -- or, by delegation, the BIA -- to decide in the first instance and for federal courts to review pursuant to the APA only after a final agency determination), citing *Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe of Indians v. Weicker*, 39 F.3d 51, 60 (2d Cir. 1994); *Kahawaiolaa*, 386 F.3d at 1276; *Miami Nation of Indians of Ind., Inc. v. Dep’t of Interior*, 255 F.3d 342, 346-48 (7th Cir. 2001); *Western Shoshone Business Council v. Babbitt*, 1 F.3d 1052, 1057 (10th Cir. 1993); *James v. United States Dep’t of Health & Human Servs.*, 824 F.2d 1132, 1137 (D. C. Cir. 1987); *Samish Indian Nation v. United States*, 419 F.3d 1355, 1372-73 (Fed. Cir. 2005). As this further suggests, there is no basis in law for the Littlefields’ unusual claim that the courts may *revisit* acknowledgement determinations from time to time to ensure a tribe’s continuing adherence to recognition criteria. Littlefield Resp. at 35 (“Should the facts on the ground change with respect to an Indian group’s organizational status and ability to satisfy the Montoya test, as may happen over time, nothing would preclude a court from reaching a different decision at a later date, again without any need for congressional approval”).

¹³² See Sec. I.A.2 above.

¹³³ M-37029 at 18-19.

¹³⁴ M-37029 at 19.

¹³⁵ M-37029 at 19.

¹³⁶ M-37029 at 19-20.

¹³⁷ M-37029 at 20, citing Stillaguamish Memo.

responsibility for or authority over the Tribe at or before 1934.¹³⁸ The Tribe claims that its evidence shows it was under federal jurisdiction before 1934 by operation of law and by virtue of specific exercises of federal authority that include federal acknowledgment of the Tribe’s collective rights in land and natural resources; federal acknowledgment of its jurisdiction over the Tribe; federal management of tribal funds; inclusion of the Tribe in federal censuses; enrollment of Tribal children at an off-reservation federal Indian school; agency jurisdiction over the Tribe; and the federal provision of healthcare to the Tribe. As explained in more detail below, however, I conclude that the Tribe’s submissions fail to provide evidence to satisfy the first step of M-37029’s two-part inquiry.

1. Jurisdiction by Operation of Law

In stating the standard of review under M-37029,¹³⁹ the Tribe accurately notes that tribes lacking dispositive jurisdictional evidence in 1934 may show that their jurisdictional status arose before then. In doing so the Tribe further states that the analysis under M-37029 may look to federal obligations as well as activities, “since federal jurisdiction can exist as a matter of law” even if the government is unaware that it does.¹⁴⁰ The Tribe appears to do so in order to suggest that it came under federal jurisdiction as a matter of law in the early constitutional period.¹⁴¹ The Tribe argues that after the American Revolution, the United States automatically succeeded to “treaty-like” obligations of the British Crown to the Tribe.¹⁴² As evidence of these obligations the Tribe points to seventeenth-century colonial deeds from Wampanoag sachems conveying lands to the Tribe in perpetuity. The Tribe also cites a 1763 law by the Massachusetts Bay Province recognizing Mashpee as a self-governing Indian district.¹⁴³

I disagree, however, that these title deeds and legislative acts are comparable to treaties. They are not “contracts between governments” and do not evidence mutual commitments between the Tribe and Crown, much less any reciprocal grant of rights by the Tribe to the

¹³⁸ M-37029 at 18-19.

¹³⁹ MWT Op. Br. at 3. The Littlefields’ objections to M-37029’s analytic framework are addressed in Section II.B above.

¹⁴⁰ MWT Op. Br. 4-5, citing M-37029 at 18, 19, 23.

¹⁴¹ MWT Op. Br. at 10-21.

¹⁴² The Littlefields claim that any British obligations to the Tribe could only have been assumed by Massachusetts, since “[n]o Federal Government existed before 1789.” Littlefields Resp. at 62. Yet the Supreme Court has held that when Britain’s colonial sovereignty ceased, its powers in respect of external affairs passed to the American colonies “in their collective and corporate capacity as the United States of America.” *United States v. Curtiss-Wright Exp. Corp.*, 299 U.S. 304, 317 (1936). As the Court noted, the purpose of the Constitution was to make “more perfect” that already existing Union. *Id.* See also *United States v. Lara*, 541 at 202 (in first century of America’s national existence, Indian affairs were aspect of military and foreign policy, not domestic or municipal law).

¹⁴³ MWT Op. Br. at 13, citing Ex. E. By its terms, the 1763 Act incorporated the Mashpee Indians and their lands and provided for governance by five elected overseers, two of whom were to be Englishmen, with sole power to regulate the fishery at Mashpee and the allotment and leasing of Mashpee lands. See ACTS AND RESOLVES OF THE PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY. VOL. IV at 639-641 (1890).

Crown.¹⁴⁴ Further, while the Tribe characterizes the 1763 Act that established Mashpee as an Indian district to be the result of a “negotiated relationship” with the Crown,¹⁴⁵ the Office of Federal Acknowledgment showed it was the result of Tribal appeals to the Provincial legislature and Crown.¹⁴⁶ The Province passed the 1763 Act in response to “diplomatic pressure” from the King, not a treaty between Crown and Tribe.¹⁴⁷ The absence of any evidence of federal action in acknowledging or relying on the deeds or provincial acts, though not dispositive, diminishes the significance for our purposes.

Though the Mashpee Tribe asserts otherwise, the absence of any federal action with respect to its “treaty-like” rights distinguishes it from the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe, for whom the Department issued a favorable *Carciari* analysis in 2011.¹⁴⁸ The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe fell under Spanish colonial authority before the United States acquired the Louisiana Territory through the 1803 Treaty of Paris. The Tribe held rights in its aboriginal lands by grant from Spain, and the Spanish government followed through on their commitment to defend the Tunica and their land by establishing a military post near the Tunica village to protect the Tunica and settlers from English and American colonists.¹⁴⁹ When the United States acquired the Louisiana Territory from France, the United States expressly assumed the same obligations to tribes in the Territory as those held by Spain.¹⁵⁰ To that end, Congress extended the Nonintercourse Act to the Louisiana Territory, and, more importantly, federal agents later used that law to affirmatively protect the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe’s lands.¹⁵¹

The Mashpee Tribe elsewhere seeks to rely on the Nonintercourse Act to establish its own jurisdictional status;¹⁵² yet the Tribe’s own evidence shows that the federal government took no action to protect the Tribe’s lands despite invitations to do so.¹⁵³ M-37029 makes clear that the *first* step of the jurisdictional inquiry looks to an “action or series of actions” or to “a course of dealings or other relevant acts” by federal officials demonstrating or reflecting the exercise of authority over the tribe at some point in or before 1934.¹⁵⁴ Only when that status is established does the inquiry turn to whether that jurisdictional relationship remained intact in 1934. As a result, the Tribe cannot rely on an inchoate jurisdictional status as the basis for being under federal jurisdiction.

¹⁴⁴ *United States v. Wash.*, 520 F.2d 676, 684 (9th Cir. 1975), citing *United States v. Winans*, 198 U.S. 371, 381 (1905). See also *BG Grp. PLC v. Republic of Arg.*, 134 S. Ct. 1198, 1208 (2014) (“As a general matter, a treaty is a contract, though between nations.”)

¹⁴⁵ MWT Op. Br. at 14.

¹⁴⁶ MWT PF at 96.

¹⁴⁷ MWT PF 96.

¹⁴⁸ See MWT Op. Br., Ex. D (Letter, Randall Trickey, Acting BIA Eastern Regional Director to Early Barbry, Sr., Chairman, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana (Aug. 11, 2011)).

¹⁴⁹ MWT Op. Br., Ex. D at 8-9.

¹⁵⁰ MWT Op. Br., Ex. D at 9, citing *The Treaty between the United States of America and the French Republic of April 30, 1803 at Art. 6, 8 Stat. 200.*

¹⁵¹ MWT Op. Br. at 6-7 (discussing Tunica-Biloxi); *id.*, Ex. D.

¹⁵² MWT Op. Br. at 16-17.

¹⁵³ MWT Op. Br. at 20, citing Exhibits Y, Z (1886-1887 correspondence relating to state allotment of Tribe’s lands); *Mashpee Tribe v. Town of Mashpee*, 447 F.Supp. 940 (D. Mass. 1970), *aff’d sub nom. Mashpee Tribe v. New Seabury Corp.*, 592 F.2d 575 (1st Cir. 1979) (Tribe’s Nonintercourse Act claims).

¹⁵⁴ M-37029 at 19.

In its Reply, the Tribe makes a similar argument for jurisdiction by operation of law based the Department's previous determination that the Tribe occupied a reservation in 1934. The Tribe claims the Department's determination has "legal consequences" for the M-37029 analysis.¹⁵⁵ The Tribe notes that after passage of the IRA, the Department's attorneys interpreted it as permitting any tribe in occupation of a reservation to vote in a Section 18 election, regardless how the tribe's reservation was established.¹⁵⁶ Based on that, the Tribe claims the Department's 2015 Decision entailed the finding that the Tribe was eligible to vote on the IRA in 1934 and was thus also under federal jurisdiction. I reject any claim that the 2015 Decision speaks to whether the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934 at all. The Department's inquiry there concerned only whether the Tribe occupied a "reservation" for IRA purposes. Based on the Department's understanding of the second definition of "Indian" at that time, it had no need address the Tribe's federal jurisdictional status. Moreover, the Tribe's argument misstates the role of the Secretary in conducting a vote on a tribe's reservation and misunderstands why the Department considers the calling of a Section 18 election to be dispositive evidence of a tribe's under federal jurisdiction status.

Whether the Secretary could have called a Section 18 election for the Tribe around 1934, a question we need not resolve here, the Tribe's eligibility alone would likely not satisfy the first step of the M-37029 analysis. As already noted, M-37029 requires evidence of particular federal acts. Before the Secretary could actually conduct any vote, he had to make an overt determination—i.e., take an action. He had to determine that adults lived on an eligible reservation and met the statute's definition of "Indian" such that they were entitled to the opportunity, provided by Section 18, to vote on whether to accept or reject the IRA. Indeed, the very reason a Section 18 vote is dispositive of a tribe's jurisdictional status is that it required the Secretary to determine the existence of a reservation and that the adult residents met the IRA's definition of "Indian," such that they were under federal jurisdiction and eligible for IRA benefits unless they opted out of the Act. In this way, the calling of a Section 18 election is an unmistakable assertion of federal jurisdiction.¹⁵⁷ As a result, the Tribe's argument in effect begs the question of whether it was under federal jurisdiction.

The parties also submit arguments concerning the import of Massachusetts' historical exercise of authority over Indians.¹⁵⁸ These arguments also do not address the issue of

¹⁵⁵ MWT Reply at 2, citing Ex. A (2015 Dec.) at 120.

¹⁵⁶ MWT Reply at 2.

¹⁵⁷ M-37029 at 20-21.

¹⁵⁸ The state legislation referenced by the parties demonstrates the scope of authority that Massachusetts exercised over Indians in the Commonwealth. *See, e.g.*, Mass. Gen. L., ch. 148 (Mar. 26, 1793) (settling boundaries of Mashpee Tribe of Indians); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 27 (1798) (appropriating funds to compensate for costs incurred in recovering possession of Mashpee Indian lands); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 89 (1818) (appointing individuals to review Mashpee Indian system of governance); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 105 (1819) (requiring Indian descent to be Mashpee proprietor; granting overseers powers as "Guardians" over Mashpee Indians; penalizing liquor sales to Mashpee Indians; penalizing trespass and felling of timber on Mashpee lands; requiring annual review of overseer accounts by Court of Common Pleas); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 167 (1834) (establishing Mashpee plantation as district; limiting vote to proprietors; exempting proprietors from state and county taxes and prohibiting forfeiture of lands for taxes); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 72

particular exercises of federal authority. The Tribe argues that the United States retained paramount authority over Indian affairs in the original thirteen states, including Massachusetts, though it suggests that its exercise was slow to develop in the early constitutional period. It adds that, in any event, a state's relationship with a tribe does not oust or otherwise limit federal authority.¹⁵⁹ The Littlefields make several arguments in response why Massachusetts' authority over the Tribe precluded any federal jurisdictional relationship in or before 1934. The Littlefields assert that because the Tribe was always under the Commonwealth's care and authority, its members could never have been wards of the federal government.¹⁶⁰ They add that no Massachusetts tribe was ever recognized as a distinct political community by the United States via treaty or other legislative or executive act.¹⁶¹ The Littlefields also claim that the Tribe's members voluntarily abandoned tribal relations when they acquired state citizenship¹⁶² and that by 1934 they had fully assimilated into non-Indian society.¹⁶³

The discussion by the parties of claimed state assertions of authority and provision of services and whether those assertions and provisions were illegal or improper miss the mark. The M-37029 analysis unfolds against the backdrop of federal plenary authority.¹⁶⁴ The question is not whether such authority exists, but whether federal officials ever exercised it with respect to a particular tribe at or before 1934. The inquiry is not a type of balancing test in which the instances of state assertions or exercises are compared and contrasted with exercises of federal authority. Instead, as M-37029 makes clear, in order to determine whether the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction for purposes of the M-37029 analysis, I must look instead to the arguments and evidence purporting to show specific exercises of federal authority over the Tribe.

2. Evidence of Particular Acts

The Tribe claims its submissions evidence particular exercises of federal authority over the Tribe in the years before 1934. These include an 1822 report prepared by the

(1842) (allotting Mashpee lands in severalty; providing that remaining lands to be held in common exclusively for the use of Mashpee district; restricting alienation of allotted lands); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 463 (1869) (enfranchising all Massachusetts Indians; deeming all state lands held by Indians in severalty to be fee lands; restricting alienation of such lands for debts incurred before date of Act); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 293 (1870) (abolishing Mashpee Indian district; incorporating town of Mashpee; transferring all common lands, funds and all fishing and other rights to the town); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 248 (1878) (incorporating Town of Mashpee; ordering county register of deeds to record land records from prior Mashpee district in separate volume); Mass. Gen. L., ch. 151 (1882) (providing for appraisal and private sale of remaining common lands of Mashpee).

¹⁵⁹ Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, "The Early Relationship Between The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe And The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts Cannot Preclude Federal Jurisdiction Under The IRA" (Dec. 21, 2017).

¹⁶⁰ Littlefield Resp. at 2-3.

¹⁶¹ Littlefield Resp. at 3.

¹⁶² Littlefield Resp. at 15, 45, 52-53, 66. The Littlefields inaccurately assert that the Tribe's members "voted to become citizens of Massachusetts." *Id.* at 46. The enfranchisement of the Tribe's members came about through an act of the Massachusetts legislature aimed at all Indians in the Commonwealth. *See* Mass. Gen. L., ch. 463 (1869).

¹⁶³ *See, e.g.*, Littlefield Resp. at 32.

¹⁶⁴ M-37029 at 12-14 (discussing constitutional authorities that form backdrop of federal plenary authority).

Reverend Jedidiah Morse on the condition of Indians in the United States as a prelude to possible removal of eastern tribes;¹⁶⁵ the Office of Indian Affairs' reliance between 1825 and 1850 on statistical tables that referenced the Mashpee;¹⁶⁶ a six-volume work on the tribes of the United States commissioned by Congress and prepared by Henry Schoolcraft, which included a description of the Mashpee Tribe and policy recommendations concerning them;¹⁶⁷ several federal reports prepared between 1888 and 1934 that reference the Tribe and its history; federal censuses from 1910 and 1911 that list Tribal members;¹⁶⁸ the enrollment of Tribal children in the Carlisle Indian Industrial School between 1905 and 1918;¹⁶⁹ and the purported acknowledgment by the United States Navy of the Tribe's usufructuary rights around 1950.¹⁷⁰ I address each in turn.

a. Morse Report

The discussion of the Tribe in an 1822 report commissioned by the United States from the Reverend Jedidiah Morse does not evidence the exercise of federal authority over the Tribe. In 1820, Secretary of War John C. Calhoun commissioned Reverend Morse, a reputable geographer, to visit various tribes in the country “in order to acquire a more accurate knowledge of their social and political conditions, and to devise the most suitable plan to advance their civilization and happiness.”¹⁷¹ Morse spent four months traveling from the eastern seaboard to the Northwest Territory gathering information from some tribes himself.¹⁷² Acknowledging the difficulty of personally visiting “the whole territory inhabited by the Indians,”¹⁷³ information about other tribes was collected from other materials, including questionnaires.¹⁷⁴ Morse compiled the information in statistical tables “embracing the names and numbers of all the tribes within the jurisdiction of the United States.”¹⁷⁵ The Report includes a 400-page appendix detailing the information Morse collected and summarizing it in several tables.

The Tribe fails to show how the Morse Report constitutes a federal action reflecting an exercise of authority over the Tribe. The Tribe characterizes the Morse Report as the “first explicit application of federal Indian policy” – not, however, to the Tribe in particular but “to eastern tribes” generally.¹⁷⁶ Yet as even the Tribe concedes, Congress ultimately took no steps to remove any tribes based on the Morse Report and, despite its

¹⁶⁵ MWT Op. Br. at 21.

¹⁶⁶ MWT Op. Br. at 25-28.

¹⁶⁷ MWT Op. Br. at 28.

¹⁶⁸ MWT Op. Br. at 29, 30, 38.

¹⁶⁹ MWT Op. Br. at 32.

¹⁷⁰ MWT Op. Br. at 38.

¹⁷¹ Rev. Jedidiah Morse, A REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR OF THE UNITED STATES ON INDIAN AFFAIRS 11-12 (1822) (Morse Report).

¹⁷² Morse Report at 13.

¹⁷³ Morse Report at 21.

¹⁷⁴ See, e.g., Morse Report at 22 (announcing intent to collect and arrange existing facts and materials presently scattered in books and manuscripts).

¹⁷⁵ Morse Report at 23. See also at 22 (describing task as to “lay before the Government, as full and correct a view of the numbers and actual situation of the *whole* Indian population within their jurisdiction”) (emphasis original).

¹⁷⁶ MWT Op. Br. at 21.

deliberations, enacted no national removal policy until the following decade.¹⁷⁷ The Tribe's evidence demonstrates that the federal government did little more than consider the Tribe, along with tribes across the United States, as *potentially* subject to the exercise of the federal Indian authority, in this case for the purpose of removal and resettlement. As this further suggests, the Morse Report only provides evidence of Congress' plenary authority over tribes.¹⁷⁸ This is consistent with the Department's 2015 Decision, which characterized the lands set aside for the Tribe as "subject to federal oversight as part of the Federal Government's larger agenda to remove Indians from their aboriginal territories" based on the Morse Report.¹⁷⁹ While the Morse Report provides evidence that the federal government was cognizant of the existence of the Tribe and its lands,¹⁸⁰ it does not further demonstrate any exercise of federal authority over any tribe, much less the Tribe itself. The Morse Report's compilation of general information about tribes in the United States, without more, does not amount to an action or course of dealings for purposes of the first part of M-37029's two-part analysis.¹⁸¹

The same is true of the subsequent use made of the Morse Report by Executive officials and Congress. The Tribe notes that the Morse Report was circulated to Congress and the Executive Branch for use in considering the development and application of federal trade and removal policies.¹⁸²

The Tribe asserts that Congress "debated" the Morse Report, noting an express reference to Indians that "reside on their respective reservations" in Massachusetts, including the Mashpee Tribe.¹⁸³ But the House Report cited shows that the Morse Report was referred to the House Committee on Indian Affairs so its members could "know something of the situation of [the Indian tribes], and of their numbers" in considering proposed amendments to the Trade and Intercourse Act.¹⁸⁴ The passage relied on by the Tribe further shows that Representative Metcalf recited passages verbatim from the Morse Report.¹⁸⁵ As the full House Report makes clear, the Committee's concern was whether the government's plans for the "civilization of the Indians" was appropriately within the scope of federal authority generally. While such use of the Morse Report shows that the existence of certain tribes and their lands, including the Mashpee, was made known to Congress, it fails to demonstrate that Congress or the Executive Branch took any further action with respect to the Tribe in response.

¹⁷⁷ MWT Reply at 36, n. 33; *see also* Littlefield Resp. at 73. It thus also remains unclear what "course of dealings between the Tribe and the United States" the Morse Report initiated. MWT Op. Br. at 21.

¹⁷⁸ MWT Reply at 22 (Administration's authority to consider Mashpee for removal based on federal jurisdictional authority over tribal lands wherever located).

¹⁷⁹ 2015 Decision at 115.

¹⁸⁰ *See* MWT PF at 40 (discussing Morse Report for evidence of Tribe's existence as a distinct community from historical times to the present).

¹⁸¹ *See* MWT Op. Br. at 25-28 (describing federal government's use of statistical information). *Cf.* MWT Reply at 38 (federal jurisdictional inquiry "is not limited to federal actions but the presence of federal jurisdiction").

¹⁸² MWT Op. Br. at 23 ff.

¹⁸³ MWT Op. Br. at 23, citing Ex. ZB (House of Representatives Report on Indian Trade, 17th Cong., 1st Sess., at 1794 (remarks of Rep. Metcalf)).

¹⁸⁴ MWT Op. Br., Ex. ZB at 1792.

¹⁸⁵ MWT Op. Br., Ex. ZB at 1793.

Similarly, the transmittal by Secretary of War John Calhoun of statistical information compiled by Colonel Thomas McKenney and based in part from the Morse Report reflects no exercise of federal authority over the Tribe. Indeed, when transmitting the information to President Monroe, Secretary Calhoun does not even mention the Tribe, but instead refers to “the small remnants of tribes in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, and South Carolina.”¹⁸⁶ He does so, moreover, for the limited purpose of reporting his presumption that any arrangement for the removal of Indians “is not intended to comprehend” those tribes.¹⁸⁷ President Monroe’s transmittal to Congress is even less specific, as the Tribe notes.¹⁸⁸ It broadly recommends the removal of Indian tribes “from the lands they now occupy, within the limits of the several States and Territories,”¹⁸⁹ and it transmits the Department of War’s best estimate of the number of Indians “within our States and Territories, and of the amount of lands held by the several tribes within each.”¹⁹⁰ The Tribe concedes that this simply shows that the Tribe was “deemed subject to federal Indian policy, that is, within the jurisdiction of the United States,”¹⁹¹ not that it was ever subjected to such authority by the federal government. The same is true of the subsequent uses of such statistical information noted by the Tribe.¹⁹² For these reasons, the federal government’s use of information compiled by Reverend Morse and Colonel McKenney do not, in and of themselves, satisfy the first-step of the M-37029 analysis.¹⁹³

b. Schoolcraft Report

The Tribe submits for the first time on remand a survey of tribes in the United States published in 1851. The Tribe does so as particular evidence that federal Indian agents treated the Mashpee Tribe as subject to federal jurisdiction.¹⁹⁴ The report was prepared by Henry R. Schoolcraft, a United States Indian Agent, using funds appropriated by Congress in 1847 for that purpose.¹⁹⁵ His six-volume Report includes historical and statistical information on the condition and prospects of tribes in the United States and it totaled several thousand pages. The Schoolcraft Report refers to the Mashpee Tribe only

¹⁸⁶ MWT Op. Br., Ex. ZC at 542.

¹⁸⁷ MWT Op. Br., Ex. ZC at 542; *see also* MWT Op. Br. at 24.

¹⁸⁸ MWT Op. Br. at 25.

¹⁸⁹ MWT Op. Br. Ex. ZC at 541.

¹⁹⁰ MWT Op. Br. Ex. ZC at 542.

¹⁹¹ MWT Op. Br. at 25 (quoting Morse Report) (internal quotations omitted).

¹⁹² MWT Op. Br. at 25-26.

¹⁹³ MWT Op. Br. at 25-28. The Tribe’s evidence shows that McKenney later provided copies of the table in response to requests by Congress, the Executive, and private scholars for information about tribes in the United States.

¹⁹⁴ MWT Op. Br. 38-39. Henry R. Schoolcraft, HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION RESPECTING THE HISTORY, CONDITION AND PROSPECTS OF THE INDIAN TRIBES OF THE UNITED STATES: COLLECTED AND PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. PT. I at 524 (1851) (Schoolcraft). The Schoolcraft Report did not form part of the evidence evaluated by the Department in preparing the 2015 Decision.

¹⁹⁵ MWT Op. Br. at 27, citing Act of March 3, 1847, ch. 66, § 6, 9 Stat. 263.

twice, once in a consolidated table listing the combined population of tribes existing within Massachusetts,¹⁹⁶ and later as part of a list of tribes residing in Massachusetts.¹⁹⁷

The Schoolcraft Report describes a proposed plan of improvement for the Massachusetts Indians generally,¹⁹⁸ which includes the enactment of a uniform system of laws for the Indians, merging certain tribes (excluding the Mashpee) into one community, and appointing an Indian commissioner for the Indians' supervision and improvement.¹⁹⁹ The Tribe claims that these recommendations evidence "a clear exercise of federal jurisdiction by the Office of Indian Affairs." because made by Schoolcraft himself.²⁰⁰ A closer examination reveals that Schoolcraft was merely reporting recommendations contained in an 1849 report of state commissioners to the Massachusetts legislature on the condition of Indians in the state.²⁰¹ While the recommendations suggest that Massachusetts considered the Tribe and its lands within the state's authority, in and of themselves the recommendations do not demonstrate any federal activity, and the Tribe offers no other evidence that the United States adopted or approved them. As with the Morse Report, the Schoolcraft Report at best suggests federal awareness of the existence of the Tribe and its lands, but does not demonstrate any exercise of federal authority over the Mashpee Tribe.²⁰²

c. *Federal Reports*

The Tribe also submits several reports prepared by or for federal officials between 1888 and 1934 as evidence of a continuing federal acknowledgment of the Tribe's collective rights in its tribal lands. These reports do not formally acknowledge Tribal rights as such, but rather provide accounts of the Tribe's historical and contemporary circumstances. None provides evidence of any exercises of federal authority by officials over the tribe. While M-37029 points to "annual reports, surveys, and census reports" produced by the Office of Indian Affairs as evidence of federal authority, it makes clear that such material may provide evidence of federal authority when produced "as part of the exercise of [the Office of Indian Affairs'] administrative jurisdiction" over a tribe.²⁰³ While the reports might reflect that the federal government's authority to act persisted during this period, none of the reports submitted by the Tribe reflect that they were prepared as an exercise of administrative jurisdiction over the Tribe. Neither does the Tribe suggest that the

¹⁹⁶ Schoolcraft at 524.

¹⁹⁷ Schoolcraft at 287.

¹⁹⁸ Schoolcraft at 287.

¹⁹⁹ Schoolcraft at 287.

²⁰⁰ MWT Op. Br. at 29; MWT Reply at 30.

²⁰¹ See House No. 46, *Report of the Commissioners Relating to the Condition of the Indians in Massachusetts* at 24-38, 54-57 (Mass. 1849).

²⁰² The Tribe further argues that the Department has already determined that inclusion in a federal survey "for federal Indian policy purposes" is probative evidence of a tribe's jurisdictional status, relying on a record of decision prepared for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. MWT Reply at 38, citing Ex. D (Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record of Decision for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana (Aug. 11, 2011)). The Tunica-Biloxi ROD relied instead on a federal agent's defense of the Tribe's aboriginal title under the Non-Intercourse Act, which "clearly demonstrated the Tribe's jurisdictional relationship with the Federal Government." Id. Ex. D at 11.

²⁰³ M-37029 at 16.

reports provide evidence demonstrating a course of dealings over time that, when viewed as a whole, demonstrates a federal obligation to the Tribe beyond the general principle of plenary authority.

The 1888 report prepared by Alice C. Fletcher is a nearly 700-page account of the history and current state of administration of Indian affairs and Indian education on federal Indian reservations in the United States.²⁰⁴ Prepared in response to a Senate resolution and under the direction of the Department's Commissioner of Education, it includes a brief, two-page account of the seventeenth-century history of Massachusetts tribes, including the Mashpees, and an account of contemporary state legislation affecting the Mashpees based on information from a Tribal member.²⁰⁵ The 2015 Decision relied on Mrs. Fletcher's report as evidence of the existence of the Mashpee reservation and the external recognition of the Town's "reservation-like" character.²⁰⁶ On remand the Tribe also argues that, "acting effectively as an Indian agent," Mrs. Fletcher "confirmed the Tribe's tenacious ties to its land."²⁰⁷ While the Fletcher report does describe the Tribe's historical ties to its lands, it makes no assertion as to the federal government's role, if any, in establishing or maintaining such ties, and thus offers no evidence of the exercise of federal authority over the Tribe or its members beyond the general principle of plenary authority.

The 2015 Decision relied on a draft report on New England tribes prepared by Gladys Tantaquidgeon for the Office of Indian Affairs to show the Tribe's continuing occupation of its lands through 1934.²⁰⁸ The 2015 Decision described the Tantaquidgeon report as providing "details on their 'reservation,' subsistence practices, education facilities, health needs, arts and language, and governance."²⁰⁹ The 2015 Decision noted that though the BIA commissioned Tantaquidgeon's report, the BIA never officially published it.²¹⁰ On remand the Tribe now also claims that the Tantaquidgeon report demonstrates "federal treatment of the Tribe has having collective rights."²¹¹ The Tribe relies on Tantaquidgeon's description of the Tribe as "in occupation of an Indian town, also referred to by [Tantaquidgeon] as a reservation."²¹² Though the Tribe describes the contents of the Tantaquidgeon report, it does not address how the report demonstrates any exercise of federal authority over the Tribe. The 2015 Decision relied on the report for its contemporary and historical account of the Tribe's lands and its occupancy thereof. While such information supports the Department's earlier determination that the Tribe

²⁰⁴ MWT Reply at 39; MWT Op. Br. at 30.

²⁰⁵ S. Ex. Doc. No. 48-95, *Indian Education and Civilization. A Report Prepared in Answer to Senate Resolution of February 23, 1885* at 59-60 (1888). Fletcher's account relied on information provided by a Mashpee tribal member who was also a sitting member of the Massachusetts state legislature. *Id.* at 60, n. 1.

²⁰⁶ 2015 Decision at 114; *see also id.* at 106.

²⁰⁷ MWT Op. Br. at 30.

²⁰⁸ 2015 Decision at 109.

²⁰⁹ 2015 Decision at 109.

²¹⁰ 2015 Decision at 109, n. 340. The 2005 Proposed Finding in favor of the Tribe's federal acknowledgment noted that Tantaquidgeon's findings were summarized in an Office of Indian Affairs newsletter. MWT PF at 23.

²¹¹ MWT Op. Br. at 6.

²¹² MWT Op. Br. at 38.

could be considered to have occupied a reservation for IRA purposes in 1934, it does not show any formal action by a federal official determining any rights of the Tribe. Neither does the Tribe offer any arguments or evidence demonstrating what use, if any, Department officials made of Tantaquidgeon's report. While the Tantaquidgeon report offers historical evidence of the Tribe's long-standing historical use and continued occupation of Tribal lands, it provides little if any demonstration of the exercise of federal jurisdictional authority over the Tribe.²¹³

In finding that the Tribe occupied a reservation for IRA purposes, the 2015 Decision also relied on the 1890 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (ARCIA) to show external recognition of the fact that the Tribe historically occupied lands set aside for its use.²¹⁴ On remand the Tribe argues that the ARCIA "unambiguously acknowledges collective rights [on the part of the Tribe] in tribal land"²¹⁵ which, the Tribe claims, gives "rise to federal responsibilities toward the Tribe."²¹⁶ While the 1890 ARCIA plainly notes the existence of the Tribe's Massachusetts reservation, that does not amount to an acknowledgment of federal responsibility for, or an exercise of federal authority over, the Tribe. The passage the Tribe cites occurs in a discussion of Indian title generally. It states that "only in Massachusetts, New York, and North Carolina are Indians found holding a tribal relation and in possession of specific tracts." However the Commissioner's statement follows his assertion that as of the early nineteenth century, "no Indians within the limits of the thirteen original States retained their original title of occupancy."²¹⁷ As noted in the 2015 Decision, the Commissioner explained that the Tribe had a State-appointed board of overseers that governed the Tribe's internal affairs and held the Tribe's lands in trust.²¹⁸ The Tribe's claim that the 1890 ARCIA constitutes an express acknowledgment of *federal* responsibility is also inconsistent with the remainder of the Commissioner's report, which describes the federal government's pursuit at that time of "a uniform course of extinguishing the Indian title."²¹⁹ A table showing the population of Indians by state and the areas of Indian reservations contained later in the 1890 ARCIA omits any reference to Massachusetts or to Massachusetts tribes.²²⁰ The Commissioner concluded his discussion of Indian title with a statement of then-applicable federal policy: "The sooner tribal relations are broken up and the reservation system done away with the better it will be for all concerned."²²¹ These statements weigh heavily against the Tribe's interpretation of the 1890 ARCIA as acknowledging or assuming federal responsibilities for the Tribe.

²¹³ MWT PF at 23.

²¹⁴ 2015 Decision at 106, 114.

²¹⁵ MWT Reply at 39; MWT Op. Br. at 30-31.

²¹⁶ MWT Op. Br. at 31.

²¹⁷ MWT Op Br. at 30. *See also* H. Ex. Doc. No. 51-1, Pt. 5, *Report of the Secretary of the Interior*, vol. II at XXVI (1890).

²¹⁸ 2015 Decision at 106, 114; MWT Op. Br. at 30-31.

²¹⁹ 1890 ARCIA at xxix.

²²⁰ 1890 ARCIA at xxxvii, Table 10.

²²¹ 1890 ARCIA at xxxix.

d. *Federal Acknowledgment of Usufructuary Rights*

The Tribe relies on a title report prepared for condemnation proceedings brought by the Department of the Navy in the late 1940s against lands in which a Mashpee Tribal member had interests as evidence showing “clear federal knowledge of, and acquiescence to” aboriginal hunting, fishing and gathering rights of the Tribe.²²² A title report²²³ prepared in connection therewith indicated that some of the lots in question were subject to the reserved right of the Proprietors of Mashpee to cross over the lots for the purpose of gathering seaweed and marsh hay.²²⁴ The title report states that the reservations of rights originated in deeds prepared by the Mashpee Commissioners.²²⁵ The Tribe states that the deeds were prepared pursuant to laws enacted by the State of Massachusetts for the purpose of allotting the Tribe’s lands in the late nineteenth century.²²⁶ The Tribe claims the deeds “confirm” the existence of aboriginal usufructuary rights that “are subject to federal protection.”²²⁷ This neglects several things. As noted above, the evidence of action by the State of Massachusetts with respect to the Tribe’s property under state law does not provide evidence of federal action or authority, either expressly or by operation of law. Moreover, while the deeds on which the Tribe relies reserve to the Tribe’s members the right to cross over the subject parcels to gather seaweed and marsh hay elsewhere, they nowhere indicate whether such rights arise as a matter of common law or aboriginal right. Even if the Tribe retained aboriginal rights at the time of the condemnation proceedings, rather than common law property rights under state law, that fact alone would not satisfy the M-37029 analysis because it would not show any exercise of federal authority with respect to such rights.

The absence of any federal actions with respect to Mashpee’s usufructuary rights distinguishes the Tribe from the case of the Stillaguamish Tribe.²²⁸ In 1976, the Department declined to take land into trust for Stillaguamish based on doubts whether it was under federal jurisdiction in 1934. In 1980, the Department found that the Tribe was a beneficiary of fishing rights acknowledged and protected under the 1855 Treaty of Port Elliott, to which the Stillaguamish Tribe was a signatory.²²⁹ For purposes of the M-37029 analysis, the issue is not whether aboriginal usufructuary rights are subject to federal protection as a matter of law²³⁰ or whether they exist absent a tribe’s federal acknowledgment.²³¹ The issue instead is whether the federal government took any action or series of actions in the exercise of its plenary power over a tribe.²³² The reservation

²²² MWT Op. Br. at 38 ff.

²²³ MWT Op. Br., Ex. ZZD.

²²⁴ MWT Op. Br., Ex. ZZD at 3-4.

²²⁵ MWT Op. Br., Ex. ZZD at 3-4.

²²⁶ MWT Op. Br. at 39-40; *see also* MWT Reply at 46.

²²⁷ MWT Op. Br. at 42; *see also id.* at 6, 11, 16-17.

²²⁸ MWT Reply at 47.

²²⁹ M-37029 at 20, 23; *see also Carciere*, 555 U.S. at 398 (Breyer, J., concurring).

²³⁰ MWT Reply at 47, citing *Mitchel v. United States*, 34 U.S. 711, 748 (1835); *United States v. Michigan*, 471 F. Supp. 192, 256 (W.D. Mich. 1979), *aff’d as modified*, 653 F.2d 277 (6th Cir. 1981).

²³¹ MWT Reply at 47, citing *Timpanogo Tribe v. Conway*, 286 F.3d 1195, 1203 (10th Cir. 2002); *United States v. Suquamish Indian Tribe*, 901 F.2d 772, 776 (9th Cir. 1990).

²³² M-37029 at 17-19.

under state law of usufructuary rights for tribal members does not, standing alone, provide such evidence.

e. Censuses & School Enrollment

The Tribe on remand argues that by admitting Mashpee children as students to the Carlisle Indian School between 1905 and 1918, the federal government “explicitly acknowledged its jurisdiction over the Tribe.”²³³ The Tribe appears also to suggest that the direct supervision of Mashpee students by federal officials at Carlisle constitute indicia of federal jurisdiction over the Tribe. The Tribe’s claim that the enrollment of students constituted an explicit acknowledgment of federal jurisdiction over Tribe appears to rely on several things. These include funding of Carlisle through congressional appropriations; the federal government’s use of Carlisle as an instrument of Indian educational policy; Departmental regulations governing non-reservation Indian schools; and school records for individual Mashpee students.²³⁴ While such evidence clearly demonstrate exercises of federal authority over Indians generally and individual Indians specifically, none suffice to show an exercise of federal authority over the Mashpee Tribe as distinct from some of its members.

The Tribe asserts that the provision of federal services to individual tribal members, such as health or social services, can be the basis for finding of federal jurisdiction over a tribe,²³⁵ and it notes that the provision of educational services was used to demonstrate federal jurisdiction over other tribes like the Cowlitz Tribe.²³⁶ While that is true, it neglects that the Cowlitz determination also relied on a wide range of other evidence covering an extended period of time. This included a history of the BIA regularly providing services to the Cowlitz Indians such as “supervising allotments, adjudicating probate proceedings, providing education services, assistance in protecting fishing activities, investigating tribal claims to aboriginal lands, and approving attorney contracts,”²³⁷ none of which the Tribe has shown here.

The evidence of Mashpee student enrollment at Carlisle does not unambiguously demonstrate that such enrollment was predicated on a jurisdictional relationship with the Tribe as such. Without any other evidence that the federal government provided services to the Tribe, the Mashpee student records fall short of demonstrating that Tribe itself came under federal jurisdiction. Even if it could, however, the Tribe also offers no argument or evidence that any such jurisdictional status continued after Carlisle closed in 1918. Thus while the evidence of enrollment Carlisle is plainly relevant to the M-37029

²³³ MWT Op. Br. at 36.

²³⁴ MWT Op. Br. at 32-36.

²³⁵ MWT Reply at 44, citing M-37029 at 16, 19.

²³⁶ MWT Reply at 44, citing *Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community v. Jewell*, 75 F. Supp.3d 387, 403 (D.D.C.) *aff’d* 830 F.3d 552, *cert. denied sub nom. Citizens Against Reservation Shopping v. Zinke*, 137 S.Ct. 1433 (2017).

²³⁷ U.S. Dep’t of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record of Decision, Trust Acquisition of, and Reservation Proclamation for the 151.87-acre Cowlitz Parcel in Clark County, Washington, for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe at 97-103 (Apr. 22, 2013) (describing course of dealings between Cowlitz Tribe and federal government between 1855 and 1932).

inquiry, without more it is insufficient to show that the Tribe “was subjected to...clear, federal jurisdiction.”²³⁸

The Tribe also argues that inclusion on a 1910 Indian census “reflects the existence of a federal-Indian relationship and demonstrates that the federal government acknowledged responsibility for the tribes and the Indians identified therein.”²³⁹ Yet as with the nineteenth-century federal reports referencing the Tribe and its lands, the listing of Tribal members on a federal census, though it may be probative of federal jurisdiction over the Tribe, in and of itself is inconclusive,²⁴⁰ and the Tribe provides no argument or evidence to suggest otherwise.²⁴¹

CONCLUSION

As explained in Section II.B above, the framework contained in M-37029 for determining whether a tribe was under federal jurisdiction for purposes of Section 19 of the IRA governs my analysis. Applying that framework here, I must conclude that the evidence submitted by the Tribe on remand provides insufficient indicia of federal jurisdiction beyond the general principle of plenary authority. The evidence does not demonstrate that the United States had, at or before 1934, taken an action or series of actions that sufficiently establish or reflect federal obligations, duties, responsibilities for or authority over the Tribe. As a result I conclude that the evidence does not show that the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction in 1934 for purposes of the IRA.

Based on that finding, I must also conclude that the Tribe cannot meet the IRA’s first definition of “Indian,” or its second definition as interpreted by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in the *Littlefield* litigation. I therefore cannot grant the Tribe’s land-into-trust application under either of those definitions. As discussed above, the Court’s reading of the second definition of “Indian” in the IRA incorporates the “under Federal jurisdiction” requirement. Because I have concluded that the Tribe was not under federal jurisdiction in 1934, I need not reconsider or reevaluate whether

²³⁸ MWT Op. Br. at 34. The same is true of the listing of Mashpee students on a 1911 census entitled “Census of Pupils Enrolled at Carlisle Indian School.” MWT Op. Br. at 32.

²³⁹ MWT Reply at 41, citing Memorandum, Michael J. Berrigan, Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs to Pacific Regional Director, *Determination of Whether Carciere v. Salazar or Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs limits the authority of the Secretary to Acquire Land in Trust for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians*, 9 (May 23, 2012).

²⁴⁰ MWT Op. Br. at 31. The Tribe notes it members were listed as “Wampanoag.” It further notes that a number of Indian families in Mashpee were shown on the general federal census in 1900, not the Indian census, an omission the Tribe describes as an error. MWT Op. Br. at 31, n. 25.

²⁴¹ The 1910 Indian census was prepared by the Director of the Census, not the Office of Indian Affairs as the Tribe suggests. *See* Act of March 3, 1899, ch. 419, 30 Stat. 1014; Act of March 6, 1902, ch. 139, 32 Stat. 51 (Permanent Census Act). Neither was it prepared under authority of the 1884 Act directing Indian agents to submit an annual census of the Indians at the agency or on the reservation under their charge. *See* MWT Op. Br. at 32, citing Act of July 4, 1884, ch. 180, § 9, 23 Stat. 76, 98.

the Tribe meets the other requirements of the second definition of “Indian,” nor do I need to reconsider any other determinations made in the 2015 Decision.

Respectfully,

James E. Cason
Associate Deputy Secretary

Big thanks to my my good friend Secretary and Air Force Captain Rick Perry. You know Texas has a history of pilots who run for governor who run for president :-)

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SUPPORT FOR DAVID BERNHARDT, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR NOMINEE

On April 28, 2017, President Donald Trump nominated David Bernhardt to serve as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Given his notable and extensive prior experience at the Department of the Interior and in the Commonwealth of Virginia, he has received broad support from his former colleagues, the sporting and conservation community, and Indian Country, including notable mentions such as the following:

- “We believe Mr. Bernhardt is well positioned to help lead the Department of the Interior in a manner that respects and upholds the federal government’s trust and treaty responsibilities to Indian tribes and empowers tribal communities to exercise greater self-determination.” – **National Congress of American Indians (5/25/2017)**.
- “I have known and worked with David Bernhardt for more than 10 years and could not be more pleased with his nomination for Deputy Secretary of the Interior...He is a man with personal and professional integrity that is beyond reproach and has always advocated for the proper implementation of the law.” – **Dale Hall, CEO, Ducks Unlimited, and former Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (4/28/2017)**.
- “Mr. Bernhardt is a dedicated hunter-conservationist, and he is committed to facilitating the economic and conservation benefits that result from hunting. He has extensive knowledge and experience in crafting solutions to complex problems of restoring wildlife habitat and developing economic incentives and markets for conservation actions.” – **Boone and Crockett Club (5/11/2017)**.
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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

May 25, 2017

Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chair
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior

Dear Chairman Murkowski,

On behalf of the National Congress of American Indians, I am writing to express our support for David Bernhardt's nomination to serve as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Interior. The National Congress of American Indians advocates for policies that promote tribal sovereignty and a strong government-to-government relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States, and we believe that Mr. Bernhardt possesses the perspective, knowledge, and skills to serve as an able proponent of such policies.

As you know, Mr. Bernhardt worked for the Administration under President Bush and gained extensive experience with tribal government issues during that time. We believe he understands the complex challenges for economic development, law enforcement, education and transportation on tribal lands, and the need to support tribal solutions to address those challenges. Mr. Bernhardt also has experience working on tribal water rights, an issue that is vital to our future.

In his earlier work, Mr. Bernhardt placed considerable focus on trust mismanagement litigation. Most of that litigation has since been settled, and NCAI is encouraging a new focus on collaboration with tribal governments in implementing the Indian Trust Asset Management Reform Act of 2016. Together with Tribal Nations and Congress, we are starting a new path towards self-determination and economic development in tribal land management, and we urge continuing the restoration of the tribal land base to address the land loss and fractionation that are the legacy of failed policy eras of the past.

We believe Mr. Bernhardt is well positioned to help lead the Department of the Interior in a manner that respects and upholds the federal government's trust and treaty responsibilities to Indian tribes and empowers tribal communities to exercise greater self-determination. We urge the approval of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Cladoosby

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DU applauds nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 28, 2017 – Ducks Unlimited (DU), a leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation, looks forward to working with David L. Bernhardt, who was nominated by President Trump today to serve as the new Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), the department in charge of managing and conserving public land and natural resources in the United States. Bernhardt will serve under recently appointed Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke.

"I have known and worked with David Bernhardt for more than 10 years and could not be more pleased with his nomination for Deputy Secretary of the Interior," said Ducks Unlimited CEO Dale Hall. "He is a man with personal and professional integrity that is beyond reproach and has always advocated for the proper implementation of the law. We urge the Senate to quickly confirm Mr. Bernhardt for this extremely important position to the Department's expansive conservation responsibilities."

In 2006, Bernhardt was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to serve as the solicitor of the DOI. As solicitor, Bernhardt was the chief legal officer and third ranking official for the DOI.

Prior to serving as solicitor, he held several high-level positions with the DOI including Deputy Solicitor, Deputy Chief of Staff, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior and Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

In 2007, in addition to his DOI duties, Bernhardt was appointed by President George W. Bush to lead the International Boundary Commission between the United States and Canada where Bernhardt was responsible, along with his Canadian counterpart, for maintaining the 5,525-mile international boundary between these two nations.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 14 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. For more information on our work, visit www.ducks.org.

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May 11, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The Boone and Crockett Club writes to express its support for the nomination of David Bernhardt for the position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The Boone and Crockett Club has supported far-reaching conservation and hunting policy for over 125 years, since its founding by President Theodore Roosevelt. Through bold action, we have helped to build a system of conservation that has restored North American wildlife populations and habitat and is a model for the entire world. Mr. Bernhardt is a dedicated hunter-conservationist, and he is committed to facilitating the economic and conservation benefits that result from hunting. He has extensive knowledge and experience in crafting solutions to complex problems of restoring wildlife habitat and developing economic incentives and markets for conservation actions. He is keenly aware of the challenges of public access to public lands. Moreover, Mr. Bernhardt recognizes that hunters and anglers fund a large share of the habitat conservation work across the nation through license sales and self-imposed excise taxes on ammunition, tackle and firearms.

Having grown up hunting and fishing in rural western Colorado on public lands outside the town of Rifle, Mr. Bernhardt remains an active sportsman and recreational shooter.

In his previous capacity as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior under then-Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, Mr. Bernhardt, who was unanimously confirmed to serve, proved himself to be a champion for sportsmen, shooters and wildlife. We can expect no different if he is afforded the opportunity to serve as Deputy Secretary.

The Boone and Crockett Club is proud to offer its strong support of David Bernhardt and we ask for your support for his confirmation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

B.B. Hollingsworth, Jr.
President, Boone and Crockett Club

Secretary Zinke Applauds Nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

4/28/2017

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump today announced the nomination of Department of the Interior veteran David Bernhardt as the Interior's Deputy Secretary.

"I am excited to announce the President and I have selected Dave Bernhardt to help me lead the Interior Department," said Secretary Zinke. "Bernhardt's extensive experience

servicing under former Interior Secretaries Norton and Kempthorne and his esteemed legal career is exactly what is needed to help streamline government and make the Interior and our public lands work for the American economy."

"Dave Bernhardt is an excellent choice to be Deputy Secretary. After I became Secretary of the Interior, Dave was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be the Solicitor, Interior's highest ranking legal officer. Dave provided wide counsel based on thoroughly understanding issues being decided. He is thoughtful and fair. The Solicitor's Office, Interior political and career staff and the Department's diverse stakeholders respected Dave's intellect, leadership and management skill. I commend President Trump and Secretary Zinke for selecting Dave to help manage a Department that has operations in all 50 states and many parts of the world," said former Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne.

Bernhardt is an avid hunter and fisherman and recently served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has previously served as the United States Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission, U.S. and Canada.

From 2001 and 2009, he held several positions within the Department of the Interior, including serving as Solicitor. Previously he served then-Secretary Norton as a deputy solicitor, deputy chief of staff and counselor to the Secretary, and as director of congressional and legislative affairs and counselor to the Secretary. Currently, Bernhardt chairs the natural resource law practice at Brownstein, Hyatt Farber and Schreck, LLP.

A native of Rifle, Colorado, Bernhardt earned a B.A. from the University of Northern Colorado. He graduated with honors from the George Washington University National Law Center and is admitted to various state and federal court bars. He is married to Gena Bernhardt. They have two children, and reside in Arlington, Virginia.

The position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior is the Chief Operating Officer of the Department and Bernhardt's nomination is subject to confirmation by the United States Senate.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

May 17, 2017

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner
354 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for David Bernhardt to be Deputy Secretary for the Department of Interior

Dear Senator Gardner,

On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, I am writing to express our support for David Bernhardt's nomination to serve as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Interior. Our Tribe advocates for policies that promote Indian energy development, tribal sovereignty, Indian self-determination, and a positive government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States. As you know, Indian country faces many challenges, including reconsolidating fractionated lands, tribal economic development, and providing quality programs and services to tribal members.

After decades of disciplined governance and energy resource development, our Tribe has built an economy that is balanced, mature, and diversified. It is no exaggeration to say that our economy is the engine of growth and household incomes in southwest Colorado. As a result, our Tribe has long been involved in helping the Congress and federal agencies shape a rational, pro-development energy policy.

As a native of Colorado, Mr. Bernhardt is aware of our Tribe's unique history, particularly the role that meaningful self-determination coupled with prudent energy development has played in achieving economic prosperity for our Tribe, our tribal members, and surrounding communities. Given Mr. Bernhardt's familiarity with our Tribe's story and his stellar qualifications, we believe that Mr. Bernhardt is well-positioned to help lead the Department of the Interior in a manner that respects the federal trust responsibility to Indian tribes and empowers tribal communities to exercise greater self-determination. We urge swift approval of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Clement J. Frost
Chairman

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Office of the Executive Director
CHRIS W. COX

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

I am writing to express the National Rifle Association's support for David Bernhardt's nomination as Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

Originally from Rifle, Colorado, David is an avid hunter, shooter, and fisherman. His commitment to preserving America's wildlife resources is rooted in his own experience as an outdoorsman.

David has extensive knowledge of DOI's operations, having served the Department in multiple capacities throughout his career. In 2006 he was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position of Solicitor, DOI's third-ranking official and chief legal officer. In that role, he provided a wide range of advice and counsel to various DOI agencies on legal and policy matters.

In addition, David served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia, where he currently lives with his wife and children. This experience has provided him with an understanding of the importance of federal-state partnerships in managing America's fish and wildlife populations.

During his tenure at DOI, David was responsible for drafting a ten year plan to implement President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13443, which expanded hunting opportunities on federal lands, as well as the management of game species and their habitats. He clearly understands the vital role hunters play in conserving our natural resources.

For these reasons, the NRA asks that the Senate quickly confirm David Bernhardt for the position of Deputy Secretary at DOI.

Sincerely,

Chris W. Cox



May 5, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

Delta Waterfowl is writing today in support of the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior. As an organization committed to the future of ducks and duck hunting, we believe Mr. Bernhardt has the experience, expertise and values necessary to conserve our vast and diverse natural resources while serving hunters, anglers and conservationists in this critically important role.

Mr. Bernhardt developed an early appreciation for hunting, fishing and public lands while growing up in Colorado, and these experiences have had a significant impact on his world view and professional life. We believe it is critically important that the Department of the Interior share these core values as one of the primary constituencies of Department are the millions of hunters and anglers who cherish the open spaces and access provided by our nation's public lands.

Mr. Bernhardt's extensive experience with the diverse responsibilities and mandates of the Department and its agencies will allow him to quickly move into a leadership role and ensure a smooth transition. There are a number of pressing priorities within the Department and Mr. Bernhardt's significant experience will ensure that issues are assessed and addressed quickly.

In closing, we request your support of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We believe he will be an effective member of the Department's leadership team and a key advocate for hunters, anglers, and conservationists. We appreciate your consideration of our perspective and thank you for your continued support for America's sportsmen-conservationists.

Sincerely,

John L. Devney
Vice President, U.S. Policy
Delta Waterfowl

Archery Trade Association * Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies * Boone and Crockett Club * Camp Fire Club of America * Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation * Conservation Force * Dallas Safari Club * Delta Waterfowl * Ducks Unlimited * Houston Safari Club * Masters of Foxhounds Association & Foundation * Mule Deer Foundation * National Shooting Sports Foundation * National Wild Turkey Federation * Orion – The Hunter's Institute * Pheasants Forever * Professional Outfitters and Guides of America * Quail Forever * Quality Deer Management Association * Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation * Safari Club International * Shikar-Safari Club * Sportsmen's Alliance * Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership * Wild Sheep Foundation * Wildlife Forever * Wildlife Management Institute * Wildlife Mississippi

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the millions of hunters, anglers, shooters and outdoor enthusiasts that our organizations represent, we are writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of David Bernhardt as the next Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Through his public service on Capitol Hill and in the Department of the Interior (DOI), Mr. Bernhardt has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to conserving and protecting our nation's natural, historic and cultural resources for the benefit of current and future generations.

David has a deeply held passion for conservation and historic preservation that is guided by his unwavering moral compass. David also has a strong track record of collaborating with diverse cross-sections of stakeholders to ensure that their best interests, not partisan politics, inform policy decisions that may affect them.

An avid hunter, angler and shooter, David recently volunteered his time to serve on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, Mr. Bernhardt understands the value of state and federal partnerships on issues such as ensuring that states retain primary jurisdiction over fish and wildlife within their borders, and interagency collaboration to enhance and expand the public's access to the lands that the public owns.

In 2006, Mr. Bernhardt was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to serve as the Solicitor of the Department of Interior. As solicitor, David was the chief legal officer and third ranking official for the Department. Prior to serving as Solicitor, David held several other positions at DOI including Deputy Solicitor, Deputy Chief of Staff, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior and Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

During his time at DOI, Mr. Bernhardt demonstrated his interest and ability in finding solutions to complex problems like restoring wildlife habitat and navigating the complexities of the Endangered Species Act. He served as an integral part of the administration that:

- Worked with Congress and administratively to created 15 new National Wildlife Refuges and emphasized recovery goals under the Endangered Species Act.
- Took efforts to conserve the populations of both the bald eagle and the Yellowstone grizzly bear that led to the recovery and removal of the bald eagle from the Endangered Species List; and the proposed delisting of the Greater Yellowstone grizzly bear population.
- Drafted 10-year plan to implement the Executive Order (E.O. 13443) to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities and the management of game species and their habitat.

We urge you to approve the confirmation of Mr. Bernhardt, so that the Senate may act to quickly confirm Mr. Bernhardt for this critical position at the Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

Archery Trade Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Boone and Crockett Club
Camp Fire Club of America
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Force
Dallas Safari Club
Delta Waterfowl
Ducks Unlimited
Houston Safari Club
Masters of Foxhounds Association &
Foundation
Mule Deer Foundation
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Wild Turkey Federation
Orion – The Hunter's Institute
Pheasants Forever
Professional Outfitters and Guides of America

Quail Forever
Quality Deer Management Association
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Safari Club International
Shikar-Safari Club
Sportsmen's Alliance
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Wild Sheep Foundation
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute
Wildlife Mississippi



May 15, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources United States Senate
 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510
 VIA FAX 202-224-6163

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable (ORIR) supports the President’s nomination of David Longly Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, an appointment of great importance to the outdoor recreation industry. As the steward of more than 25% of the nation’s land-base – including prime recreation sites on public lands and waters drawing more than a billion visits annually – the Department is of vital importance to our industry and its customers.

Many of us have known David Bernhardt for years through his prior public service at the Department. We have found him responsive, intelligent and committed to cooperation among government agencies at all levels and the recreation community’s private sector. He understands that we manufacture, sell and service equipment ranging from RVs to boats, skis to fishing equipment and much more that make being outdoors fun. He understands that our industry has designed, built and now operates ski areas and lodging, campgrounds and marinas on public lands, and provides outfitter and guide services – again, helping Americans enjoy and benefit from the shared legacy of our national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, vast BLM-managed assets, the waters overseen by the Bureau of Reclamation and more.

David grew up with an appreciation of the outdoors in and around Rifle, Colorado, and those experiences have shaped his priorities and outlook. We worked with him in his role as Interior’s Director of Congressional Affairs on numerous issues, including the crafting of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, and later during his service as the department’s Deputy Chief of Staff and Solicitor.

The Department needs leadership from those aware of the complexities of balancing recreation, conservation and commodity purposes – and a person who understands that there are usually solutions to even very difficult matters if time is invested in understanding the full range of alternatives and then gaining broad buy-in by the range of interests involved in Interior topics.

Those leading the Department of the Interior will play a central role in determining whether the outdoor recreation industry, now estimated to generate \$887 billion in annual spending

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and supporting some 7.6 million jobs, will continue to grow and generate economic and health benefits and support long term community sustainability in areas with major public lands. We are convinced that Mr. Bernhardt will respond to these challenges and assist Secretary Zinke in very positive ways. We respectfully request that this letter and its message of support be included in the record of the May 18, 2017, confirmation hearing by your committee on this nomination.

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable is comprised of America's leading outdoor recreation trade associations, representing thousands of U.S. businesses that produce and provide equipment, gear, apparel, vehicles and services for some 150 million Americans who enjoy our nation's public lands, waterways, and byways. Spanning outdoor recreational activities such as boating, fishing, hunting, camping, snow sports and powersports, and including recreational vehicles, outdoor equipment and clothing used to pursue these activities, the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable is dedicated to growing diverse outdoor participation, expanding recreational access for Americans and promoting conservation. More information on ORIR is attached.

We look forward to working with Mr. Bernhardt and the team at the Department of Interior to advance the outdoor recreation sector, grow jobs in the U.S., and ensure robust public access and treasured experiences in the outdoors that also boost our nation's physical and mental well-being.

Sincerely,

American Recreation Coalition

Archery Trade Association

BoatU.S.

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Marine Retailers Association of America

Motorcycle Industry Council

National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC)

National Marine Manufacturers Association

National Park Hospitality Association

National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.

Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association

Recreation Vehicle Industry Association

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association

Specialty Equipment Market Association

Specialty Vehicle Institute of America

cc: Members, Energy and Natural Resources Committee, United States Senate



Colorado River District

Protecting Western Colorado Water Since 1937

May 23, 2017

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
(via email)

Dear Senator Gardner:

On behalf of the Colorado River Water Conservation District, I write to endorse and urge your support for confirmation of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior.

The Colorado River District has enjoyed working with David in a variety of capacities in the past. We have worked with David Bernhardt on both legislative and regulatory issues. He has always been advocate for western water and a problem-solver.

Mr. Bernhardt is highly qualified for this position. He spent his youth in Rifle, Colorado and learned water policy and water law from such exemplary mentors as Russell George and Scott McInnis. More recently, his service as the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior and his other D.C. experience will serve him and Interior extremely well in this new position. As a longtime advocate for western water, coupled with his understanding of both the legislative and regulatory process make him highly qualified to serve in this position.

The Department and the nation would be well served to have someone with David's qualifications and personal integrity in this position. The Colorado River District encourages your support and that of the US Senate for the prompt confirmation of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Kuhn, General Manager



Colorado Water Congress

THE LEADING VOICE OF COLORADO'S WATER COMMUNITY

May 15, 2017

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gardner,

On behalf of the Colorado Water Congress, we are writing to express our support for David Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior.

The Colorado Water Congress is the principal voice of Colorado's water community, and our Federal Affairs Committee fully supports Mr. Bernhardt's nomination. We have worked with David on issues affecting our water supplies; storage; delivery and conservation, as well as some regulatory issues, while he worked on Capitol Hill and the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Bernhardt is highly qualified to serve in this position. From his roots in Western Colorado to his prior service as the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior and in many other capacities, David has been a strong advocate for western water. Further, his thorough understanding of both the legislative process and natural resources law make him highly qualified to serve in this position.

David has been a public servant committed to the meaning of the term. He believes in and practices straight talk; is inclusive in consideration of issues brought before; explores all available options on the path to finding workable solutions in the real world where government actions impact real people. He has earned the trust of many because of his ability to communicate effectively and decide fairly.

The Department would be well served to have someone with David's qualifications and personal integrity in this position. Colorado Water Congress encourages the United States Senate to promptly confirm David Bernhardt's nomination so that the important work of the Department of the Interior can move forward.

Sincerely,

Doug Kemper
Executive Director

Andy Colosimo
Federal Affairs Committee Chair

Chris Treese
Federal Affairs Committee Vice Chair



Protecting Water for Western Irrigated Agriculture

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May 18, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairwoman
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Cantwell and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Family Farm Alliance (Alliance), we appreciate the opportunity to strongly endorse Mr. David Bernhardt as the next Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior).

The Alliance is a grassroots organization of family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts and allied industries in 16 Western states. The Alliance is focused on one mission: To ensure the availability of reliable, affordable irrigation water supplies to Western farmers and ranchers. We are also committed to the fundamental proposition that Western irrigated agriculture must be preserved and protected for a host of economic, sociological, environmental and national security reasons – many of which are often overlooked in the context of other national policy decisions.

Our organization works constructively with many federal departments and agencies, but the relationship we have with the Department of the Interior – and particularly, with the Bureau of Reclamation – is our closest.

We believe Mr. Bernhardt is a strong leader; a person with vision, common sense and high ethical standards. We have worked with Mr. Bernhardt in the past on several Western water issues and, as a Westerner himself, believe he understands the unique challenges faced by rural ag producers living in states where the federal government is the majority landowner and plays a significant role in the management of land and water that can impact our members.

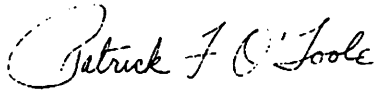
Mr. Bernhardt has extensive federal policy-level experience gained from his public service both as the Department of the Interior's chief legal counsel and as a policymaker who led efforts related to species conservation, conventional and alternative energy development, natural resources planning, environmental compliance, climate change and Indian affairs at the Department. He has a proven track record at Interior, where he was unanimously confirmed in 2006 by the United States Senate to serve as the Department Solicitor. Prior to serving as Solicitor, he held several other high-level positions in the George W. Bush Administration including: Deputy Solicitor, Deputy Chief of Staff, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior, and Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

As Solicitor, Mr. Bernhardt served with distinction as the Chief Legal Officer and third ranking official at Interior. He provided advice and counsel on a wide range of legal and policy matters to each of the agencies that make up the Department of the Interior, while leading a team of nearly 500 attorneys and staff.

It is our hope and expectation that Mr. Bernhardt will bring a level of practical experience, empathy for rural producers, and intelligence into this position that will serve not only the interests of the Trump Administration, but also farmers and ranchers throughout the Western United States.

The Family Farm Alliance respectfully requests your support of David Bernhardt's nomination as the next Deputy Secretary of Interior. We know he will serve our Nation well in this important position.

Sincerely,



Patrick O'Toole
President



Dan Keppen
Executive Director



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LAWRENCE G. KEANE
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
& GENERAL COUNSEL

May 10, 2017

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
United States Senate
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heinrich:

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and recreational shooting sports industry. On behalf of our nearly 13,000 member companies nationwide, we write to express our strong support for the nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.

Having grown up hunting and fishing in rural western Colorado on public lands outside the town of Rifle, Mr. Bernhardt remains an active sportsman and recreational shooter.

In his previous capacity as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior under then-Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, Mr. Bernhardt, who was unanimously confirmed to serve, proved himself to be a champion for sportsmen, shooters and wildlife. We can expect no different if he is afforded the opportunity to serve as Deputy Secretary.

NSSF is proud to offer its strong support of David Bernhardt and we ask for your support for his confirmation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Keane

ONEIDA INDIAN NATION



ONEIDA NATION HOMELANDS

May 31, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski:

Re: Support for David Bernhardt, Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary Nominee

Shekóli. I write on behalf the Oneida Indian Nation in support of the confirmation of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Bernhardt's experience working for two Interior Secretaries during the Bush Administration convinces us that his knowledge of the Department and experience in dealing with the complex issues under its jurisdiction make him singularly well qualified for the Deputy Secretary position.

As Interior Solicitor, Mr. Bernhardt and his staff were involved in myriad thorny legal issues many of which involved Indian Country in some way, directly or indirectly. During his tenure as Solicitor, he was widely regarded as a thoughtful legal advisor to the Secretary and he was willing to defend final agency decisions in favor Indian tribes. Indeed, the United States Senate recognized his hard work and dedication when confirming him to serve as Interior Solicitor.

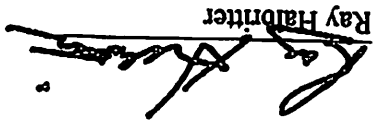
Further, as Mr. Bernhardt explained in his confirmation testimony of May 18, 2017, he has been recognized by tribal leaders for his work to resolve major Indian water rights disputes in Colorado, Arizona and Oklahoma. More importantly, we believe that Mr. Bernhardt understands the significance of tribal sovereignty, the real potential for tribal governments and non-tribal governments to resolve disputes by agreement where possible, and the constructive role that the federal government can play to support the negotiations and the resultant agreement.

While Mr. Bernhardt knows and respects the prerogatives of the Secretary, we think it significant that he knows and respects equally the obligation of full and meaningful government-to-government consultation before the United States takes actions that will impact Indian tribes.

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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We respectfully urge the Committee to vote to report Mr. Bernhardt out of the Committee so that his nomination can be considered by the full Senate as soon as practicable.

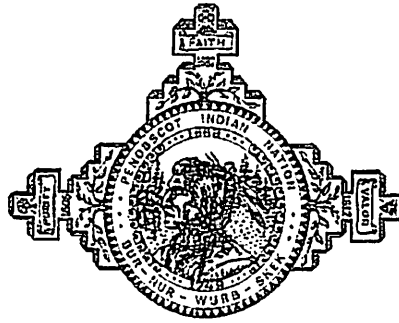
Na ki' wa,


Ray Hairitter
Nation Representative

Office of the Chief and Council

Kirk E. Francis
Chief

Bill Thompson
Vice-Chief



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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chair
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior Department

Dear Chair Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell,

On behalf of the Penobscot Nation, I write to express support for the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Although Mr. Bernhardt previously served at the Department during the Presidency of George W. Bush, the Penobscot Nation did not have any direct interaction with him. We are, however, aware of his interactions with other tribal nations during that time, who informed us that Mr. Bernhardt placed a priority on having honest and transparent interactions and utilizing processes that developed a record which would then provide guidance on the outcome of any decision-making. The Penobscot Nation supports these core principles for decision-making at the Department. For this reason, and those described below, we offer our support for Mr. Bernhardt's nomination.

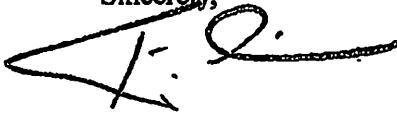
As described during the hearing on Mr. Bernhardt's nomination, his previous experience at the Interior Department makes him well-qualified to serve in the capacity of Deputy Secretary. Although, he did not interact with the Penobscot Nation during that time, we support the statements made by him during the recent hearing and believe that those views will provide a good foundation for interactions between the Department and tribal nations.

Mr. Bernhardt confirmed that consultation with tribal nations is a necessity and that it must be both meaningful and full. He provided assurances to Senator Martin Heinrich that funding for Indian programs are not suspect and there is a solid legal basis for such funding. He also assured Senator Jeff Flake that the Department will continue to play a constructive and appropriate role in the resolution of water disputes and tribal water issues. The Penobscot Nation agrees with these viewpoints and believes that the Department has a vital role in helping to protect the rights and trust assets of tribal nations.

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For the reasons described herein, we offer our support of Mr. Bernhardt's nomination and look forward to working with him in his capacity as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

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Kirk E. Francis
Chief



National Cattlemen's
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May 18, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

The Public Lands Council (PLC) and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the confirmation of David Bernhardt to be the Deputy Secretary of the Interior. PLC is the only national organization dedicated solely to representing the roughly 22,000 ranchers who hold federal grazing permits and operate on federal lands. NCBA is the beef industry's largest and oldest national marketing and trade association, representing American cattlemen and women who provide much of the nation's supply of food and own or manage a large portion of America's private property.

Mr. Bernhardt has a wealth of experience at the Department of the Interior, having previously served as the Department's Deputy Solicitor, deputy chief of staff and counselor to the Secretary, and as director of congressional and legislative affairs and counselor to the Secretary under former Interior Secretary Norton. He then went on to serve as the Solicitor under former Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. He is respected and widely regarded as a leader both inside and outside the Department. In his current capacity, Mr. Bernhardt leads the natural resource law practice at Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck, LLP and has his finger on the pulse of everything that is happening in the natural resource world. Finally, as a native of Colorado Mr. Bernhardt understands western issues and the unique challenges that our members face while operating on public lands in the west.

Western ranchers own approximately 120 million acres of the most productive private land in the west and manage nearly 250 million acres of public land. Ranchers who hold grazing permits on public land do vital work that benefits public land including the improvement of water sources, improvement of wildlife habitat, and maintaining the open space that Americans enjoy. Having leadership at the Department of Interior who understands public lands, and who values true cooperation with stakeholders is in the best interest of all Americans.

PLC and NCBA appreciate the opportunity to provide our input on behalf of our members – the nation's food and fiber producers. We urge the Senate to confirm Mr. Bernhardt without delay.

Sincerely,

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May 17, 2017

Hon. Lisa Murkowski
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Hon. Maria Cantwell
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Support for David L. Bernhardt to be Deputy Secretary – U.S. Department of the Interior

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

As veteran Senators from large western states, you know of the complexity of the issues affecting western communities. Management of federal and public lands, water, energy and natural resources and Indian affairs are but a handful of issues the U.S. Department of the Interior deals with on a daily basis.


In March 2017 the Senate --- rightly in my view --- voted overwhelmingly to confirm Ryan Zinke to be the Secretary of the Interior. His pro-active, upbeat, can-do attitude is the proper one to tackle the difficult issues facing Interior. Likewise, I believe David L. Bernhardt would be an excellent deputy to Secretary Zinke for the reasons mentioned below.

Mr. Bernhardt is a westerner by birth and orientation. In addition to an accomplished career in the private sector, he has experience working on Capitol Hill and spent 8 years in the Department of the Interior during the presidency of George W. Bush. Mr. Bernhardt wore many hats in his service to Secretary Gale Norton and Secretary Dirk Kempthorne in that 8-year period: Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Counselor to the Secretary, Deputy Chief of Staff, Deputy Solicitor, and Solicitor.

As you can imagine, these roles afforded Mr. Bernhardt the widest possible exposure to the most compelling issues of the day including species conservation, energy and natural resource development and management, environmental protection and compliance, and Indian affairs.

I have known and worked with Mr. Bernhardt for many years and know him to be of the highest integrity and professional competence. I therefore commend him to the Committee without hesitation and urge his swift confirmation by the United States Senate.

Sincerely,


JOHN L. BERREY
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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
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RE: Support for Nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell,

I write on behalf of the Seneca Nation to support the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt to serve as the Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior. Our support is based on our previous interactions with Mr. Bernhardt when he served as the Solicitor for the Department during the Presidency of George W. Bush.

In his previous capacity as Solicitor, Mr. Bernhardt was asked to opine on the regulatory framework involving the interplay between the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Part 292 regulations regarding restricted fee lands. This was a complex matter that related to the Seneca Nation's ability to use funds from the Seneca Nation Settlement Act to purchase lands in restricted fee status and how those lands would be treated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. We found Mr. Bernhardt to be diligent, to consult with all stakeholders, to recognize the unique federal responsibility of the Department to tribal nations, and to form a record that carefully analyzed the relevant statutory and regulatory framework. More importantly, we appreciated Mr. Bernhardt not rushing the decision, but acting in a patient and deliberate manner to ensure that whatever the decision would ultimately be it was supported by an adequate record and analysis.

Given our prior interactions with Mr. Bernhardt, we believe that he will be a capable and competent Deputy Secretary who fully understands the relationship between the federal government and tribal nations and the appropriate role the Department of the Interior has to protect the trust assets of tribal nations but also support our self-determination.

Todd Gates, President
SENECA NATION OF INDIANS



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For these reasons, we support the nomination of Mr. David Bernhard to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Interior Department.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

"Putting Our People First"

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Lieutenant Governor

June 1, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairwoman
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski,

I write on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community in support of the nomination of Mr. David Bernhardt to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Our support stems from our experience working with Mr. Bernhardt during his previous tenure as a senior official at the Department of Interior.

In particular, we negotiated extensively with Mr. Bernhardt on our water settlement—the Gila River Indian Community Water Rights Settlement that was enacted into law in 2004 as part of the Arizona Water Settlements Act. Mr. Bernhardt was a tough negotiator for the Department but also understood that the Community had legitimate rights to water. He was able to balance his role as an advocate for the Department with the understanding that the Department had a trust responsibility to the Community. Once a final settlement was reached, the Community found Mr. Bernhardt helpful in navigating the legislative process to ensure that Congress understood that the settlement benefited both the Community and the Federal government. As a result, the Community's water settlement was enacted into law and brought critical water resources to the Community and our members.

Based on our experience in negotiating and working on complex issues with Mr. Bernhardt we support his position as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We believe he has an understanding of tribal sovereignty and the United States' trust responsibility to tribal nations, including the Gila River Indian Community.

Sincerely,

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**The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
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**The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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May 11, 2017

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell,

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) supports the nomination of David Bernhardt to become the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The Department of the Interior has 10 major bureaus, 70,000 employees and manages more than 500 million acres of public land. The mission of the Department of Interior, to protect America's great outdoors and natural resources is of absolutely critical importance to our nation's \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy, which includes America's hunters and anglers.

The importance of the Department of Interior, the chief steward of our national public lands, requires a Deputy Secretary who understands how the department functions and understands the complexities associated with balancing the resource needs of our country, both now, and most importantly, for future generations of Americans. David Bernhardt will provide much needed departmental experience to the Interior leadership team at a time when important natural resource decisions with wide impact are being considered.

The Senate does have a responsibility to examine the potential conflicts of interest brought on by Mr. Bernhardt's private legal career, where he represented various parties with financial stakes in Department of the Interior decisions, and the TRCP supports this examination. In our experience, we have found Mr. Bernhardt to be fair, curious, thoughtful and committed to ensuring the Department of the Interior lives up to its responsibility to conserve the nation's lands and resources for future generations.

Mr. Bernhardt also boasts a first-hand appreciation for public lands, a critical component of his qualifications to help lead the Department. Growing up in Rifle, Colorado, Mr. Bernhardt enjoyed hunting and fishing on national public lands. These same lands were also heavily used for oil and gas production, giving him an early perspective about the necessity of balancing the many uses of our national landscapes. Mr. Bernhardt also understands the close partnership that must exist between the federal government and the states and our neighbors to the north and south. He served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia and was the United States Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission.

In summary, we believe that David Bernhardt has the experience, temperament and judgment to make an excellent Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior, and we support his nomination.

Sincerely,



**Whit Fosburgh
President and CEO
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**

SECRETARY ZINKE VISIT TO ANTIETAM
Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Note: Document Revised 7/3 at 10 a.m.

Schedule for Event

- 9:45 a.m.** Secretary Zinke and VIPs meet at the Visitor Center parking lot for tour that will highlight recent preservation and restoration successes, along with park maintenance opportunities. NPS Historian Keith Snyder to lead tour.
- 11:15 a.m.** Secretary and VIPs arrive at news conference site (parking near Dunker Church) to greet assembled guests.
- 11: 30 a.m. – noon** News conference announcing \$7.2 million in American Battlefield Land Grants and projects that will benefit from President Trump's battlefield maintenance donation (see news conference agenda, below).
- 12:15 p.m. (approx.)** Tour of battlefield for members of the media who were brought to event by DOI. Civil War Trust historian Garry Adelman available to lead tour.
- 12:15 p.m. (approx.)** Public walking tour of battlefield begins (we typically offer public tours for attendees after an event as a thank you).
- 12:15 p.m. (approx.)** VIPs take van to historic Mumma Barn for VIP lunch.
- 1:15 p.m.** Secretary Zinke departs Antietam NB.

News Conference Agenda

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| Susan Trail (NPS Superintendent) | Welcome and Introductions (4-5 mins) |
| Jim Lighthizer (CWT President) | Remarks (4-5 mins) |
| Will Shafroth (NPF President) | Remarks (4-5 mins) |
| John L. Nau, III (CWT Former Chair) | Remarks and Introduce Secretary (5 mins) |
| Secretary Zinke | Keynote (7-10 minutes) |
| All Speakers | Check to Secretary/Photo Op (5 mins) |
| Susan Trail | Concluding Remarks (2-3 mins) |

VIP Tour Attendees

Main Van

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke
Lolita Zinke – wife of Secretary Zinke
Susan Trail – Antietam NB Superintendent
Jim Lighthizer – President, Civil War Trust
Will Shafroth – President and CEO, National Park Foundation President
John Nau – Chairman *Emeritus*, Civil War Trust
Teresa Hildreth – Guest of Mr. Nau
Doug Domenech – Senior Advisor, Department of the Interior
David Bufkin -- Historian
Secretary's Security Detail
Keith Snyder – Antietam NB Chief of Interpretation
Paul Coussan – Civil War Trust (driving)

Staff Follow Vehicle

Laura Rigas
Tami Heilemann
Roddy Russell

VIP Tour Schedule

(90-minute tour – times approximate. Tour commences at 9:45 a.m. at Visitor Center. Keith Snyder will be historian leading tour.)

9:45 a.m. Tour begins at Visitor Center parking lot
Introductions and summary of Maryland Campaign of 1862
9:55 a.m. Arrive Cornfield/Wilson Tract stop (stop at former house site)
10:15 a.m. Depart Cornfield/Wilson Tract
10:25 a.m. Arrive Sunken Road tour stop
10:35 a.m. Depart sunken road
10:45 a.m. Arrive Burnside Bridge
11:00 a.m. Depart Burnside Bridge
11:15 a.m. Arrive at news conference site

Press Tour Schedule

(90-minute tour – times approximate. Tour commences at 12:15 p.m. following news conference. Keith Snyder and Garry Adelman will be historians on tour.)

12:15 p.m. Tour begins at Visitor Center parking lot
Introductions and summary of Maryland Campaign of 1862
12:25 p.m. Arrive/Wilson Tract stop (stop at former house site)
12:40 p.m. Depart Cornfield/Wilson Tract
12:50 p.m. Arrive Sunken Road tour stop
1:00 p.m. Depart Sunken Road
1:10 p.m. Arrive Burnside Bridge
1:25 p.m. Depart Burnside Bridge
1:35 p.m. Arrive Newcomer House
1:45 p.m. Depart Newcomer House
1:55 p.m. Return to Visitor Center parking lot

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS – SEC. ZINKE PRESERVATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Maryland State Monument, Antietam National Battlefield
5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, MD, 21782

SUGGESTED FORMAT: *Susan Trail will welcome guests and provide opening remarks. She will introduce Jim Lighthizer, who will discuss the partnership between the Civil War Trust and NPS at Antietam. Jim will then introduce Will Shafroth to talk about the National Park Foundation's work with NPS. Will will introduce Trust Chairman emeritus John Nau, who will discuss the many benefits of battlefield preservation and then introduce Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. It is suggested Secretary Zinke announce the battlefield grants and the donation of the President's salary to Antietam NB maintenance. Following the Secretary's remarks, there will be a check presentation to Antietam NB. Susan Trail will then return to the podium to make concluding remarks and recognize VIPs.*

Speakers

- **Susan Trail:** Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield
- **Jim Lighthizer:** President, Civil War Trust
- **Will Shafroth:** President and CEO, National Park Foundation
- **John L. Nau, III:** Chairman *emeritus*, Civil War Trust
- **Honorable Ryan Zinke:** Secretary of the Interior

SUSAN TRAIL – WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS (4-5 MINUTES)

- Susan, please welcome everyone to Antietam National Battlefield and thank those in attendance for coming together to celebrate new battlefield preservation achievements.
- Your fellow speakers are Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Jim Lighthizer, Will Shafroth, and John Nau. John is chairman *emeritus* of the Civil War Trust and serves on the boards of both the Trust and the Foundation.
- Mention the number of special guests, friends and partners present, and how excited we all are to welcome the Secretary of the Interior to Antietam.
- You may want to provide a brief background of the establishment of Antietam National Battlefield, and mention a couple of highlights in its 125-year history. Please reference the role of nonprofit organizations in helping to preserve Antietam.
- You may want to mention the thousands of visitors who attended the Salute to Independence over the weekend.

DIRECTION: Please ask Jim Lighthizer to the podium.

JIM LIGHTHIZER – (4-5 MINUTES)

- It is my privilege to serve as president of the Civil War Trust. We have saved more than 46,000 acres of battlefield land in 24 states, including 314 acres at Antietam and nearly 1,400 acres in Maryland.
- In 2015, the Trust and our partners preserved the Wilson Tract here at Antietam, located just over my shoulder, one of the most significant unprotected pieces of battleground anywhere in the country.
- This land, some of the bloodiest ground from the bloodiest day in American history, stood for years as a glaring hole on Antietam Battlefield, almost entirely devoid of monuments or interpretation, and inaccessible to tours and visitors.
- The Antietam battlefield is a special place for me, and a fitting backdrop for today's announcement. These fields are where I first realized the critical importance of saving the hallowed grounds of America's wars and memorializing the men who fought here.
- These battlefields tell a story of who we are as Americans and the sacrifice required by our forefathers to make this nation what it is today.
- Before the battle was fought, this was farmland – quiet, peaceful, anonymous. But when the thousands of men who bled and died here fought on September 17, 1862, they forever transformed this landscape, and consecrated it as hallowed ground.
- Recognizing the importance of this site, much of the land was preserved for future generations, first by the War Department, and then the National Park Service, which continues to preserve and maintain Antietam and other battlefield parks to this day.
- Without a doubt, the National Park Service is the strongest partner of the Civil War Trust. Together, we have preserved more than 27,000 acres of battleground through the American Battlefield Protection Program.
- While the Trust has saved land at major battlefield sites like Antietam and Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Gaines Mill and Appomattox Courthouse, it is important to note that much of what we've saved has been at the sites of smaller battles.
- For example, before they arrived here at Antietam, the armies clashed among the passes of South Mountain; after the Battle of Antietam, Union forces chased Confederates back into what was then West Virginia at Shepherdstown – both battlefields where the Trust, partnering with the American Battlefield Protection Program and local organizations, has preserved considerable acreage.

- Here at Antietam, we have enjoyed an incredible partnership with one of the best local battlefield preservation organizations in the country – the Save Historic Antietam Foundation.
- It is our honor to be joined today by the Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke. Secretary Zinke is passionate about protecting battlefield land for future generations, and we look forward to a partnership with him to continue this legacy.
- It is also an honor to be here today with my good friend, Will Shafroth. We had done a lot of good work at battlefields over the years – first while he was at DOI, and now as he leads the outstanding National Park Foundation.

DIRECTION: Please ask Will Shafroth to the podium.

WILL SHAFROTH – (4-5 MINUTES)

- Will, please briefly speak to the mission of the National Park Foundation as the official charitable partner of the National Park Service. Consider mentioning your family vacations to national parks as a child that sparked a lifelong passion for conservation and outdoor recreation.
- There are more than 70 parks in the National Park System with resources that are related to the history of the Civil War, including 25 National Battlefield parks. These parks provide Americans with opportunities to learn about this defining period in our nation's history and to appreciate the bravery and sacrifice of the citizen-soldiers who fought in the conflict.
- These parks also have real economic benefits for the communities in which they are located. Last year, the Foundation released the first-ever study to provide a comprehensive economic valuation of America's national parks and the programming provided by NPS, finding the total economic value of national parks and the National Park Service's programs to be \$92 billion, clearly demonstrating the public's shared perception of the incredible benefits of national parks and programs.
- The National Park Foundation has long been a supporter of Antietam National Battlefield. For example, in 2012, NPF awarded Antietam NB a grant from our Active Trails program to refurbish the Rohrbach group campground and increase visitor accessibility to the area.
- As most of you know, the National Park Service celebrated its 100th birthday in 2016. Together with the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation worked closely with partners and stakeholders across the country to ensure that the Centennial was more than just a birthday. Early last year, NPF and NPS launched the Find Your Park public

education and engagement campaign to inspire all Americans to connect with, enjoy, and support America's national parks. This movement continues beyond the Centennial, helping people discover that parks can be more than beautiful natural landscapes and that parks are relevant to all of our lives.

- We also cheer the National Park Service Centennial Act, bipartisan legislation which was developed and passed last year with the support of national park partners and champions, including the National Park Foundation and the National Parks Conservation Association. Included in this Act was the establishment of the National Park Centennial Challenge Fund, which will build on the on the Centennial Challenge program's proven success at leveraging philanthropic support for projects and programs across the National Park System.
- In the past few years, Congress has appropriated a total of \$25 million for the Centennial Challenge program, while NPS and partners such as NPF and local Friends Groups raised more than \$45 million. These funds are supporting several projects at Antietam by the National Park Foundation, the Save Historic Antietam Foundation, and the Western Maryland Interpretive Association, including the construction of an accessible walkway and the removal of non-historic trees from Antietam National Cemetery, and the restoration of the Otto House landscape.
- As we look forward to the next 100 years of the National Park Service, it is vitally important that these sites remain world-class destinations for Americans and people from all over the globe to visit, enjoy, and reflect.

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DIRECTION: Please ask John Nau to the podium.

JOHN NAU – BATTLEFIELD BENEFITS AND INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY (5 MINUTES)

- The protection of battlefield landscapes will stand the test of time. Every acre we save is an investment in our country's future. There can be no more lasting and fitting tribute than protecting the sites where the Civil War's outcome was decided — the battlefields themselves.
- Preserved battlefields can be economic engines for local communities – creating jobs, driving tourism, and protecting valuable open space.
- Visitors to battlefields tend to spend more and stay longer than other tourists at other attractions. Last year alone, Antietam National Battlefield was hosted more than 350,000 tourists, one of the highest visitation totals on record.
- In 2015, visitors to Washington County, where we stand today, had a direct consumer benefit of \$10.3 million for the county. There is little doubt that preserved battlefields are a boon for local communities.

- In addition, battlefields are outdoor classrooms; the Trust has invested considerable resources in its education initiatives, becoming a nonprofit leader in providing online history resources, including videos, animated maps, and mobile apps.
- At a time when many schools find it difficult to make ends meet, the Civil War Trust provides educators with free resources that encourage students to connect with history in dynamic and innovative ways.
- Our annual National Teacher Institute enables teachers to bring history and education alive for thousands of students. Our Generations Program, developed to help young people engage with history, holds family-friendly events at Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War sites, attracting more than 5,000 participants in the past 2 years.
- The Trust, along with our other battlefield partners – especially the National Park Foundation and National Park Service – will continue to explore new initiatives to connect Americans with these battlefields so they better understand how the actions of those who fought here translate to the America we know today.
- As a veteran of the Marine Corps, these fields have a special meaning to me, as living memorials to the soldiers who fought here as well as fields for training the modern American military.
- Professional military education tours, traditionally called “staff rides,” are frequently conducted on preserved battlefields and are an important element of U.S. Armed Forces training.
- On these staff rides, which are often led by military instructors or historians, soldiers learn valuable lessons and skills by studying historic terrain in person and placing themselves in the shoes of combat commanders from long ago.
- The Maryland Campaign and the Battle of Antietam provide exceptional opportunities for military education. According to National Park Service estimates, the Antietam National Battlefield hosts between 30 and 50 staff rides a year.
- As a military veteran himself, former Navy SEAL Secretary Zinke appreciates these battlefields as well – as a place of history, of sacrifice, reflection, and education.
- It is our great honor to have Secretary Zinke here. A former Congressman from Montana, Sec. Zinke is a friend of preservation and American history.
- It is my distinct honor to welcome the 51st Secretary of the Interior of the United States, the Honorable Ryan Zinke.

DIRECTION: Ask Secretary Zinke to the podium.

SECRETARY RYAN ZINKE – SUGGESTED KEYNOTE REMARKS (7-10 MINUTES)

- Secretary Zinke, please considering sharing with the audience your interest and enthusiasm in American battlefields, and what they mean to you.
- You may want to discuss the role of the National Park Service in preserving and maintaining America’s most famous battlegrounds, and how NPS relies on nonprofit partners like the Civil War Trust to accomplish its mission.
- Additionally, you may want to give some background on the American Battlefield Protection Program and its Battlefield Land Grants Program, which the Trust and its partners utilize to acquire unprotected battlefield land across the country.
- A little history: the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission was created in 1990 to prioritize America’s battlefields and identify cost-effective ways to preserve these sites.
- It also recommended the creation of the Battlefield Land Grant Program, a matching grant program administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program, that is designed work within the private sector market place to preserve battlefields.
- It is one of the most successful land preservation tools in the country, and has been used to save more than 27,000 acres of Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields to date.
- Preserved battlefields are our link to the past, and these landscapes offer us the chance to look back and understand the events that transpired here, and how they shaped the country we know today.
- Today, I am pleased to announce 23 new grants totaling more than \$7.2 million to protect 1,196 acres at 19 Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields. They are (these will be visually represented on a poster):
 - Prairie Grove, Ark.;
 - South Mountain and Williamsport, Md.;
 - Brices Cross Roads, Miss.;
 - Fort Ann and Sackets Harbor, N.Y.;
 - Brandywine, Pa.;
 - Eutaw Springs, S.C.;
 - Fort Donelson, Tenn.;

- Nine battlefields in Virginia: Appomattox Courthouse, Fredericksburg, Gaines Mill, Kelly's Ford, Malvern Hill, New Market, Second Manassas, Third Winchester, and Trevilian Station, Va.;
 - Shepherdstown, W.Va.
- It should be noted that this is the first time the Battlefield Land Grant Program has been used to preserve a War of 1812 site – Sackets Harbor in New York – since the program was expanded in December 2014 to include the Revolutionary War and War of 1812.
 - The National Park Service protects 417 sites that paint a full picture of the United States of America, from Antietam to the Grand Canyon, and from Denali to Dry Tortugas.
 - Years of neglect and delay have resulted in a \$12 billion backlog of deferred maintenance projects at our national parks. At America's 25 national battlefield parks, there currently exists a \$229 million backlog. That is no way to preserve our history, and this administration is taking steps to rectify this situation.
 - In April, I was proud to announce President Trump's decision to donate his first quarterly salary as president to the National Park Service's battlefield parks.
 - Today, I am announcing that this contribution, totaling \$79,000, will be given to Antietam National Battlefield, specifically for the upkeep and maintenance of the monuments on the battlefield.
 - The Civil War Trust, National Park Foundation, and Save Historic Foundation have agreed to match the President's generous challenge donation and – as a result – the President's 79,000 has generated a total of \$264,212 for maintenance at Antietam.
 - The gift of the President and the three nonprofit groups will go toward preservation of the historic Newcomer House, along with replacement of 5,000 linear feet of deteriorated rail fencing along the Hagerstown Turnpike where some of the most intense fighting of the battle occurred.

I want to invite the Civil War Trust, the National Park Foundation and the Save Historic Foundation to return to the podium to present a check to the National Park Service to match the President's donation (nonprofit donation: \$185,212).

DIRECTION: Have Jim Lighthizer, Will Shafroth, John Nau, Susan Trail, and a representative of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation return to podium for photo op.

- Preserving and maintaining these sites, especially projects like we're celebrating today, provides future generations a place to reflect on the heroism, sacrifice and

determination of American soldiers throughout history, and the principles for which they fought. I am humbled to work toward such a remarkable goal.

DIRECTION: Ask Susan to make concluding remarks.

SUSAN TRAIL – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS (3-4 MINUTES)

- Thanks again to Sec. Zinke, John Nau, Will Shafroth and Jim Lighthizer, and to everyone who came out to Antietam today.
- Please recognize VIPs in audience not previously recognized. We will provide a short list during the event.
- To all of our friends, partners and members, especially those of you here today, thank you for making it possible to continue our mission, to keep these hallowed grounds preserved forever.

Speaker Biographies

Susan Trail, *Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield*

Susan Trail was named superintendent of Antietam National Battlefield in 2011. Before that, she served as superintendent of Monocacy National Battlefield for eight years. Trail was also assistant superintendent at Antietam, cultural resource manager at C&O Canal National Historic Park and supervisory archaeologist at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Trail is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia.

O. James Lighthizer, *President, Civil War Trust*

Jim's years of public service began in 1979 when he was elected to the Maryland State Legislature. In 1982, he was elected to the first of two terms as Anne Arundel County Executive. During his tenure as county executive, he established a county farmland protection program and embarked on an aggressive waterfront park acquisition effort. In 1991, Jim was appointed as Maryland's Secretary of Transportation, where he created an unprecedented program that to date has saved more than 4,500 acres of Civil War battlefield.

In December 1999, Jim accepted the presidency of the Civil War Preservation Trust, a new organization created by the merger of two other national battlefield preservation groups. When Jim took the reins, the fledgling organization had 22,000 members and its predecessor organizations had saved 7,000 acres in the previous 13 years. During Jim's tenure as President of the Trust, the group has saved 34,000 additional acres, and now boasts 55,000 members nationwide.

Will Shafroth, *President and CEO, National Park Foundation*

Will Shafroth joined the National Park Foundation as president and CEO in July of 2015. In this role, he oversees the Foundation's work, including its operations, philanthropic support through individual and foundation giving, corporate partnerships, and its promotion of the National Park Service Centennial celebration. Shafroth leads the Foundation's efforts toward the success of its mission to enrich America's national parks and programs by providing a measure of excellence made possible through private support. He has more than three decades of experience working to advance conservation and outdoor recreation.

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Announcement of Battlefield Grants, Donation of President's Salary to Antietam NB

FOLLOWING REMARKS: Have Jim Lighthizer, Will Shafroth, John Nau, Susan Trail, and Dr. Tom Clemens of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation return to podium for photo op (5 minutes).

Ask **SUSAN TRAIL** to make concluding remarks.

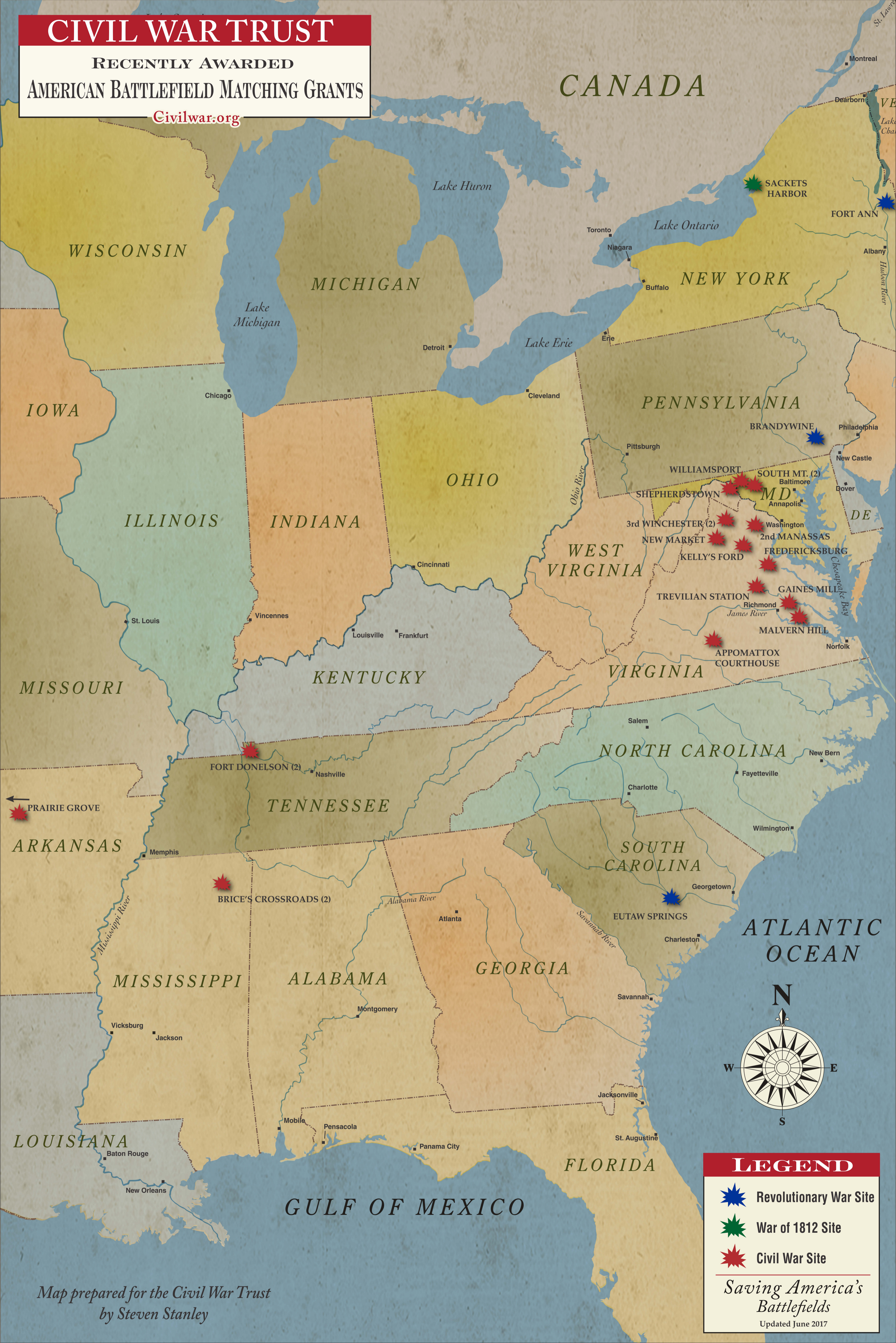
SUSAN TRAIL (2-3 minutes) – Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield

Acknowledgments and Closing


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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS – SEC. ZINKE PRESERVATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Maryland State Monument, Antietam National Battlefield
5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, MD, 21782

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SUSAN TRAIL – WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS (4-5 MINUTES)

- Susan, please welcome everyone to Antietam National Battlefield and thank those in attendance for coming together to celebrate new battlefield preservation achievements.
- Your fellow speakers are Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Jim Lighthizer, Will Shafroth, and John Nau. John is chairman *emeritus* of the Civil War Trust and serves on the boards of both the Trust and the Foundation.
- Mention the number of special guests, friends and partners present, and how excited we all are to welcome the Secretary of the Interior to Antietam.
- You may want to provide a brief background of the establishment of Antietam National Battlefield, and mention a couple of highlights in its 125-year history. Please reference the role of nonprofit organizations in helping to preserve Antietam.
- You may want to mention the thousands of visitors who attended the Salute to Independence over the weekend.

DIRECTION: Please ask Jim Lighthizer to the podium.

JIM LIGHTHIZER – (4-5 MINUTES)

- It is my privilege to serve as president of the Civil War Trust. We have saved more than 46,000 acres of battlefield land in 24 states, including 314 acres at Antietam and nearly 1,400 acres in Maryland.
- In 2015, the Trust and our partners preserved the Wilson Tract here at Antietam, located just over my shoulder, one of the most significant unprotected pieces of battleground anywhere in the country.
- This land, some of the bloodiest ground from the bloodiest day in American history, stood for years as a glaring hole on Antietam Battlefield, almost entirely devoid of monuments or interpretation, and inaccessible to tours and visitors.
- The Antietam battlefield is a special place for me, and a fitting backdrop for today's announcement. These fields are where I first realized the critical importance of saving the hallowed grounds of America's wars and memorializing the men who fought here.
- These battlefields tell a story of who we are as Americans and the sacrifice required by our forefathers to make this nation what it is today.
- Before the battle was fought, this was farmland – quiet, peaceful, anonymous. But when the thousands of men who bled and died here fought on September 17, 1862, they forever transformed this landscape, and consecrated it as hallowed ground.
- Recognizing the importance of this site, much of the land was preserved for future generations, first by the War Department, and then the National Park Service, which continues to preserve and maintain Antietam and other battlefield parks to this day.
- Without a doubt, the National Park Service is the strongest partner of the Civil War Trust. Together, we have preserved more than 27,000 acres of battleground through the American Battlefield Protection Program.
- While the Trust has saved land at major battlefield sites like Antietam and Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Gaines Mill and Appomattox Courthouse, it is important to note that much of what we've saved has been at the sites of smaller battles.
- For example, before they arrived here at Antietam, the armies clashed among the passes of South Mountain; after the Battle of Antietam, Union forces chased Confederates back into what was then West Virginia at Shepherdstown – both battlefields where the Trust, partnering with the American Battlefield Protection Program and local organizations, has preserved considerable acreage.

- Here at Antietam, we have enjoyed an incredible partnership with one of the best local battlefield preservation organizations in the country – the Save Historic Antietam Foundation.
- It is our honor to be joined today by the Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke. Secretary Zinke is passionate about protecting battlefield land for future generations, and we look forward to a partnership with him to continue this legacy.
- It is also an honor to be here today with my good friend, Will Shafroth. We had done a lot of good work at battlefields over the years – first while he was at DOI, and now as he leads the outstanding National Park Foundation.

DIRECTION: Please ask Will Shafroth to the podium.

WILL SHAFROTH – (4-5 MINUTES)

- Will, please briefly speak to the mission of the National Park Foundation as the official charitable partner of the National Park Service. Consider mentioning your family vacations to national parks as a child that sparked a lifelong passion for conservation and outdoor recreation.
- There are more than 70 parks in the National Park System with resources that are related to the history of the Civil War, including 25 National Battlefield parks. These parks provide Americans with opportunities to learn about this defining period in our nation's history and to appreciate the bravery and sacrifice of the citizen-soldiers who fought in the conflict.
- These parks also have real economic benefits for the communities in which they are located. Last year, the Foundation released the first-ever study to provide a comprehensive economic valuation of America's national parks and the programming provided by NPS, finding the total economic value of national parks and the National Park Service's programs to be \$92 billion, clearly demonstrating the public's shared perception of the incredible benefits of national parks and programs.
- The National Park Foundation has long been a supporter of Antietam National Battlefield. For example, in 2012, NPF awarded Antietam NB a grant from our Active Trails program to refurbish the Rohrbach group campground and increase visitor accessibility to the area.
- As most of you know, the National Park Service celebrated its 100th birthday in 2016. Together with the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation worked closely with partners and stakeholders across the country to ensure that the Centennial was more than just a birthday. Early last year, NPF and NPS launched the Find Your Park public

education and engagement campaign to inspire all Americans to connect with, enjoy, and support America's national parks. This movement continues beyond the Centennial, helping people discover that parks can be more than beautiful natural landscapes and that parks are relevant to all of our lives.

- We also cheer the National Park Service Centennial Act, bipartisan legislation which was developed and passed last year with the support of national park partners and champions, including the National Park Foundation and the National Parks Conservation Association. Included in this Act was the establishment of the National Park Centennial Challenge Fund, which will build on the on the Centennial Challenge program's proven success at leveraging philanthropic support for projects and programs across the National Park System.
- In the past few years, Congress has appropriated a total of \$25 million for the Centennial Challenge program, while NPS and partners such as NPF and local Friends Groups raised more than \$45 million. These funds are supporting several projects at Antietam by the National Park Foundation, the Save Historic Antietam Foundation, and the Western Maryland Interpretive Association, including the construction of an accessible walkway and the removal of non-historic trees from Antietam National Cemetery, and the restoration of the Otto House landscape.
- As we look forward to the next 100 years of the National Park Service, it is vitally important that these sites remain world-class destinations for Americans and people from all over the globe to visit, enjoy, and reflect.

DIRECTION: Please ask John Nau to the podium.

JOHN NAU – BATTLEFIELD BENEFITS AND INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY (5 MINUTES)

- The protection of battlefield landscapes will stand the test of time. Every acre we save is an investment in our country's future. There can be no more lasting and fitting tribute than protecting the sites where the Civil War's outcome was decided — the battlefields themselves.
- Preserved battlefields can be economic engines for local communities – creating jobs, driving tourism, and protecting valuable open space.
- Visitors to battlefields tend to spend more and stay longer than other tourists at other attractions. Last year alone, Antietam National Battlefield was hosted more than 350,000 tourists, one of the highest visitation totals on record.
- In 2015, visitors to Washington County, where we stand today, had a direct consumer benefit of \$10.3 million for the county. There is little doubt that preserved battlefields are a boon for local communities.

- In addition, battlefields are outdoor classrooms; the Trust has invested considerable resources in its education initiatives, becoming a nonprofit leader in providing online history resources, including videos, animated maps, and mobile apps.
- At a time when many schools find it difficult to make ends meet, the Civil War Trust provides educators with free resources that encourage students to connect with history in dynamic and innovative ways.
- Our annual National Teacher Institute enables teachers to bring history and education alive for thousands of students. Our Generations Program, developed to help young people engage with history, holds family-friendly events at Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War sites, attracting more than 5,000 participants in the past 2 years.
- The Trust, along with our other battlefield partners – especially the National Park Foundation and National Park Service – will continue to explore new initiatives to connect Americans with these battlefields so they better understand how the actions of those who fought here translate to the America we know today.
- As a veteran of the Marine Corps, these fields have a special meaning to me, as living memorials to the soldiers who fought here as well as fields for training the modern American military.
- Professional military education tours, traditionally called “staff rides,” are frequently conducted on preserved battlefields and are an important element of U.S. Armed Forces training.
- On these staff rides, which are often led by military instructors or historians, soldiers learn valuable lessons and skills by studying historic terrain in person and placing themselves in the shoes of combat commanders from long ago.
- The Maryland Campaign and the Battle of Antietam provide exceptional opportunities for military education. According to National Park Service estimates, the Antietam National Battlefield hosts between 30 and 50 staff rides a year.
- As a military veteran himself, former Navy SEAL Secretary Zinke appreciates these battlefields as well – as a place of history, of sacrifice, reflection, and education.
- It is our great honor to have Secretary Zinke here. A former Congressman from Montana, Sec. Zinke is a friend of preservation and American history.
- It is my distinct honor to welcome the 51st Secretary of the Interior of the United States, the Honorable Ryan Zinke.

DIRECTION: Ask Secretary Zinke to the podium.

SECRETARY RYAN ZINKE – SUGGESTED KEYNOTE REMARKS (7-10 MINUTES)

- Secretary Zinke, please considering sharing with the audience your interest and enthusiasm in American battlefields, and what they mean to you.
- You may want to discuss the role of the National Park Service in preserving and maintaining America’s most famous battlegrounds, and how NPS relies on nonprofit partners like the Civil War Trust to accomplish its mission.
- Additionally, you may want to give some background on the American Battlefield Protection Program and its Battlefield Land Grants Program, which the Trust and its partners utilize to acquire unprotected battlefield land across the country.
- A little history: the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission was created in 1990 to prioritize America’s battlefields and identify cost-effective ways to preserve these sites.
- It also recommended the creation of the Battlefield Land Grant Program, a matching grant program administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program, that is designed work within the private sector market place to preserve battlefields.
- It is one of the most successful land preservation tools in the country, and has been used to save more than 27,000 acres of Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields to date.
- Preserved battlefields are our link to the past, and these landscapes offer us the chance to look back and understand the events that transpired here, and how they shaped the country we know today.
- Today, I am pleased to announce 23 new grants totaling more than \$7.2 million to protect 1,196 acres at 19 Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields. They are (these will be visually represented on a poster):
 - Prairie Grove, Ark.;
 - South Mountain and Williamsport, Md.;
 - Brices Cross Roads, Miss.;
 - Fort Ann and Sackets Harbor, N.Y.;
 - Brandywine, Pa.;
 - Eutaw Springs, S.C.;
 - Fort Donelson, Tenn.;

- Nine battlefields in Virginia: Appomattox Courthouse, Fredericksburg, Gaines Mill, Kelly’s Ford, Malvern Hill, New Market, Second Manassas, Third Winchester, and Trevilian Station, Va.;
 - Shepherdstown, W.Va.
- It should be noted that this is the first time the Battlefield Land Grant Program has been used to preserve a War of 1812 site – Sackets Harbor in New York – since the program was expanded in December 2014 to include the Revolutionary War and War of 1812.
 - The National Park Service protects 417 sites that paint a full picture of the United States of America, from Antietam to the Grand Canyon, and from Denali to Dry Tortugas.
 - Years of neglect and delay have resulted in a \$12 billion backlog of deferred maintenance projects at our national parks. At America’s 25 national battlefield parks, there currently exists a \$229 million backlog. That is no way to preserve our history, and this administration is taking steps to rectify this situation.
 - In April, I was proud to announce President Trump’s decision to donate his first quarterly salary as president to the National Park Service’s battlefield parks.
 - Today, I am announcing that this contribution, totaling \$78,333, will be given to Antietam National Battlefield, specifically for the upkeep and maintenance of the monuments on the battlefield.
 - The Civil War Trust, National Park Foundation, and Save Historic Foundation have agreed to match the President’s generous challenge donation and – as a result – the President’s \$78,333 has generated a total of \$264,213 for maintenance at Antietam.
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determination of American soldiers throughout history, and the principles for which they fought. I am humbled to work toward such a remarkable goal.

DIRECTION: Ask Susan to make concluding remarks.

SUSAN TRAIL – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS (3-4 MINUTES)

- Thanks again to Sec. Zinke, John Nau, Will Shafroth and Jim Lighthizer, and to everyone who came out to Antietam today.
- Please recognize VIPs in audience not previously recognized. We will provide a short list during the event.
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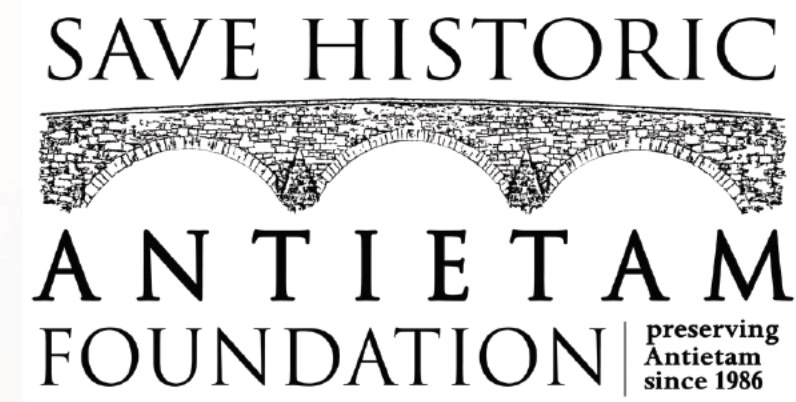
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Secretary Zinke Announces \$7.2 Million in Grants to Protect American Battlefields Nationwide

WASHINGTON – While visiting Antietam National Battlefield in Western Maryland, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that President Donald J. Trump's [first quarter salary donation](#) of \$78,333 would be donated toward the restoration of two projects at the fabled Antietam National Battlefield. Secretary Zinke also announced \$7.2 million in additional grants to help identify, preserve, and protect America's battlefields. The Secretary was joined by ~~NAME.org, NAME.org, NAME.org,~~ [the Civil War Trust, the National Park Foundation, and the Save Historic Antietam Foundation.](#)

After it was announced that President Trump would donate his Q1 salary to the National Park Service, an anonymous donor pledged \$22,000 to bring the President's donation to an even \$100,000. The Civil War Trust and the National Park Foundation, and Save Historic Antietam Foundation have also pledged funds bringing the total gift to ~~\$263,545,000,000.~~ The donation will [be utilized to restore the historic Newcomer House on the Antietam battlefield, and will underwrite the replacement of 5,000 linear feet of deteriorated rail fencing along the Hagerstown Turnpike where some of the most intense fighting of the battle occurred.](#)

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"As both the Secretary of the Interior and a military veteran, I'm deeply honored and humbled to deliver the donation to Antietam National Battlefield on behalf of President Trump," said Secretary Zinke. "Visiting the hallowed ground the day after Independence Day is incredibly moving and it underscores the importance of why we must preserve these historic grounds. The president's donation will allow generations of Americans to learn about our history and heritage on this sacred site."

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The \$7.2 million will preserve nearly 1,200 acres ~~at Civil War battlefields of battlefield land~~ as part of the [American Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants programs](#). The grant projects are located at ~~1924~~ battlefields threatened with damage or destruction by urban and suburban development in Arkansas, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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"These lands were once the stages of our nation's most trying time," Zinke said. "Working with the state and local communities, historians, and advocates, we must preserve these battlefields for future generations of Americans to remember and understand the impact of sacrifices of those who fought on these hallowed grounds. This grant program, along with President Trump's donation will help ensure just that."

The grants are funded from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which uses revenue from federal oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf to purchase land, water, and wetlands for the benefit of all Americans. Since its establishment in 1964, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has conserved land in every state and supported tens of thousands of state and local projects. The fund does not use taxpayer dollars; the primary source of income derives from fees paid by oil and gas companies drilling offshore in waters owned by the American people.

The grants are administered by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), one of more than a dozen programs administered by the NPS that provide states and local communities technical assistance, recognition, and funding to help preserve their own history and create close-to-home recreation opportunities. Consideration for the [American Battlefield-Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants](#) is given to battlefields listed in the National Park Service's Civil War Sites Advisory Commission's 1993 Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields and the ABPP's 2007 Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States.

Grants are awarded to units of state and local governments for the fee-simple acquisition of land, or for the non-federal acquisition of permanent, protective interests in land (easements). Private non-profit groups may apply in partnership with state or local government sponsors. Those non-profit partners are listed along with the government sponsors below.

Complete guidelines for grant eligibility and application forms are available online at www.nps.gov/abpp.

Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants

Arkansas

GRANTEE	AMOUNT
Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Prairie Grove Battlefield, 40 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust	\$50,000.00

Maryland

GRANTEE	AMOUNT
Frederick County South Mountain Battlefield, 1.66 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust, Central Maryland Heritage League	\$127,685.00
Frederick County South Mountain Battlefield, 65.04 acres (Fee Simple)	\$188,549.00
Washington County Williamsport Battlefield, 3.5 acres (Fee Simple)	\$45,751.00

Mississippi

GRANTEE	AMOUNT
Mississippi Department of Archives and History Brice's Cross Roads Battlefield, 13.27 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust	\$127,837.50
Mississippi Department of Archives and History Brice's Cross Roads Battlefield, 80.70 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust	\$135,375.00

New York

GRANTEE	AMOUNT
Town of Fort Ann Fort Ann Battlefield, 160.00 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust and Agricultural Stewardship Association, Inc	\$175,523.00
New York State Sackets Harbor Battlefield, 24.30 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust	\$683,798.00

Pennsylvania

GRANTEE	AMOUNT
Chester County Brandywine Creek Battlefield, 88.1 acres (Easement) Project Partners: Civil War Trust, Natural Lands Trust	\$1,131,737.50

South Carolina

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South Carolina Department of Archives and History Eutaw Springs Battlefield, 2.79 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust, Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust	\$128,470.00

Tennessee

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Tennessee Historical Commission Fort Donelson Battlefield, 4.25 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust	\$59,387.00
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Virginia

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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Trevilian Station Battlefield, 10.23 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust, Virginia Board of Historic Resources	\$30,515.00
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Second Manassas Battlefield, 5.89 acres (Fee Simple) Project Partners: Civil War Trust, Virginia Board of Historic Resources	\$256,925.00
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Department of Conservation and Recreation Appomattox Court House Battlefield, 60.29 acres (Fee Simple)	\$130,754.00
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On Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 8:58 AM, Hastie, Kyla <kyla_hastie@fws.gov> wrote:
Gavin -

We received a media query from Vermont Public Radio yesterday afternoon about the Conte NWR CCP. Because DOI and Greg Sheehan are aware of this issue, wanted to coordinate with you before response and give you the chance to coordinate with DOI Communications if needed. Reporter is hoping for interview with refuge manager today - we will try to delay until we hear from you.

The reporter is likely aware that VT governor just sent a letter to Secretary Zinke (forwarded below). We propose that the refuge manager gives a brief on-the-record phone interview with these messages:

- We just received the letter we are carefully reviewing it. We look forward to working further with the state of Vermont to address their concerns and achieve our common conservation goals.
- For private landowners interested in voluntary conservation options, the CCP stresses easements, cooperative agreements and partnerships with private landowners, Forest Legacy, or acquisition or management by state and local government and non-profit groups. Federal fee title land acquisition is only one of a suite of conservation tools.
- We are working collaboratively with private landowners and communities throughout Vermont to support local economies and keep working lands working.
- Note the reporter sounds like his angle is "benefits national wildlife refuges" – so we'd also like to highlight hunting and fishing access provided by the existing refuge lands.

We will keep it high level - will not get into point-by-point response to Governor's letter - do not want to use press to communicate a response to Governor's office!

Of course, responses to some of the Governor's concerns are in the CCP online, so reporter may find some of that data himself.

If asked about CCP status, we will use the same message we used previously (which you reviewed) when we received press queries:
"The record of decision for the final CCP/EIS was signed by the Regional Director in January. It is currently being reviewed by the Department of the Interior."

Let us know if you are ok with this response strategy or if we need to discuss.

Kyla

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***News Alert* 'You're Fired' may be harder than Trump thinks when it comes to federal workers**

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Anxious to remake the federal government, the Trump administration is cracking down on employees who break the rules, taking action in some instances in disciplinary cases that had languished under former president Barack Obama.

The White House in April instructed agencies to “remove poor performers” as they construct plans to shrink the workforce as part of a federal downsizing. Trump vowed during the campaign to shake up a government awash in “waste, fraud and abuse” — and the new administration has been vocal about its strategy.

Budget director Mick Mulvaney laid out detailed mandates to ensure that poor conduct be handled swiftly and poor performers monitored closely or given “appropriate discipline.”

After years criticizing the Obama administration for going easy on cases involving problem employees, Republicans are taking a hard line against misconduct at several troubled agencies.

[Trump’s hard-line plan for government workers]Veterans Affairs, still recovering from criticism in 2014 that employee misconduct led to manipulated patient waiting lists at its medical centers, in July began publishing disciplinary actions online, including 525 firings since Trump took office. With 350,000 employees, VA in June became the model for a broader job protections shake-up sought by conservatives when Trump signed a bill creating a quick path for VA Secretary David Shulkin to fire employees who fail to meet conduct or performance standards.

At Homeland Security, the inspector general is conducting an agencywide review of misconduct actions. Employees were asked in a July survey whether the sprawling department created after the 9/11 attacks has “sufficient processes and procedures to address conduct issues.”

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is asking career officials at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to explain how they have handled improper time and attendance reporting, an agency official familiar with the inquiry said. Investigators and congressional Republicans say the problems related to time and attendance tracking have gone unaddressed for years.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has vowed zero tolerance for sexual harassers. This month the Yellowstone National Park superintendent went public with disciplinary actions he is taking against a dozen employees involved in a harassment case.

[Congress clears Trump-backed bill to fast-track firing of VA workers]

But in its efforts to fulfill the president's campaign promise to "drain the swamp" of entrenched federal workers, the new political leadership in Washington is meeting resistance from powerful federal employee unions and finding that maneuvering around long-guaranteed civil service protections is not easy.

This month an administrative board ordered a stay of the firing of the former director of the VA Medical Center in Washington, who had been removed from his post to an administrative job in April. An inspector general's probe found that patient health was endangered by managerial dysfunction. Brian Hawkins was fired for a "failure to provide effective leadership," VA officials said. He claimed wrongful termination and is back at work while his case is independently reviewed. In a test of the new law, which offers fewer protections for employees, Shulkin plans to remove Hawkins again based on another inspector general's investigation, VA officials said. That inquiry found that he violated agency rules by sharing sensitive information about employees with his wife on their personal email accounts. Hawkins did not respond to a request for comment.

Even cases that Trump officials inherited from the Obama administration have been challenging. The Census Bureau took over litigation that sprang from an inspector general's findings two years ago that employees in its hiring office gamed the system to improperly collect \$1.1 million in salaries. It is still unresolved, an agency spokesman said.

A case now playing out at the Patent and Trademark Office shows the complexities of carrying out Trump's mandate.

After a three-year investigation, the office has moved recently to fire or suspend 18 of about two dozen employees in a clerical support unit that docket trademark applications, according to current and former agency staff and other government officials familiar with the case. One worker has been fired.

[Patent office filters out worst telework abuses in report to watchdog]

Agency officials conducted an internal inquiry whose findings were shared with The Washington Post, showing that the employees improperly charged the government hundreds of thousands of dollars over several years. In the most egregious cases, officials found that some employees worked two hours a day but billed taxpayers for eight, plus two more overtime hours.

A union official denied any impropriety, saying his members "were available to work" but often finished their tasks quickly and awaited more assignments, a practice that went on for as long as a decade.

"My employees are not in the wrong," said Harold Ross, president of Local 243 of the National Treasury Employees Union, which represents the unit. "They produce fast. They're available for the whole time. All of a sudden, management wants to come against them."

Patent office spokesman Paul Rosenthal said in an email the agency does not comment on specific personnel cases.

"More broadly, the USPTO has always taken its time and attendance policies seriously," he wrote. "Employees must accurately record their time worked. And the overwhelming majority of our employees do just that. But employees who falsify their work records or work hours . . . will continue to be held accountable."

In another sign of the Trump administration's efforts to more forcefully address employee misconduct, Rosenthal cited an agreement — signed by the union representing patent examiners — to allow supervisors to monitor staff work habits with tracking software that indicates whether employees are at their computers. Labor had resisted these changes, which the union signed the day before Trump took office.

Timecard abuse has been documented over several years in reports by the inspector general at the Commerce Department, the patent office's parent agency. The office has been praised for its flexible work hours and telework policies.

[Patent office workers costs taxpayers millions by playing hooky, watchdog finds]

The Post reported in 2014 that an internal investigation found patent examiners repeatedly misrepresented their hours and received unsubstantiated overtime pay and bonuses. Top agency officials removed the most damaging revelations from material turned over to the inspector general, documents provided to The Post showed. Commerce officials said the material was in draft form.

At the time, Obama officials pledged to hold employees accountable. But critics said few patent examiners were punished or paid restitution.

Commerce's then-acting inspector general, Dave Smith, opened an investigation into the trademark employees, according to government sources. But top patent officials prevailed after asking that they be allowed to conduct their own inquiry.

Last fall, Smith released a computer analysis showing discrepancies between the time claimed by patent examiners and hours worked. But privacy laws prevented the agency from acting against 415 employees identified as the worst offenders. Under a new law, management is allowed to pursue administrative or criminal enforcement in such cases. It is unclear if the patent office plans to act.

Republicans' frustration with patent officials and the unions boiled over at a House hearing in December after Trump's election. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's panel on government operations, dressed down the agency's No. 2 Obama appointee, Russell Slifer, and the head of the patent examiners' union for tolerating abuses.

The agency had long suspected timecard abuses in the trademark division, where jobs have been outpaced by automation. But managers could not document it until 2013, when they installed tracking software.

"We had never seen anything like it," recalled Bill House, who retired in 2015 from the employee relations office, which investigates misconduct. The number of cases, the money allegedly bilked and the hours the employees spent not working "was so bad they pulled other [employee relations] specialists to work on it," House recalled.

The treasury employees union is fighting the proposed discipline, said union and management officials who requested anonymity to discuss the subject. An arbitrator is scheduled in October to hear the first case, of the sole employee who has been fired.

Tim Hannapel, the NTEU's national counsel, said the tracking software detects only part of the work employees are asked to do — tasks that include emails, phone calls, and monitoring rules and regulations.

"It's substantive stuff, but there isn't a code that tracks this work," he said.

The union has turned down management's offers to allow employees to resign with clean records if they reimburse taxpayers for unearned compensation, according to union officials and others familiar with the discussions. The employees, who are paid \$59,693 annually on average, remain on the payroll.

The NTEU also is alleging disparate racial treatment because almost all of the employees are black. The union says relatively few higher-paid white patent examiners have been disciplined for similar misconduct claims. The agency did not comment on the settlement negotiations or the discrimination claim.

"They turned a blind eye to the other employees," Ross, the local union president, said of patent examiners.

Slifer, now an intellectual-property attorney in Boise, Idaho, said that when he and the unions worked together to respond to Congress's accountability requests, it was clear that the relationship with the Trump administration would be different.

"The recognition that having a GOP majority in Congress and in the White House certainly put the unions on notice that they don't necessarily enjoy the same support from Republicans as they have from Democrats," he said.

He said employee accountability is more complicated than saying "if someone isn't putting in their 80 hours [every two weeks] they need to be canned. It is important that you provide all employees due process and make sure they understand their responsibilities."

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DRIVING THE DAY

Good Tuesday morning. SIREN: INSIDE THE DEBT-CEILING DRAMA ... THE NATION'S BORROWING LIMIT needs to be lifted in the next month or so, and House and Senate Republicans and the Trump administration have **NO IDEA AND NO PLAN** how it's going to get done, according to sources in each corner of the fight. **ELEMENTS IN THE WHITE HOUSE** have signaled to Hill leaders they believe Congress will pass a clean increase -- lifting the debt cap without other provisions. This will not fly with some conservative members, who want some sort of policy concessions. **HOUSE** and **SENATE REPUBLICANS** tell us they have not decided on a strategy as of yet. The prevailing theory among GOP aides continues to be that the Senate will pass a clean debt ceiling increase and jam the House with it. That seems risky, and aides are worried.

-- **MITCH MCCONNELL**, yesterday in Kentucky: "There is zero chance -- no chance -- we will not raise the debt ceiling."

-- **FROM A GOP HILL AIDE**: "Leadership has no plan for debt ceiling. Zero specifics on tax reform. We are six weeks away for funding the government and no one has any idea what will

happen. Leadership has nothing they've articulated."

THE BOSTON GLOBE'S VICKY MCGRANE -- "Businesses fret over Congress' ability to avoid debt default" <http://bit.ly/2vUBW8X>

NANCY COOK on tax reform: "There is broad consensus, according to five sources familiar with the behind-the-scenes talks, on some of the best ways to pay for cutting both the individual and corporate tax rates. The options include capping the mortgage interest deduction for homeowners; scrapping people's ability to deduct state and local taxes; and eliminating businesses' ability to deduct interest, while also phasing in so-called full expensing for small businesses that allows them to immediately deduct investments like new equipment or facilities." <http://politi.co/2imiAoC>

ABOUT LAST NIGHT ... PRESIDENT TRUMP'S WAR

-- **NYT's MARK LANDLER and MAGGIE HABERMAN: "Angry Trump Grilled His Generals About Troop Increase, Then Gave In":** "President Trump's skepticism about America's involvement in Afghanistan was no secret to his staff. But his top national security officials were still taken aback at a meeting in the Situation Room on July 19, when an angry Mr. Trump began ripping apart their latest proposal to send thousands of additional American troops to the country. 'We're losing,' the president declared, according to a person who was in the room. The plan, he complained, was vague and open-ended, with no definition of victory. 'What does success look like?' he asked.

"The day before that meeting, Mr. Trump had invited four soldiers who had served in Afghanistan to the White House for lunch. His exchanges with these enlisted men, an official said, left him sober about the prospects for turning around a war that has dragged on for nearly 16 years. He showed up the next day determined to ask hard questions." <http://nyti.ms/2x8hUGr> ... **Video of Trump's speech** <http://bit.ly/2imLhS9>

-- **ELIANA JOHNSON: "How Trump swallowed a bitter Afghanistan pill,"**: "The plan - which will maintain an unspecified U.S. troop presence without withdrawal timetables and intensify pressure on Pakistan to crack down on terrorist safe havens - was the product of a months-long strategy review in which the president's national security team talked him out of ending the costly 16-year war. 'It wasn't a debate,' said a senior White House aide. 'It was an attempt to convince the president.' ... If there was a worldview behind the remarks, it was what Trump called a 'principled realism' devoted to rooting out terrorists without building up the countries that host them - a balance between the president's isolationist tendencies and the neoconservative ideology that animated the last Republican administration. 'We are not nation-building again,' Trump said. 'We are killing terrorists.'" <http://politi.co/2wsSVRg>

-- **WAPO'S PHIL RUCKER and BOB COSTA:** "Trump's private deliberations -- detailed in interviews with more than a dozen senior administration officials and outside allies -- revealed a president unattached to any particular foreign-policy doctrine, but willing to be persuaded as long as he could be seen as a strong and decisive leader. 'This has been many months in the making,' said Kellyanne Conway, counselor to the president. 'The hallmark of leadership is a deliberative process, not an impulsive reaction, and that is precisely the protocol he followed here.'

"Part of that listening included hearing out the military about sharing the burden in the region and getting Pakistan more involved in managing the war. 'When Secretary [Jim] Mattis said this would be a South Asia strategy, that tells you a lot,' said John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, referring to recent remarks by the defense secretary. 'The big issue wasn't land-war tactics. The big issue is Pakistan.' He called Trump's Monday speech the 'defining moment of the Trump policy seven months into the administration.'" <http://wapo.st/2wz7HVS>

-- **POLITICAL REALITY**, via WaPo's Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Anne Gearan: "Trump's decision is a middle path that does not hew to either of the main foreign policy themes he articulated as a candidate: to stay out of expensive overseas quagmires, and to decisively win any conflict worth entering." <http://wapo.st/2v1XbGZ>

BREITBART HEADLINES: "Trump Reverses Course, Will Send More Troops to Afghanistan" ... "Defends Flip-Flop in Somber Speech" ... "...TRUMP'S 'AMERICA FIRST' BASE UNHAPPY WITH FLIP-FLOP AFGHANISTAN SPEECH..." ... "...HIS MCMASTER'S VOICE: IS TRUMP'S AFGHANISTAN POLICY THAT DIFFERENT FROM OBAMA'S?" <http://bit.ly/1FMhXpk>

-- **SUSAN GLASSER: "America Is Out of Ideas in Afghanistan"**: "President Trump proved one thing beyond the shadow of a doubt in his Afghanistan strategy speech Monday night: After nearly 16 years of fighting America's longest war, there are no new ideas. He called his plan 'dramatically different.' It wasn't. The only thing that seemed a striking change from his two presidential predecessors' approach to the war launched after the attacks of September 11, 2001, was Trump's escalatory rhetoric. He repeatedly vowed to 'win' a conflict that his Defense Secretary James Mattis told Congress recently 'we are not winning' and sharply criticized Afghanistan's neighbor Pakistan, a troublesome ally Trump excoriated for offering 'safe haven' to terrorists." <http://politi.co/2goWUxg>

-- **WHAT KABUL IS THINKING -- AP**: "Afghanistan's government is applauding President Donald Trump's speech for focusing on needs and conditions instead of timelines. Afghan Ambassador to the U.S. Hamdullah Mohib calls it a '10 out of 10.' He tells The Associated Press by telephone from Kabul that Afghans heard 'exactly what we needed to.' Mohib says critiques of the speech for failing to disclose troop numbers are misguided. He says the focus on numbers detracts from the 'real focus' on conditions and support needed for Afghanistan to succeed and achieve peace.

"The ambassador is also praising Trump for 'breaking the silence' about Pakistan's sheltering of what he calls terrorists. Trump emphasized the need for Pakistan to stop harboring the Taliban. Mohib says Afghanistan has made progress and is committed to pursuing reforms to show it merits continuing help from the U.S." <http://bit.ly/2wzxWvf>

WHAT TRUMP IS WAKING UP TO -- N.Y. POST: "THE TRUMP DOCTRINE: We stay in A'Stan, but 'no nation building'" <http://nyp.st/2algwpl> ... **N.Y. DAILY NEWS**: "MAKE WAR SURGE AGAIN: Trump touts new plan for Afghanistan but won't give strategy" <http://nydn.us/2vUhEMX> ... **ANOTHER DAILY NEWS COVER**: "NOT TOO BRIGHT!: Trump ignores fake news warning, stares at eclipse" ... **N.Y. TIMES**: "IN SPEECH, TRUMP SETS U.S. STRATEGY FOR AFGHAN WAR ... Generals' Warnings Overrode Initial Skepticism ... Expanding Role in a Conflict He Once Called Futile" <http://nyti.ms/2wzQOKT> ...

... **WAPO**: "Troop increase planned in Afghan war ... Behind the decision: Debate, infighting and stalemate, and finally a bow to the generals ... **NEW STRATEGY AFTER INTERNAL REVIEW**: Trump previously called conflict a waste of time" ... **WSJ**: "Trump Vows New Afghan Tack: President will boost pressure on Pakistan, avoid telegraphing U.S. military strategy".

-- **ONE THOUGHT**: Trump says he will not detail publicly how many more troops he's sending to Afghanistan. We'll see if that flies with lawmakers when Defense Secretary Jim Mattis heads to Capitol Hill to testify this fall.

***** **A message from Chevron**: When an endangered butterfly was found near a Chevron refinery, we protected the habitat and still plant the only thing they eat-buckwheat. Watch the video: <http://politi.co/2ie5vOA> *****

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "Navy to Pause Operations, Review Collisions, With 10 Missing: Defense Secretary Jim Mattis responds as storm impedes search for sailors from USS John S. McCain," by WSJ's Nancy Youssef in Washington and Jake Maxwell Watts in Singapore: "The U.S. Navy announced a pause in its global operations and patrols and has begun a broad investigation after the destroyer USS John S. McCain on Monday collided with a merchant vessel, leaving 10 sailors missing, the second such incident in just over two months.

"The response by the U.S. military signals the Navy believes it needs to examine whether there may be institutional problems behind the deadly collisions, and that it may need to retrain some of its personnel in seamanship. Navy Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, announced 'an operational pause be taken in all of our fleets around the world' -- a move that officials said was rare." <http://on.wsj.com/2g1ZEdN>

TRUMP'S TUESDAY -- TRUMP is going out west. He'll head to Yuma, Arizona, at noon. He'll go on a tour of "U.S. Customs and Border Protection equipment" and meet with Marines. He'll then head to Phoenix for a campaign rally.

-- **WE HEAR** the White House was working the Hill to drum up support for Trump's trip to the border. The House Freedom Caucus is taking the lead in that effort.

VP MIKE PENCE is accompanying Trump to the rally in Phoenix. **JUST A NOTE**: Pence and Jeff Flake served together in the House and know each other well. If Trump attacks Flake, it will be interesting to see Pence's reaction.

NEXT UP... "GOP on eggshells as Trump storms into Phoenix," by Alex Isenstadt in Phoenix: "President Donald Trump faces a decision on Tuesday evening with profound implications for his already strained relationship with the GOP: Whether to attack a vulnerable Republican senator on his home turf. While White House officials won't say exactly what's on Trump's agenda when he holds a campaign-style rally here, there is a widespread expectation that he will go after GOP Sen. Jeff Flake, a loud critic of the president who recently published an anti-Trump manifesto, 'Conscience of a Conservative.'

"Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Majority Whip John Cornyn, and [NRSC] Chairman Cory Gardner all declared that Flake had their full support. On Tuesday morning, Senate

Leadership Fund, a super PAC closely aligned with McConnell, will amp the pressure. The group is set to release a blistering digital ad campaign that targets former Kelli Ward, a conservative former state senator and Flake primary opponent who Trump praised in a tweet last week.

"The ad paints Ward as an extreme figure with 'crazy ideas' who engages in 'embarrassing behavior.' People close to the group describe the offensive as part of a broader effort to show that any Trump-led push to undermine Flake, or any GOP incumbent for that matter, won't go uncontested." <http://politi.co/2vkusZf> ... **The ad** <http://bit.ly/2wzsVmq>

-- **@KFILE:** ".@kelliwardaz's new ad ties Jeff Flake to Obama, but it looks like a photo from bill signing for judge killed in the Giffords attack." <http://bit.ly/2imtLO4>

-- **SEN. JEFF FLAKE (R-ARIZ.)** to Kurtis Lee of the L.A. Times: "What did he think about Trump calling him toxic on Twitter, reporters asked Flake on Monday after speaking to a gathering of local business leaders? 'I don't worry about it at all,' Flake said at an events center here in the suburbs east of Phoenix. Is Trump right in offering aid and comfort to his primary challenger, former state Sen. Kelli Ward? 'That's not my realm. That's somebody else's. I just - I'm running my own campaign. It's going well. And what the president does, that's his prerogative,' Flake said." <http://lat.ms/2vUpjis>

-- **"Arpaio keeping his calendar clear for possible Trump pardon,"** by Ted Hesson: "Former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said Monday that he doesn't know whether President Donald Trump will grant him a pardon this week -- but he's keeping his calendar open. When asked whether he would be available when Trump visits Phoenix on Tuesday, the 85-year-old former Arizona lawman told POLITICO that 'of course' he would be. ... The former sheriff was convicted in late July of criminal contempt in a racial profiling case and faces a maximum of six months in jail. He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 5." <http://politi.co/2x7Zoj7>

BEHIND THE SCENES -- "Trump aides plot big immigration deal - that breaks a campaign promise," by McClatchy's Anita Kumar: "Donald Trump's top aides are pushing him to protect young people brought into the country illegally as children -- and then use the issue as a bargaining chip for a larger immigration deal -- despite the president's campaign vow to deport so-called Dreamers. The White House officials want Trump to strike an ambitious deal with Congress that offers Dreamers protection in exchange for legislation that pays for a border wall and more detention facilities, curbs legal immigration and implements E-verify, an online system that allows businesses to check immigration status, according to a half-dozen people familiar with situation, most involved with the negotiations.

"The group includes former and current White House chiefs of staff, Reince Priebus and John Kelly, the president's daughter, Ivanka Trump, and her husband, Jared Kushner, who both serve as presidential advisers, they said. Others who have not been as vocal publicly about their stance but are thought to agree include Vice President Mike Pence, who as a congressman worked on a failed immigration deal that called for citizenship, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster and Gary Cohn, a Democrat who serves as director of the National Economic Council. ...

"On the other side, a smaller group - including Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his former aides, Stephen Miller, who serves as Trump's senior policy adviser, and Rick Dearborn, White

House deputy chief of staff - opposes citizenship, according to sources familiar with the discussions. ... Miller was ordered not to brief the president on the issue in recent months, according to two of the people." <http://bit.ly/2vaiYIy>

RYAN FACES LOCAL PEPPERING -- FIRST TOWN HALL SINCE 2015 -- "Ryan faces heat back home in Wisconsin," by Rachael Bade in Racine, Wisconsin: "Paul Ryan was one of most popular Republicans in the country last fall, routing his Democratic challenger and beating back a Donald Trump-inspired primary challenger who trolled him at every turn. Yet there he was, taking flak from discontent constituents at a town hall in Racine on Monday night. ...

"In this small southeast Wisconsin town on Lake Michigan, the speaker fares no better than any other congressional Republican facing unhappy crowds. And in some ways his powerful position in Washington makes it worse because he controls the 240-strong House Republican majority. While the CNN-hosted Ryan town hall was carefully choreographed, packed with about 300 well-behaved attendees, interviews with constituents who have voted for Ryan showed many were disquieted by the GOP's failure to deliver on key campaign promises. ...

"To be sure, Ryan is still extremely popular with Republicans here in the First District. All but one Republican interviewed for this story said he or she would vote for Ryan again, and many praised him as 'honest,' 'tenacious' and 'hard-working.' Some, like Franksville-native Bill Jaeck, even parroted Ryan's talking points about House-passed bills stalled in the Senate -- an echo worthy of Ryan's Washington press conference.

"But there's a sinking feeling among some Ryan supporters that the man they've known and voted in for years is not the superman they'd hoped. 'Being speaker of the House has become a setback. ... It's basically ruined his career for a while, because he's forced to do many unpopular things,' said Marlene Lamberton of Caledonia, a longtime supporter." <http://politi.co/2in2zyq>

INTERESTING BITES FROM RYAN... ON NEW AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY: "I'm pleased with the decision. I'm actually pleased with the way he went about making this decision. ... So I also think what I heard tonight for the first time -- this is what I wasn't briefed on -- is I think I heard a new Trump strategy, or a doctrine, so to speak. Principled realism I think is how he described it."

-- ON TRUMP'S HANDLING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE SITUATION: "[I] think it was in New York on an infrastructure press conference, in answer to a question, I think he made comments that were much more morally ambiguous, much more confusing. And I do think he could have done better. I think he needed to do better. I actually think what he did two days ago in commending the peaceful protests against the hate in Boston was a good start. And I think just what I heard, I don't know, 25 minutes ago, was exactly what a president needs to say and what we needed to hear. So I do believe that he messed up in his comments on Tuesday, when it -- it -- it sounded like a moral equivocation, or at the very least moral ambiguity, when we need extreme moral clarity."

-- ON CENSURING TRUMP: "I will not support that. I think that would be -- that would be so counterproductive. If we descend this issue into some partisan hack-fest, into some bickering against each other, and demean it down to some political food fight, what good does that do to unify this country?"

PER BEN WHITE'S MORNING MONEY - "MNUCHIN'S WIFE HITS TURBULENCE - Lot of buzz on Twitter last night over an Instagram post and reply from Louise Linton, the actress who recently wed Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The initial post showed Linton and Mnuchin getting off an official plane from a trip to Kentucky. And Linton hashtagged just about everything including her high end ensemble featuring #tomford sunglasses, #roulandmouret pants and #hermesscarf. A commenter on the post said: 'Glad we could pay for your little getaway. #deplorable.' That apparently set Linton off. In a long response she said, among other things: 'Have you given more to the economy than me or my husband. ... I'm pretty sure we paid more taxes toward our day 'trip' than you did. ... Thanks for your passive aggressive nasty comment.' ... Linton's Insta account is now private. Needless to say, saying 'my husband and I are richer than you' is probably not a great move." *The deleted Instapic* <http://bit.ly/2wiD1IK>

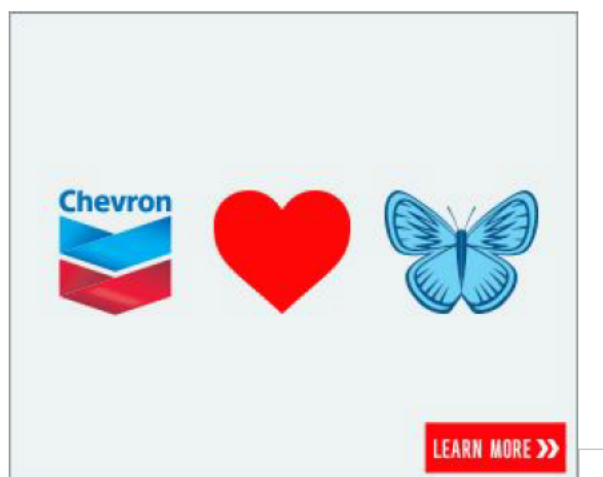
THE JUICE ...

-- **SPOTTED AT THE SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP OFFICES:** Laura Ingraham yesterday meeting with David Smith, the company's executive chairman.

-- **AMERICAN ACTION NETWORK** is doubling down on tax reform. The group is running ads in 34 congressional districts as part of a \$1 million radio campaign running through the end of the month. Six of the districts will be up with a Spanish version. *The ad* <http://bit.ly/2v1U6GX>

MEDIAWATCH - "Ross Levinsohn named new publisher and CEO of Los Angeles Times as top editors ousted," by LA Times' Meg James: "In a dramatic shakeup at the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago-based parent company has installed new leadership and plans to invest more resources in the news organization to move it more quickly into the digital age. Ross Levinsohn, 54, a veteran media executive who worked at Fox and served as interim chief of Yahoo, was named publisher and chief executive of the 135-year-old news organization. ...

"**Jim Kirk**, 52, a veteran Chicago news executive, who was publisher and editor of the Chicago Sun-Times until last week, was named interim editor of the storied newspaper. The two men replace Davan Maharaj, who has served as both editor and publisher since March 2016. Maharaj was terminated Monday morning, along with a handful of other senior editors, including Managing Editor Marc Duvoisin, Deputy Managing Editor for Digital Megan Garvey and Assistant Managing Editor of Investigations Matt Doig." <http://lat.ms/2x8gSKU>



PLAYBOOK READS



PHOTO DU JOUR: President Donald Trump looks up towards the partial solar eclipse while joined by First Lady Melania Trump on the Truman Balcony at the White House on August 21. | Mark Wilson/Getty Images

TOP ECLIPSE TWEETS -- @GeorgeHWBush: "Four generations of family taking in the partial eclipse today. Already looking forward to the next one in Texas in 2024!" <http://bit.ly/2x8w36G> ...
@JoePerticone: "Most adorable eclipse photo goes to... Jeff Sessions" <http://bit.ly/2vkAPfe> ...
@LaraLeaTrump: "When you don't have #EclipseGlasses, you find the next best option in a builder's office: #WeldingMask #eclipse2017" <http://bit.ly/2wzuctW> ... **@IvankaTrump:** "Sharing the #Eclipse2017 experience with the President, First Lady & Cabinet Secretaries on the White House Truman Balcony. #STEM #NASA" <http://bit.ly/2wiQ5xM> ... **@ScottGustin:** "International Space Station #Eclipse photobomb via @NASA" <http://bit.ly/2g16gcB> ... **@AP:** "This multiple exposure photo shows the eclipse as it passed over the St. Louis Arch." <http://bit.ly/2xnSBO4>

-- CLICKERS: CNN -- 22 eclipse pix on one page <http://cnn.it/2x8nhWl> ... **NYT -- 55 reader pix on one page** <http://nyti.ms/2g12Rdz>

JUST POSTED - TRUMP. INC - "Here's How the Trump Brothers Are Running the Family Business: Usually with other people's money, sometimes with dubious partners. Inside the empire, under new management," by Bloomberg Businessweek's Peter Robison and Michael Smith: "Donald Jr., 39, and Eric, 33, ... [have] repeatedly pursued licensing arrangements in which they attach the family name to projects, generating cash without bearing much risk. They have a seemingly ad hoc, opportunistic style that's sometimes led to partnerships with questionable characters, including people barred for securities violations or sued for fraud. And they've walked

away, leaving employees, customers, or business partners with the fallout."

<https://bloom.bg/2in30cn>

FIRST PERSON - "How I Became Fake News: I witnessed a terrorist attack in Charlottesville. Then the conspiracy theories began," by Brennan Gilmore in POLITICO Magazine: "On Saturday morning I witnessed James Fields smash his car into a crowd of demonstrators, killing Heather Heyer and wounding 19 others. Although I immediately shared the footage with police on the scene, it took me a half hour to decide to post it publicly. ... Desperate to lay blame on anyone besides the alt-right, [conspiracy theorists] seized on these facts to suggest a counter-narrative to the attack, claiming there was no way that someone with my background just happened to be right there to take the video. ...

"They wrote that I was a CIA operative, funded by (choose your own adventure) George Soros, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, the IMF/World Bank, and/or a global Jewish mafia to orchestrate the Charlottesville attack in order to turn the general public against the alt-right. I had staged the attack and then worked with MSNBC and other outlets controlled by the left to spread propaganda. They claimed my ultimate goal was to start a race war that would undermine and then overthrow Donald Trump on behalf of the 'Deep State.' (I'm generalizing here as the theories are widely variant, logically inconsistent and I'm only aware of the small percentage I could be bothered to read.)" <http://politi.co/2v1zgHP>

THE BENCH -- "Dems' first wave of recruits 'outsiders' in 2017 version of Tea Party," by Heidi Przybyla in Murphysboro, Illinois: "Much like the Republican men and women who swept into Washington in the 2010 Tea Party wave, the majority of Democratic candidates are new to state-level or national politics. Unlike the Tea Party, many of these Democrats have a long record of public service. They are former public prosecutors, doctors, CIA operatives and veterans, and they are concentrated in 'heartland' states like Kansas, Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota."

<https://usat.ly/2vZRUo6>

2020 WATCH ... HAVE AT IT! -- "This House Democrat Lost A Leadership Race To Nancy Pelosi. Now He May Run For President," by BuzzFeed's Alexis Levinson in Manchester, New Hampshire: "It's still more than three years until the next presidential election, and yet here was Ray Buckley -- the chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party for the last decade -- riding shotgun last Wednesday from Boston to Hopkinton, New Hampshire, with Rep. Tim Ryan, the 44-year old Democrat from Youngstown, Ohio. ... last week's New Hampshire visit was not just a reunion of old friends. In June, Ryan campaigned for a Democratic candidate in South Carolina. Next month, he'll make his second trip of the year to Iowa." <http://bzfd.it/2vjYT1W>

-- **"Dems prep for Trump primary challengers in 2020,"** by Gabe Debenedetti: "The [DNC] is conducting full-scale opposition research on multiple Republicans it believes could challenge President Donald Trump for reelection - or are likely to run if he does not. The effort, which began in late spring, covers Vice President Mike Pence, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley and Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse, among others." <http://politi.co/2wzoE2i>

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habitat and planted the only thing they eat-buckwheat. We're still planting and keeping an eye on our littlest neighbor. Watch the video: <http://politi.co/2ie5voA> *****

JON MEACHAM in the **NYT**, "**Why Lee Should Go, and Washington Should Stay**": "I wonder,' Mr. Trump said, 'is it George Washington next week, and is it Thomas Jefferson the week after? You know, you really have to ask yourself, where does it stop?' "To me, the answer to Mr. Trump's question begins with a straightforward test: Was the person to whom a monument is erected on public property devoted to the American experiment in liberty and self-government? Washington and Jefferson and Andrew Jackson were. Each owned slaves; each was largely a creature of his time and place on matters of race. Yet each also believed in the transcendent significance of the nation, and each was committed to the journey toward 'a more perfect Union.

"By definition, the Confederate hierarchy fails that test. Those who took up arms against the Union were explicitly attempting to stop the American odyssey. While we should judge each individual on the totality of their lives (defenders of [Robert E.] Lee, for instance, point to his attempts to be a figure of reconciliation after the war), the forces of hate and of exclusion long ago made Confederate imagery their own. Monuments in public places of veneration to those who believed it their duty to fight the Union have no place in the Union of the 21st century - a view with which Lee himself might have agreed. 'I think it wiser,' he wrote in 1866, 'not to keep open the sores of war.'" <http://nyti.ms/2v9rtnh> ... **Meacham's latest for Time, "American Hate, a History"** <http://ti.me/2g1af8Z>

TEVI TROY in **POLITICO Magazine**, "**Why the White House Needs Another Bannon: Every GOP president needs an intellectual wrangler. Trump can't succeed without one**": "For the past four decades, Republicans have viewed themselves as the party of ideas -- and a crucial part of that self-perception has been having a person inside the White House to serve as a conduit to conservative thinkers. ... Steve Bannon wasn't a traditional liaison to that world, but there's no question he served this function for the Trump administration ... One major difference between Bannon and his predecessors, though, is that he did not appear to be able to get his boss interested in his reading. [Daniel Patrick] Moynihan often recommended books to Nixon, and [Karl] Rove even had a reading contest with Bush." <http://politi.co/2x8h8cK>

ISAAC DOVERE talks with **REV. AL SHARPTON** and **REP. JERRY NADLER (D-N.Y.)** in the latest "Off Message" podcast. "We're in a poisonous atmosphere that is being increased by the president of the United States. It's like turning on the gas in a room," Sharpton told Dovere. "Any match could lead to an explosion, and we're getting that kind of atmosphere from this president." Nadler, who wrote the censure resolution, told Dovere he thinks Trump should quit, and warned Republicans now not to count on House Democrats for the votes to pass a continuing resolution or raise the debt ceiling, unless both are clean-even if that leads to a shutdown or economic meltdown: "We can't give in to that kind of blackmail."

As for the Jewish aides who defend Trump, including his daughter and son-in-law Jared Kushner: "I don't care what Jared Kushner said about the fact that Donald Trump loves, loves him and Ivanka and other people," Nadler said. "He was willing to traffic in anti-Semitism. He was willing to use anti-Semitic imagery. And then, when caught up in it, refused to repudiate it, and denied that it was what it clearly was." <http://politi.co/2v1T6CM>

FUTURE OF NEWS -- "CNN Launches a Daily News Show for Snapchat," by WSJ's Alexandra Bruell: "CNN is launching a daily news show for Snapchat called 'The Update,' the latest reflection of how media companies are stepping up their interest in the mobile messaging platform. The show will include a news roundup that airs at 6 p.m., with updates from CNN's anchors and reporters around the world, said Turner, the network's parent company, in a statement. There will also be breaking news segments. If news breaks after the show, CNN might update the running list of news featured on its show and change the cover photo to reflect the update."

<http://on.wsj.com/2wjcgUz>

PLAYBOOKERS

SPOTTED: Sean Spicer in his Navy uniform at the Pentagon Monday for reserve duty.

TRANSITIONS - Julie Morse starts next Monday as a producer at "CBS This Morning". She has her last day as a producer for MSNBC Friday.

WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- OBAMA ALUMNI -- Melissa Nitti, public affairs manager at Google, and **Mark Beatty**, partner at 270 Strategies, got married on Sunday. Pool report: The couple "said their vows ... in Hood River, [Oregon] against the majestic backdrop of Mt. Hood -- the same mountain that welcomed Melissa's great, great grandparents when they made their journey along the Oregon Trail. The bride and groom met on the 2012 Obama for America campaign where Melissa was a member of the media team and Mark served as deputy battleground states director. The happy couple was feted by friends and family -- including proud parents Rick and Jan Nitti and Duane and Elaine Beatty -- who came from around the country to join the celebration." **Pic**

<http://politi.co/2v27BXn>

SPOTTED: Jeremy Bird (who served as the wedding officiant), best man Stephen Brokaw, Mitch Stewart, Isaac Baker, Kristina Peterson, Betsy Hoover, Lauren Kidwell, Meg Ansara, Lynda Tran, Sara El-Amine, Jeff Gabriel, Greg Schultz, and Chris Wyant, Kelly Norton, Anne Sokolov, Kate Sokolov, and Stephanie Gent, Jessica Santillo, Keith Maley, Niraj Chokshi, Jamie Hill and Stephanie Gunter.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Erik Elam, LD for Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), and **Amy Elam**, events principal at HIS/Markit, on Sunday welcomed their son Everett Brooks Elam into the world. He's 6 lbs, 9 oz. **Pic** <http://politi.co/2vl64a4>

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: National Review editor **Rich Lowry** is 49. He tells us he's "been reading almost exclusively about nationalism lately for a potential book project." **How he got his start in journalism:** "I wrote for an alternative conservative publication at UVa called the Virginia Advocate. I still have boxes of old issues that are fun, if wince-inducing, to look back at. I always tell people that I was sophomoric as a first-year -- I was precocious that way.

"My first real journalism job was as a research assistant with Charles Krauthammer. This was back before he was a TV star. Probably the most notable thing I did working for him was inadvertently insert a typo into his Washington Post column at the last minute. I mentioned this at a tribute dinner to Charles a couple of years ago, and merciful and gracious man that he is, he

officially forgave me." **Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2vkL2bL>

BIRTHDAYS: Luke Russert is ageless ... Obama WH alum Jess Allen, a JD candidate at NYU Law, is 28 (hat tip: Rachel Racusen) ... Paul Singer is 73 ... Steve Kroft is 72 ... Morton Dean is 81 ... Jennifer Loven, managing director at Glover Park Group and an AP alum ... Steve Brill, celebrating with a road trip up the coast of Maine (h/t wife Cynthia) ... Tom Edsall is 76 ... HPS alum Sabrina Siddiqui ... Jen Nedeau, head of marketing and comms at Bully Pulpit Interactive ... Robin Wright of the U.S. Institute of Peace and the Wilson International Center ... MSNBC's Steve Kornacki is 38 ... Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) is 43 ... Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC) is 53 ... former Rep. Thad McCotter (R-Mich.) ... Chris Smith ... Grazia Salvemini ... Ryan Patmintra ... AP's Nebi Qena is 4-0 ... Ken Farnaso, digital comms at the House Small Business Cmte. and an NRCC alum (h/t Alex Stroman) ... Carolyn Harrold, new AtlanticLIVE director of business development and former SXSW head of programming, celebrating her first birthday in DC since making the move from Austin (h/t Patrick Garrigan) ...

... **Bill Miller**, SVP at the Business Roundtable ... Bill Cortese ... Jim Strader ... Abby Denburg ... Sward Tondoneh ... Bill Turenne Jr. ... Elizabeth Lubben ... Eleanor Strom of Google ... Natalie Apsell ... Sinclair's AnnaMaria Di Pietro ... Selena Strandberg ... Katie Gordon ... Morgan Canup ... Matthew Barnes ... Claire Stein-Ross ... Pema Levy of Mother Jones ... Gigi Sukin, digital editor at Colorado Biz magazine (h/t Gordon Bronson) ... Chad Connelly, RNC's director of faith engagement ... Tori Amos is 54 (h/t Tracy Sefl) ... Nick Mildebrath ... Alex Pellegrino ... Adrian Slater ... Katie Bloodgood ... Nick Greene ... Jordan Goldes ... Rob Borden ... Charlotte Day-Reiss ... former Rep. Bud Cramer (D-Ala.) is 7-0 ... Megan Paulsen ... Chris Pumphrey ... Essence Motley ... Alyssa Palisi ... Mac Flores ... Bristol English ... Julia Rothwax ... Pat Eltman ... Chris Lapetina ... Hailey Arends ... Phoebe Link (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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***News Alert* Greens fault Zinke for overseas trip as report deadline looms**

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Jennifer Yachnin
August 17, 2017

Conservationists slammed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke today for traveling overseas ahead of the deadline for his review of dozens of national monuments, noting that the Trump administration official has visited less than a third of the sites under evaluation.

The Center for Western Priorities pointed to a photograph published today by Zinke's wife, Lola Zinke, on her Twitter account, which shows the couple at sunrise along Turkey's Bosphorus.

Several hours later, Lola Zinke published another photo of herself with the tags "Happiness #Mykonos," possibly referring to the Greek island in the Aegean Sea.

The Interior Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Zinke's whereabouts, although a spokeswoman stated last week that the secretary could not be reached at that time as he celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary.

Zinke is scheduled to submit his final recommendations for potential reductions or even elimination of dozens of national monuments to President Trump next week.

The president ordered an assessment in late April of all national monuments created since 1996 that encompass more than 100,000 acres of land or sea.

"Our national monuments are full of beautiful places to take a summer trip. Secretary Zinke promised a rigorous analysis of national monuments, but what the American public got was a sham review and a foreign vacation," Center for Western Priorities Deputy Director Greg Zimmerman said.

He added, "If he bothered to listen, Secretary Zinke would have found that national monuments are cornerstones of Western economies, that they protect exceptional and unique lands, and, most of all, that virtually no Americans support eliminating national monuments. I worry, instead, he's moving to permanently shut down national monuments."

While Zinke has granted reprieves to six monuments to date — announcing yesterday that California's Sand to Snow National Monument would remain unchanged — and called for significant reductions to Utah's Bears Ears National Monument, he has yet to comment on the other 20 monuments under review (E&E News PM, Aug. 16).

Although the secretary has traveled across the country during the 3½ month review, he has visited eight of the 27 monuments included in his assessment. His stops have included Utah's Bears Ears

and Grand Staircase-Escalante, Nevada's Gold Butte and Basin and Range, New Mexico's Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Maine's Katahdin Woods and Waters, Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou, and the Atlantic Ocean's Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine national monuments.

Notably, he has not made official visits to any of the sites he has excused from the review to date, although his staff notes that he was familiar with the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Montana as a native and a former House lawmaker of the state.

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2. For the part where he talks about visiting arlington with Mrs. Z can you use one of the attached? They were taken when he was in Congress.
3. For the closing when he says shake the hand and say thanks, can you use one of the attached?

Thanks!


PS - Here's other hand shake photos to choose from

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Sincerely,

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Hey there, Matthew - it's too late in the date on a summer Friday for you to be working. Go home! :)

Statement for your question --> The Interior is excited to have David Bernhardt, a highly-qualified, veteran official, return to the Department to help advance Secretary Zinke and President Trump's America First policy priorities. Strongly-worded press releases issued by special interest groups alleging any wrongdoing are patently false and are desperate attempts to stop the progress that is being made at the Department on behalf of the American people.

Pease see the Secretary's statement when David Bernhardt was announced. The Secretary stands by his word. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-applauds-nomination-david-bernhardt-deputy-secretary-interior>

Background --> Please see the attached doc with countless statements in support of Bernhardt's nomination from individuals and organizations who actually worked with him during his time at Interior.

Lastly, see below the press release from U.S. Senator Daines and the Western Caucus which demonstrates broad support for Bernhardt.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 13, 2017

Senate Western Caucus Urges Confirmation of Bernhardt for Deputy Secretary of the Interior

U.S. SENATE — Today, the Senate Western Caucus, led by Chairman Steve Daines (R-MT), urged the confirmation of Department of the Interior veteran David Bernhardt for Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

Bernhardt, a Westerner from Rifle, Colorado, brings years of personal experience as an avid hunter and fisherman as well as professional experience having served under former DOI Secretaries Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne in multiple positions.

Bernhardt was announced as President Donald J. Trump's choice for Deputy Secretary on [April 28](#) and was subsequently approved by the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on [June 6](#). Less than a month away from the August recess, the Senate has confirmed only 23 percent of President Trump's 216 nominations. By the first August recess during President Obama's first term, the Senate had confirmed 69 percent of his 454 nominations.

U.S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT): "David Bernhardt will be a partner to Montanans and to Secretary Ryan Zinke – which makes for the best kind of Deputy Secretary of the Interior. David will work to improve access to public lands, restore American energy dominance and empower Montanans ability to best serve their families and communities. We need to confirm David Bernhardt so he can get to work on behalf of Montanans and the West."

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO): "As a native Coloradan from Rifle, David Bernhardt has a deep understanding of Western land issues, and his expertise and experience will serve the Department well. Unfortunately, a partisan minority in the Senate continues to block Mr. Bernhardt's nomination, and I hope that the confirmation process has not become a broken process that disincentives qualified people, like Mr. Bernhardt, who are held in high professional regard, from becoming public servants."

U.S. Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ): "David Bernhardt has the deep water background we need to continue efforts to protect our Colorado River supplies" said Senator Jeff Flake, the Chairman of the Water and Power Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "We need this experienced nominee confirmed without delay."

U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT): "I applaud the nomination of Dave Bernhardt for Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior. President Trump and Secretary Zinke have already made great progress in restoring trust between Westerners and the federal government, but significant

work remains, especially in Utah where reduced access to our public land has hurt our rural economies. As a former Interior Solicitor, Dave has the legal and political background necessary to confront some of the most difficult challenges ahead, such as expanding responsible development of our natural resources, protecting and promoting multiple-use, and expanding opportunities for recreational access. I am confident that Dave's breadth of experience makes him uniquely qualified for this position, and I look forward to working with him."

U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT): "I can think of no one who is more qualified to be deputy secretary of the Interior than David Bernhardt. He has a long track record of distinguished service in the department and he understands the importance of efficient and collaborative federal land and resource management. David's extensive knowledge, experience, and leadership will go a long way in advancing Secretary Zinke's goal of restoring the American people's trust in the Interior Department. I urge my colleagues to support David's nomination and confirm him as soon as possible."

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK): "Dave Bernhardt is an excellent choice to help set strategic direction and run the Department of the Interior on a day-to-day basis. He grew up in the West, has extensive knowledge of issues that are important to Alaskans, and will be a great asset to Secretary Zinke and his team. We reported his nomination from the Energy and Natural Resources Committee with bipartisan support more than a month ago, so I urge my colleagues to support the swift confirmation of this well-qualified nominee."

U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ): "David Bernhardt's experience working on water policy and Native American issues makes him uniquely suited to serve as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior Department Administration. I am confident David will serve the state of Arizona and the nation with distinction, and I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of his nomination."

Bernhardt also has wide support from across the country:

- National Congress of American Indians
- Ducks Unlimited
- Boone and Crockett Club
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- NRA
- Delta Waterfowl
- Archery Trade Association
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Camp Fire Club of America
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
- Conservation Force
- Dallas Safari Club
- Houston Safari Club
- Masters of Foxhounds Association & Foundation
- Mule Deer Foundation
- National Shooting Sports Foundation
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Orion - The Hunter's Institute
- Pheasants Forever
- Professional Outfitters and Guides of America
- Quail Forever
- Quality Deer Management Association
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Safari Club International
- Shikar-Safari Club
- Sportsmen's Alliance
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Wild Sheep Foundation
- Wildlife Forever
- Wildlife Management Institute
- Wildlife Mississippi

- American Recreation Coalition
- Boat U.S.
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
- Marine Retailers Association of America
- Motorcycle Industry Council
- National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC)
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- National Parks Hospitality Association
- Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association
- Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
- Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
- Specialty Equipment Market Association
- Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
- Colorado River Water Conservation District
- Colorado Water Congress
- Family Farm Alliance
- Oneida Indian Nation
- Penobscot Nation
- Public Lands Council
- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma
- Seneca Nation of Indians
- Gila River Indian Community

Former United States Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ): “Having worked with David Bernhardt for many years on a variety of Department of the Interior matters, in particular on Indian water settlements, I know he’ll be a great addition to the team.”

David Allen President/CEO Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: “The Senate has not yet acted on several important positions that remain unfilled at the Interior Department. Among them is the nomination of David Bernhardt to be Deputy Secretary. This is a critical position that not only ensures the Department’s programs are run effectively, but also succeeds the Secretary in certain situations. Bernhardt is a Coloradan, a hunter and angler, and former high-ranking officer at Interior who understands the issues important to sportsmen and women. We encourage the Senate to act on his nomination without delay.”

Dale Hall, Chief Executive Officer, Ducks Unlimited: “I have known and worked with David for more than 10 years and could not be more pleased with his nomination for Deputy Secretary of the Interior. For David Bernhardt, integrity is doing the right thing even when the easiest decision would be to continue with the status quo. I believe David is a man with personal and professional integrity that is beyond reproach and has always advocated for the proper application of science and implementation of the law, especially when it comes to species conservation. I believe David will continue to advocate for sound and balanced resource management and advocate for the use of best available science.”

Whit Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership President and CEO: “The Department of Interior, the chief steward of our national public lands, requires a Deputy Secretary who understands how the department functions and understands the complexities associated with balancing the resource needs of our country, both now, and most importantly, for future generations of Americans. David Bernhardt will provide much needed departmental experience to the Interior leadership team at a time when important natural resource decisions with wide impact are being considered.”

Jeffrey Vorberger, Vice President, Policy & Government Affairs of NOIA:

“NOIA strongly encourages the Senate to confirm David Bernhardt as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior sooner rather than later. Strong, experienced leadership at all levels of the Department are necessary as America strives to become energy dominant. David has a proven record, is beyond qualified and his extensive experience serving the Department of Interior under the George W. Bush administration will make him a vital asset to Secretary Zinke. Further delay on his confirmation is a lost opportunity.”

Peter Hayes, Associate General Manager & Chief Public Affairs Executive, Salt River

Project: “David Bernhardt has for many years exhibited strong leadership on federal land, water, and natural resources policies, having previously served the public as a senior official at the Department of the Interior. SRP urges quick confirmation in the Senate for Mr. Bernhardt and looks forward to continuing its long-standing collaborative partnership with the Department under Secretary Zinke and Mr. Bernhardt’s leadership.”

Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation: “Mr. Bernhardt brings years of experience working on Indian country’s most pressing issues. I look forward to working with him and the rest of the Department of the Interior leadership team to bring the Bureau of Indian Affairs into the 21st century.”

Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community, AZ: “Based on our experience in negotiating and working on complex issues with Mr. Bernhardt, we support his position as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We believe he has an understanding of tribal sovereignty and the United States’ trust responsibility to tribal nations, including the Gila River Indian Community.”

White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, AZ: “David Bernhardt is respected by the White Mountain Apache Tribe and enjoys widespread respect in Indian Country as being fair and well versed in Native American issues and the historic time-honored government to government and trust relationship between Indian Nations and the United States.”

The position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior is the Chief Operating Officer of the Department and Bernhardt’s nomination is subject to confirmation by the United States Senate.

Bernhardt also previously served as the United States Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission, U.S. and Canada. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Northern Colorado and graduated with honors from George Washington University National Law Center. He recently served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia, where he resides in Arlington with his wife Gena and their two children. As Deputy Secretary, Bernhardt will make Interior a better neighbor, ensure American energy dominance to create jobs and return Endangered Species Act to its original intent.

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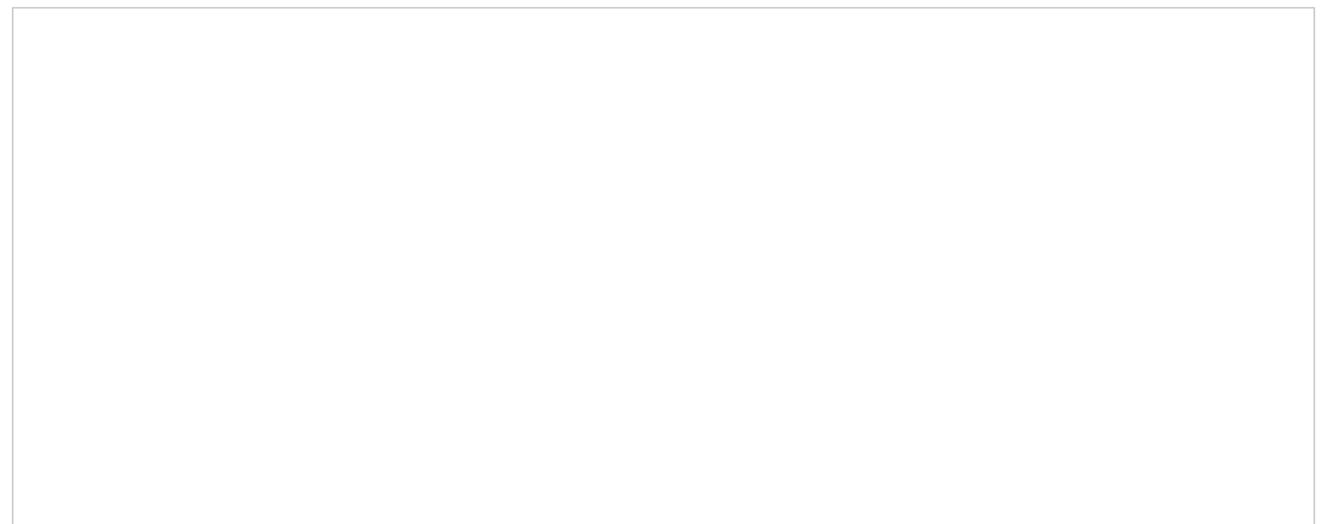
Hi Ben - The Interior is excited to have David Bernhardt, a highly-qualified, veteran official, return to the Department to help advance Secretary Zinke and President Trump's America First policy priorities. Strongly-worded press releases issued by special interest groups alleging any wrongdoing are patently false and are desperate attempts to stop the progress that is being made at the Department on behalf of the American people.

Pease see the Secretary's statement when David Bernhardt was announced. The Secretary stands by his word. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-applauds-nomination-david-bernhardt-deputy-secretary-interior>

Background

Please see the attached doc with countless statements in support of Bernhardt's nomination from individuals and organizations who actually worked with him during his time at Interior.

Lastly, see below the press release from U.S. Senator Daines and the Western Caucus which demonstrates broad support for Bernhardt.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 13, 2017

Senate Western Caucus Urges Confirmation of Bernhardt for Deputy Secretary of the Interior

U.S. SENATE — Today, the Senate Western Caucus, led by Chairman Steve Daines (R-MT), urged the confirmation of Department of the Interior veteran David Bernhardt for Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

Bernhardt, a Westerner from Rifle, Colorado, brings years of personal experience as an avid hunter and fisherman as well as professional experience having served under former DOI Secretaries Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne in multiple positions.

Bernhardt was announced as President Donald J. Trump's choice for Deputy Secretary on [April 28](#) and was subsequently approved by the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on [June 6](#). Less than a month away from the August recess, the Senate has confirmed only 23 percent of President Trump's 216 nominations. By the first August recess during President Obama's first term, the Senate had confirmed 69 percent of his 454 nominations.

U.S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT): "David Bernhardt will be a partner to Montanans and to Secretary Ryan Zinke – which makes for the best kind of Deputy Secretary of the Interior. David will work to improve access to public lands, restore American energy dominance and empower Montanans ability to best serve their families and communities. We need to confirm David Bernhardt so he can get to work on behalf of Montanans and the West."

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO): "As a native Coloradan from Rifle, David Bernhardt has a deep understanding of Western land issues, and his expertise and experience will serve the Department well. Unfortunately, a partisan minority in the Senate continues to block Mr. Bernhardt's nomination, and I hope that the confirmation process has not become a broken process that disincentives qualified people, like Mr. Bernhardt, who are held in high professional regard, from becoming public servants."

U.S. Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ): "David Bernhardt has the deep water background we need to continue efforts to protect our Colorado River supplies" said Senator Jeff Flake, the Chairman of the Water and Power Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "We need this experienced nominee confirmed without delay."

U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT): "I applaud the nomination of Dave Bernhardt for Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior. President Trump and Secretary Zinke have already made great progress in restoring trust between Westerners and the federal government, but significant work remains, especially in Utah where reduced access to our public land has hurt our rural economies. As a former Interior Solicitor, Dave has the legal and political background necessary to confront some of the most difficult challenges ahead, such as expanding responsible development of our natural resources, protecting and promoting multiple-use, and expanding opportunities for recreational access. I am confident that Dave's breadth of experience makes him uniquely qualified for this position, and I look forward to working with him."

U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT): "I can think of no one who is more qualified to be deputy secretary of the Interior than David Bernhardt. He has a long track record of distinguished service in the department and he understands the importance of efficient and collaborative federal land and resource management. David's extensive knowledge, experience, and leadership will go a long way in advancing Secretary Zinke's goal of restoring the American people's trust in the Interior Department. I urge my colleagues to support David's nomination and confirm him as soon as possible."

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK): "Dave Bernhardt is an excellent choice to help set strategic direction and run the Department of the Interior on a day-to-day basis. He grew up in the West, has extensive knowledge of issues that are important to Alaskans, and will be a great asset to Secretary Zinke and his team. We reported his nomination from the Energy and Natural Resources Committee with bipartisan support more than a month ago, so I urge my colleagues to support the swift confirmation of this well-qualified nominee."

U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ): “David Bernhardt’s experience working on water policy and Native American issues makes him uniquely suited to serve as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior Department Administration. I am confident David will serve the state of Arizona and the nation with distinction, and I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of his nomination.”

Bernhardt also has wide support from across the country:

- National Congress of American Indians
- Ducks Unlimited
- Boone and Crockett Club
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- NRA
- Delta Waterfowl
- Archery Trade Association
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Camp Fire Club of America
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
- Conservation Force
- Dallas Safari Club
- Houston Safari Club
- Masters of Foxhounds Association & Foundation
- Mule Deer Foundation
- National Shooting Sports Foundation
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Orion - The Hunter's Institute
- Pheasants Forever
- Professional Outfitters and Guides of America
- Quail Forever
- Quality Deer Management Association
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Safari Club International
- Shikar-Safari Club
- Sportsmen's Alliance
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Wild Sheep Foundation
- Wildlife Forever
- Wildlife Management Institute
- Wildlife Mississippi
- American Recreation Coalition
- Boat U.S.
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
- Marine Retailers Association of America
- Motorcycle Industry Council
- National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC)
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- National Parks Hospitality Association
- Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association
- Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
- Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
- Specialty Equipment Market Association
- Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
- Colorado River Water Conservation District
- Colorado Water Congress
- Family Farm Alliance
- Oneida Indian Nation
- Penobscot Nation
- Public Lands Council
- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma

- Seneca Nation of Indians
- Gila River Indian Community

Former United States Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ): “Having worked with David Bernhardt for many years on a variety of Department of the Interior matters, in particular on Indian water settlements, I know he’ll be a great addition to the team.”

David Allen President/CEO Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: “The Senate has not yet acted on several important positions that remain unfilled at the Interior Department. Among them is the nomination of David Bernhardt to be Deputy Secretary. This is a critical position that not only ensures the Department’s programs are run effectively, but also succeeds the Secretary in certain situations. Bernhardt is a Coloradan, a hunter and angler, and former high-ranking officer at Interior who understands the issues important to sportsmen and women. We encourage the Senate to act on his nomination without delay.”

Dale Hall, Chief Executive Officer, Ducks Unlimited: “I have known and worked with David for more than 10 years and could not be more pleased with his nomination for Deputy Secretary of the Interior. For David Bernhardt, integrity is doing the right thing even when the easiest decision would be to continue with the status quo. I believe David is a man with personal and professional integrity that is beyond reproach and has always advocated for the proper application of science and implementation of the law, especially when it comes to species conservation. I believe David will continue to advocate for sound and balanced resource management and advocate for the use of best available science.”

Whit Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership President and CEO: “The Department of Interior, the chief steward of our national public lands, requires a Deputy Secretary who understands how the department functions and understands the complexities associated with balancing the resource needs of our country, both now, and most importantly, for future generations of Americans. David Bernhardt will provide much needed departmental experience to the Interior leadership team at a time when important natural resource decisions with wide impact are being considered.”

Jeffrey Vorberger, Vice President, Policy & Government Affairs of NOIA: “NOIA strongly encourages the Senate to confirm David Bernhardt as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior sooner rather than later. Strong, experienced leadership at all levels of the Department are necessary as America strives to become energy dominant. David has a proven record, is beyond qualified and his extensive experience serving the Department of Interior under the George W. Bush administration will make him a vital asset to Secretary Zinke. Further delay on his confirmation is a lost opportunity.”

Peter Hayes, Associate General Manager & Chief Public Affairs Executive, Salt River Project: “David Bernhardt has for many years exhibited strong leadership on federal land, water, and natural resources policies, having previously served the public as a senior official at the Department of the Interior. SRP urges quick confirmation in the Senate for Mr. Bernhardt and looks forward to continuing its long-standing collaborative partnership with the Department under Secretary Zinke and Mr. Bernhardt’s leadership.”

Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation: “Mr. Bernhardt brings years of experience working on Indian country’s most pressing issues. I look forward to working with him and the rest of the Department of the Interior leadership team to bring the Bureau of Indian Affairs into the 21st century.”

Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community, AZ: “Based on our experience in negotiating and working on complex issues with Mr. Bernhardt, we support his position as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We believe he has an understanding of tribal sovereignty and the United States’ trust responsibility to tribal nations, including the Gila River Indian Community.”

White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, AZ: “David Bernhardt is respected by the White Mountain Apache Tribe and enjoys widespread respect in Indian Country as being fair and well

versed in Native American issues and the historic time-honored government to government and trust relationship between Indian Nations and the United States.”

The position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior is the Chief Operating Officer of the Department and Bernhardt's nomination is subject to confirmation by the United States Senate.

Bernhardt also previously served as the United States Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission, U.S. and Canada. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and graduated with honors from George Washington University National Law Center. He recently served on the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Virginia, where he resides in Arlington with his wife Gena and their two children. As Deputy Secretary, Bernhardt will make Interior a better neighbor, ensure American energy dominance to create jobs and return Endangered Species Act to its original intent.

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On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 2:50 PM, Benjamin Wolfgang <bwolfgang@washingtontimes.com> wrote:
Hey Heather, just following up on David Bernhardt. Headed to a meeting this afternoon so I wanted to check in one more time.

Criticism is rolling in. I got this from the Northwest Guides and Anglers Association today:

"Before they vote on David Bernhardt's nomination, I hope Senators remember Bernhardt helped suppress scientific data during his time at Interior in the George W. Bush Administration. His lack of respect for the role of science in decision-making on issues affecting sportsmen and wildlife habitat raises major red flags for me. Senators should be equally concerned, and should vote against David Bernhardt."

And, as I mentioned earlier, this from Center for Biological Diversity, citing the complaint about his lobbying for Westlands Water District while on the transition team.

"These disturbing revelations should slam the brakes on this confirmation," said Noah Greenwald, the Center's endangered species director. "Bernhardt's close ties to the very industries he'd be charged with regulating at Interior are bad enough. But now that it appears he may have violated federal lobbying law, this appointment should be a sunk ship."

Writing a story to run in Monday's paper, ahead of the Senate vote. Does Interior have responses to these specific charges, or any other comment? Thanks!

Best,

Ben

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Thanks, Heather. Good from me.

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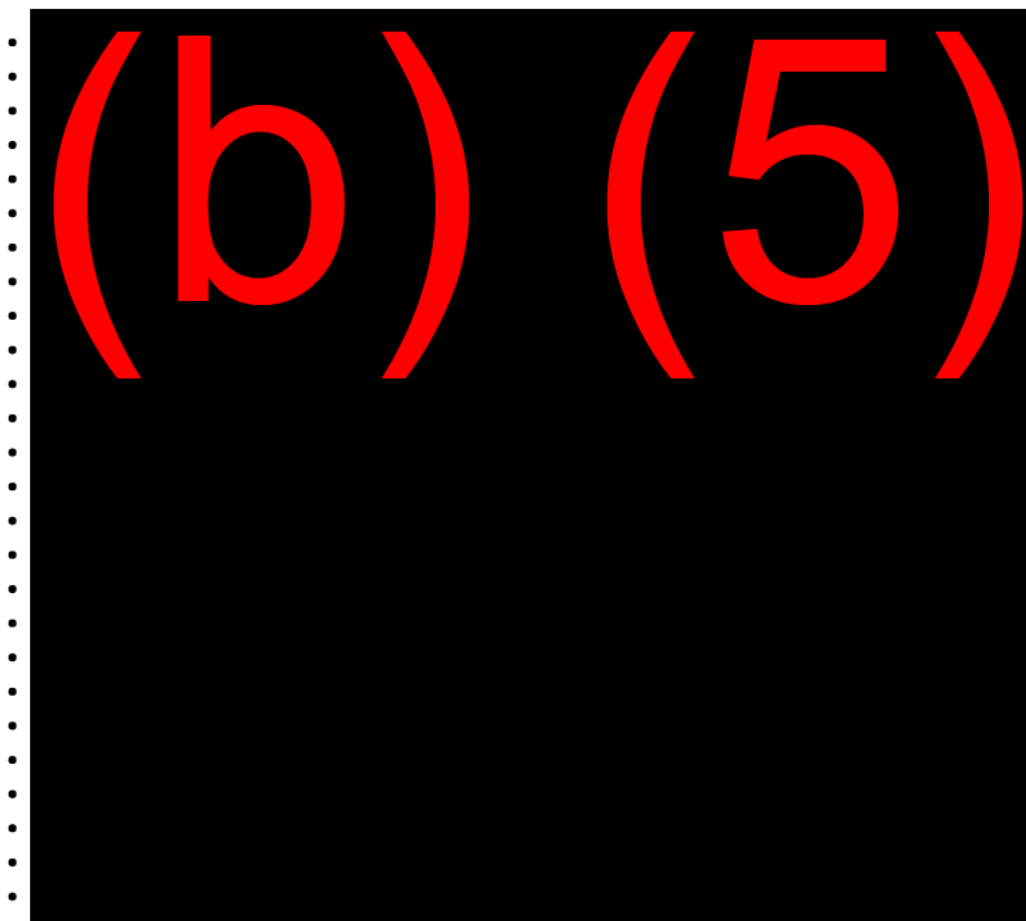
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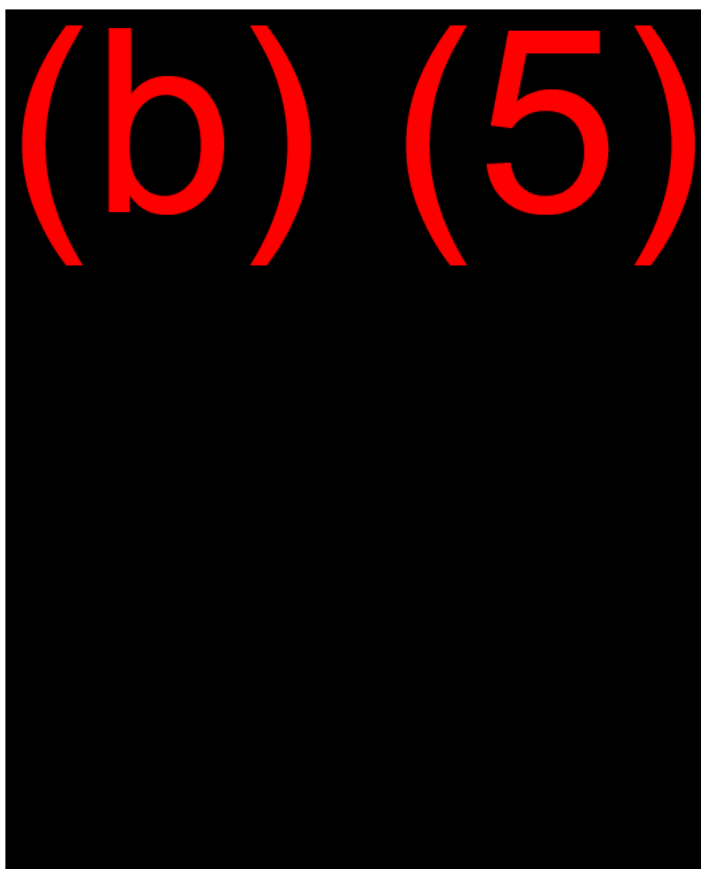
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News Alert: Senate advances Bernhardt for Deputy

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[E&E News: Senate advances Bernhardt for deputy](#)

July 20, 2017

The Senate this afternoon advanced the nomination of David Bernhardt for Interior Department deputy secretary, teeing up the final confirmation vote expected Monday.

Senators voted 56-39 to invoke cloture on the nomination. All Republicans present, six Democrats and one independent voted in favor.

Democrats Martin Heinrich of New Mexico, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Brian Schatz of Hawaii and Michael Bennet of Colorado voted with Republicans, as did independent Angus King of Maine.

Senators not voting were: Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.). Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), recovering from surgery and recently diagnosed with brain cancer, was absent.

Bernhardt's nomination has attracted strong support because of his extensive public policy experience in the executive and legislative branches, but also robust opposition from Democrats and green groups alarmed by his ties to oil and gas lobbyists.

The Campaign for Accountability today filed a complaint with the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia to investigate whether Bernhardt violated the Lobbying Disclosure Act by continuing to lobby despite formally withdrawing his registration in 2016.

Emails obtained through the California Public Records Act show Bernhardt continued to advise the Westlands Water District, a California agricultural organization, after terminating his lobbying registration (Greenwire, July 18).

Bernhardt was registered as a Westlands lobbyist between June 2011 and Nov. 18, 2016, when he was a member of the Trump administration's Interior Department transition team and potential nominee. The president formally picked him in April.

Bernhardt, who had served as chairman of the natural resources department at the law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP, previously promised lawmakers that if confirmed, he would "not participate personally or substantially in any particular matter involving" his former clients or "specific parties in which I know the firm is a party or represents a party" for two years, unless he receives authorization to do so.

Administration aides have said they thoroughly vetted Bernhardt on ethics. They and other defenders, including Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), call him an experienced nominee.

In addition to his lobbying career, the Coloradan has worked as a Capitol Hill aide and served as an Interior official during the George W. Bush administration.

Bernhardt has taken heat over allegations of mismanagement at Interior during his tenure there, including a drug and sex scandal at the former Minerals Management Service and political interference in endangered species decisions.

'Disqualifying'

Energy and Natural Resources Committee ranking member Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) has led the opposition to Bernhardt and spoke on the floor before today's vote.

Cantwell said that while it's true Bernhardt has "considerable" experience to do the job, the revolving-door nature of his career continues to concern her and raises a serious appearance of conflict-of-interest issues.

By putting forward Bernhardt as Interior's No. 2, President Trump is not helping to drain the swamp, "he's helping to fill it," Cantwell said.

The League of Conservation Voters also reiterated its opposition to Bernhardt today after sending a letter last month to the full Senate urging it to reject the nomination.

"Bernhardt's long list of conflicts of interest alone should be disqualifying — but given the Trump administration's incredible disregard for integrity, science and facts, it's no surprise that a top nominee would have a record of altering government science for political gain and overseeing an office plagued by scandal," said Tiernan Sittenfeld, LCV's senior vice president for government affairs.

Sittenfeld added: "We strongly urge senators to oppose Bernhardt's nomination and will continue to hold Congress and the administration accountable for putting polluter profits ahead of our clean air, clean water, public lands and families' health."

Zinke 'miserable' by lack of help

Gardner on the floor today praised Bernhardt's experience and commitment to public service, noting that other nominees considered by the Energy and Natural Resources panel have toggled between government and the private sector.

"What we see is another nominee, dedicated public servant, who gained experience in the private sector and is willing to come back to public service to give back to our great country," said Gardner, who noted that Bernhardt worked with his wife, Jaime, at Interior during the Bush administration. "Mr. Bernhardt's integrity and ability are two of his strongest qualities for his nomination."

Several stakeholders have voiced their support for Bernhardt as well, including the Colorado River District, Colorado Water Congress, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable and Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

Yesterday, House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) talked with reporters about the lack of confirmed appointees in place at Interior — and how it's making Secretary Ryan Zinke's life "miserable."

"There are a whole lot of problems that could be solved if Bernhardt was there now," the chairman said. "The Senate waiting as long as it has is wrong, it's simply wrong."

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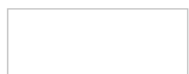
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DOI Colleagues,

We just received the attached material from the NPS Pacific West Region that will be released per a FOIA request today at COB (PDT) to PEER. The records are related to the Secretary's visit to Channel Islands NP.

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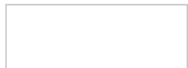
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Apologies for the short deadline. Below and attached is an op-ed for USA Today drafted for the Secretary titled, *Made In America: Promoting the All-American Outdoor Experience*

Please review and return edits NO LATER THAN 4:30.

This has been run through NPS PPPs. They are getting back to me if there are any issues we need to be aware of on the examples chosen.

Made in America: Promoting the All-American Outdoor Experience

This week, President Trump kicked off "Made in America Week." At the Department of the Interior, we are taking this opportunity to promote and strengthen America's tradition of outdoor recreation on public lands, which is made possible, in large part, thanks to private foundations, American businesses, and the thousands of public-private-partnerships across our public lands.

We already have thousands of partners across the country who fund and assist with visitor services, infrastructure, and even land acquisition.

Boston Harbor National Recreation Area is a unique example of a public-private-public partnership where federal, state, and private organizations work together to manage the land, provide boats between islands, restore historic lighthouses and forts, provide educational tours, and carry out janitorial and maintenance tasks. All of this could not be possible without the joint effort.

Private partners also help maintain our buildings and aging infrastructure.

For example, earlier this year, President Trump donated his first quarter salary of about \$78,000 to the National Park Service to restore historic battlefields. Private foundations like the Civil War Trust, National Park Foundation, and Save Historic Antietam all chipped in, and with matching donations we were able to fund a \$263,000 project to restore a historic structure and nearly mile-long fence at Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland.

Some of our most-iconic, all-American outdoor experiences, like riding a historic Ford "Red Jammer" bus in Glacier National Park, staying overnight in the El Tovar lodge at the Grand Canyon, or whale watching in Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park, would not be possible without public-private partnerships.

To highlight and expand on Made in America partnerships, this week Interior is hosting a roundtable with outdoor recreation industry leaders to brainstorm innovative ideas for how we can work together to build upon the outdoor

experience on public lands. Some ideas I've already heard is for a food truck in parking lot, energy-efficient cabins in a national monument, and mobile youth fishing centers in urban areas across the country.

The Department is focused on identifying and expanding the best existing services and bringing in new services to parks and recreation areas.

For example, Wi-Fi, internal transportation, campgrounds, boat ramps, concessions, and even restrooms are not available on many public lands. Also, once somebody gets to a recreation area, services like boat, ATV and fishing pole rentals are often unavailable. This would be like going on a ski vacation and not being able to rent skis or have access to a lift up the mountain.

This leaves many families without practical and affordable options for camping, hiking, and recreating. Having three kids and two granddaughters myself, I can't imagine going on a family vacation without some of these basic services.

More partnerships does not mean privatizing our parks as some have wrongly suggested. I am opposed to the sale or transfer of our public lands, and under my watch our public lands will remain public.

Having partners on public lands also does not mean the tour bus will look like a race car covered in corporate stickers. Some of our most iconic features are only possible thanks to partnerships.

Expanding partnerships will allow parks and public lands to deliver greater services to more visitors, while allowing our rangers to focus on things like the health of the ecosystem, guided tours, educational services, and land management. Partners are also able to deliver many services to the American people at a lower cost than the government can.

With the right amount of ingenuity and originality, we can foster the All-American Outdoor Experience through our work at Interior. The Roosevelt Arch at Yellowstone National Park reads, "For the enjoyment of the people." Enjoying recreation on public lands is at the core of our shared American heritage.

The All-American Outdoor Experience is part of who we are as Americans, but it's also a big economic driver for communities across the country. As a whole, the outdoor recreation industry generates \$887 billion in consumer spending and supports 7.6 million American jobs, according to industry analysts. In addition, the revenue the industry produces is a major boost to our economy.

Made in America is about products as much as it is about our shared heritage and values. It is about making memories by taking a kid fishing for the first time, or in my case, taking my wife hiking early in our relationship.

There's a reason 330 million people from across the country and the world visit our parks every year, and millions more flock to public lands coast to coast: It's because these spaces are uniquely American.

This "Made in America" Week, let's with under a common pride in our country, standing behind American businesses and engaging in American outdoor traditions that have stood the test of time.

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Heads up - you'll have an op-ed to review in about an hour.

The WH would like us to write an op-ed for Made in America Week focusing on the all-American outdoor experience which are made possible by public private partnerships. Target is Sunday USA Today.

Unfortunately they need it COB TODAY to hit deadline!

I'm finalizing first draft and will send around 3 o'clock.

Thanks.

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Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Willens served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior from 2006 to 2008. While at the Department, he worked on the National Parks Centennial, and the historic recovery of the Bald Eagle. In addition, Willens also served as Senior Policy Advisor for United States House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources from 2003 to 2006. In this capacity, he worked closely with the Chairman to develop key legislation, including the 2005 Endangered Species Act Reauthorization and the 2005 Energy Bill. A California native, Willens is a 1994 graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles. He currently lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and four children.

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"The Civil War Trust strongly supports the appointment of Todd Willens as Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior," **James Lighthizer, President of the Civil War Trust, said.** "In his previous service on Capitol Hill and in the Department of the Interior, Todd has been a champion of our national parks and historic battlefield sites. We are excited about the opportunity to partner with him to preserve America's battlefield parks as places of remembrance as well as heritage tourism destinations."

"The Boone and Crockett Club proudly supports Todd Willens' appointment," **said Paul Phillips, co-chair of the Boone and Crockett Club's Policy Committee.** "Mr. Willens is a conservationist who hunts. He has this personal passion and understands the ecological and economic benefits that follow for the public. His experience in the complexities of policy at the Department of the Interior will serve the country and conservation community all very well."

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Management and Budget. He also served as Special Counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and as a law clerk for the Senate Legal Counsel. After graduating from BYU Law School with Honors, Mr. Nelson clerked for Judge Henderson on the DC Circuit and for Richard Mosk and Charles Brower on the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague, The Netherlands. Mr. Nelson was an associate at Sidley Austin and is currently General Counsel for Idaho-based wellness company, Melaleuca, Inc. He has argued 13 federal courts of appeals cases on complex environmental and constitutional issues. Mr. Nelson resides in his hometown of Idaho Falls, Idaho, with his wife, Barbara Baer Nelson, and their seven children.

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Sent: Tue Jul 04 2017 21:50:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Re: Schedule for Wednesday

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/45. Revised Schedule, Draft Release Letterhead, Revised Fact Sheet/11.2 Zinke Podium Cheat Sheet v2.docx
/45. Revised Schedule, Draft Release Letterhead, Revised Fact Sheet/13.1 Battlefield Grant Awards - FINAL 6-29-2017.pdf
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Thanks,

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Please let us know as soon as this goes out – we will have our PR firm also promote the event with the press.

Also: can we indicate that Secretary Zinke will be in attendance on our social media? That could help us with generating a crowd.

Thanks,

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Sent: Mon Jul 03 2017 13:27:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Details for Antietam

Thx!

Laura Keehner Rigas
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On Jul 3, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

The Governor will be unable to attend the event.

Tim Williams

Timothy Williams
External and Intergovernmental Affairs
Department of the Interior
Cell: (202) 706-4982

On Jul 3, 2017, at 9:17 AM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Did we get any sort of confirmation/readout on the Governor?

On Mon, Jul 3, 2017 at 8:45 AM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Rusty. What we are thinking is having press van leave DOI around 8:00-8:30. Press would do an abbreviated tour and the press conference.

Do you think it would be possible to have some sort of B-Roll and photography opportunities for press to get Z at the battlefield and where the POTUS donation will be spent?

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Department of the Interior
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On Sat, Jul 1, 2017 at 11:52 PM, Roddy, Russell <russell_roddy@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hey...not sure if anyone replied...but, this is what we have SO FAR (will be out there on Monday to do walk thru with them at 1:00 pm...and will finalize all details then). Note: not sure if you are planning to go or who else is planning to go and how but wanted to give you a head's up that Mrs. Zinke will be going with the Secretary so you can plan briefing, etc. ahead of time accordingly:

8:00-9:30am EDT: Depart Residence en route Sharpsburg, MD

Location:
Antietam National Battlefield
5831 Dunker Church Road
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

9:30-9:45am EDT: Arrive Antietam National Battlefield // Proceed to Passenger Van

Location: Visitor Center
Antietam National Battlefield
Greeted By:
Jim Lighthizer, Civil War Trust President
Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation President
John Nau, Civil War Trust and National Park Foundation Board Member and guest
Susan Trail, Antietam NB Superintendent
Keith Snider, Antietam NB Chief of Interpretation
Paul Coussan or Jim Campi, Civil War Trust

9:45-11:30am EDT: Driving Tour of Antietam National Battlefield

To See:
The Cornfield
Bloody Lane
Lower Bridge

11:30-12:15pm EDT: Civil War Grant Announcement & Media Availability

Location: Maryland Monument
Participants:
RKZ
Susan Trail, Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield

Jim Lighthizer, President, Civil War Trust
John Nau, Chairman emeritus, Civil War Trust
Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation President

12:15-12:30pm EDT: Meet & Greet with DOI Employees
Location: Maryland Monument

12:30-1:30pm EDT: Lunch
Location: Mumma Barn

1:30-3:00pm EDT: Depart Sharpsburg, MD en route DOI

On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 11:58 AM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi guys --

Can you pls send the address for the event and the general sketch of the timing so we can send to our respective constituencies?

Thanks!

My best,

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Micah Chambers
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To: elaine_hackett@nps.gov
CC: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Tour Today

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"Hackett, G" <elaine_hackett@nps.gov>

From: "Hackett, G" <elaine_hackett@nps.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 03 2017 06:11:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov
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Partial EE article below <https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2017/06/28/stories/1060056682>

For years, Zinke has touted the melting of Grinnell Glacier, one of the park's famous features, as evidence that he understands the impacts of climate change. He often tells a story of visiting the park with his wife, Lolita, and observing the glacier shrinking over lunch.

But it's unclear if Zinke will tackle climate change. President Trump has called it a "hoax" and is attempting to repeal rules aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. After being confirmed, Zinke signed a secretarial order launching a review of climate policies ([Climatewire](#), March 30).

Zinke has also disputed the level of influence human actions have on warming. He called that aspect "still unsettled."

Michael Reynolds, acting director of the National Park Service, told E&E News earlier this month the science is settled and the agency is continuing to plan for the impacts of climate change, even if the politics are not.

"The climate, as far as our science tells us, is changing, and so we're dealing with the resiliency factors in it, and we're dealing with the science and the facts as best we can," he said. "There may be some adjustments as we're getting used to a new set of leaders that want us to talk about it in different ways, but we're continuing to work on it."

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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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A fifth-generation Montanan and former U.S. Navy SEAL Commander, Ryan Zinke built one of the strongest track records in the 114th Congress on championing sportsmen's access, conservation, regulatory relief, forest management, responsible energy development, and smart management of federal lands.

As Secretary of the Interior, Zinke leads an agency with more than 70,000 employees who are stewards for 20 percent of the nation's lands, including national parks, monuments, wildlife refuges and other public lands.

Ryan Zinke represented the state of Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2014. Before that he served in the Montana State Senate from 2009 to 2011, but the bulk of his public service was 23 years as a U.S. Navy SEAL officer.

Zinke enlisted in the Navy in 1985 and was soon selected to join the elite force where he would build an honorable career until his retirement in 2008. He retired with the rank of Commander after leading SEAL operations across the globe, including as the Deputy and Acting Commander of Joint Special Forces in Iraq and two tours at SEAL Team Six. Zinke was the first Navy SEAL elected to the U.S. House and is the first SEAL to serve as a cabinet secretary.

Zinke holds a Geology degree from the University of Oregon, where he was an All-PAC 10 football player; a Master's degree in

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Business Finance from National University;
and a Master's degree in Global Leadership
from the University of San Diego. Ryan and
his wife Lolita (Lola) have three children and
two granddaughters.

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DRIVING THE DAY

Good Sunday morning. THE PRESIDENT left the White House at 9:16 a.m. "in golf clothes (white shirt, white cap, dark slacks)," per pooler Alexis Simendinger. "Agents are dressed in their khakis and plaid, baggy, short-sleeved shirts--attire accessorized with ball caps. One was just practicing a pantomimed golf swing in the driveway." ... Trump pulled into Trump National Golf Club in Virginia at 9:51 a.m.

STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP (@realDonaldTrump) at 8 a.m.: "Hillary Clinton colluded with the Democratic Party in order to beat Crazy Bernie Sanders. Is she allowed to so collude? Unfair to Bernie!"

-- **NOTE:** Hillary Clinton became the Democratic Party's nominee 334 days ago. Trump beat her 229 days ago.

MICHAEL KRUSE in POLITICO Magazine, "I Found Trump's Diary -- Hiding in Plain Sight: Legally risky, undiplomatic and sometimes wrong, Trump's Twitter feed is a document for the ages. And historians don't want to lose it": "In the presumed absence, then, of a more traditional version of the form, Trump's collected tweets comprise the closest thing to a diary this presidency will

produce.

"And that is what makes the messages from @realDonaldTrump, almost 800 and counting since January 20, 2017, such a prize to those who care the most about lasting insight into the president and this administration. If @realDonaldTrump was to go dark, and Trump stopped tweeting to his more than 32 million followers, humans and bots alike, the loss from a historical standpoint would be acute." <http://politi.co/2todyzX>

TRUMP ON "FOX AND FRIENDS" SUNDAY MORNING -- PETE HEGSETH: "Who's been your biggest opponent? Has it been Democrats resisting? Has it been fake news media? Has it been deep state leaks? What's -- when you think about it, what holds it up the most? --" ... **TRUMP:** ... "One of the things that should be solved, but it probably won't be, is that the Republicans and Democrats don't get together. And I'm open arms; but, I don't see that happening. They fight each other. The level of hostility. In other words, this isn't just Trump, this has been like this for years. You've been doing this for a long time, it's been like that for a long time. But the level of hostility - as an example, the healthcare bill that you are reporting on and that everybody's reporting on."

-- TRUMP WAS TEED UP, BUT DECLINES TO BLAME OBAMA: HEGSETH: "How frustrating is it to have former President Obama there, out there leading the resistance?" **TRUMP:** "Well I think - I don't think he's leading it. He actually just put out a small statement. I don't see that leading it. But other people are leading."

-- TRUMP HITS WARREN ... AGAIN: HEGSETH: "How do you overcome that when someone like Senator Warren - Elizabeth Warren literally says 'People are going to die because of President Trump's health-care bill?'" **TRUMP:** "Well I actually think she's a hopeless case. I call her Pocahontas, and that's an insult to Pocahontas. I actually think that she is just somebody that's got a lot of hatred, a lot of anger."

WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEK -- "Will Anthony Kennedy step down from the Supreme Court?" by AP's Mark Sherman: "The Supreme Court enters its final week of work before a long summer hiatus with action expected on the Trump administration's travel ban and a decision due in a separation of church and state case that arises from a Missouri church playground. The biggest news of all, though, would be if Justice Anthony Kennedy were to use the court's last public session on Monday to announce his retirement.

"To be sure, Kennedy has given no public sign that he will retire this year and give President Donald Trump his second high court pick in the first months of his administration. Kennedy's departure would allow conservatives to take firm control of the court. But Kennedy turns 81 next month and has been on the court for nearly 30 years. Several of his former law clerks have said they think he is contemplating stepping down in the next year or so. Kennedy and his clerks were gathering over the weekend for a reunion that was pushed up a year and helped spark talk he might be leaving the court." <http://bit.ly/2t5rBWQ>

-- KELLYANNE CONWAY on ABC'S "THIS WEEK": CONWAY: "I will never reveal a conversation between a sitting justice and the president or the White House, but we're paying very close attention to these last bit of decisions. And I can tell you one thing, just as the president did with Justice Neil Gorsuch, whenever there are vacancies, whenever that happens, he will look for somebody who has fidelity to the constitution, who doesn't make up the law as they go along, and somebody who has the judicial temperament and a record that's beyond reproach, as did Justice Gorsuch.

"We just hope the next time we can get more than a handful of Democratic senators to vote for our nominee to the Supreme Court and to the federal courts. We'd like a lot more cooperation from

our Democratic friends. We know obstruction and resistance is their motto. It's not working. And it's not working for the American people, Supreme Court nominations and otherwise."

THE BIG PICTURE -- "The weakest defense in Washington? Saying 'I don't recall'," by Darren Samuelsohn: "Some of President Donald Trump's closest confidants seem to be suffering from an affliction common in high-stakes White House investigations: memory loss. In his recent testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee concerning his role in the unfolding Russia saga, Attorney General Jeff Sessions answered questions with some variation of 'I do not recall' more than 20 times. Amnesia is often a favorite response from witnesses in criminal and congressional investigations, and it's often the most truthful reply-but people caught up in scandals can wind up facing perjury or other charges if prosecutors can later show they were intentionally trying to dodge tough questions." <http://politi.co/2t5ihSQ>

HOW TIMES CHANGE -- "Freedom Caucus holds fire on Senate Obamacare repeal bill," by Kyle Cheney and Rachael Bade: "The most hardline conservatives in the House are taking an unusually cautious approach to the Senate's Obamacare replacement, promising to keep an open mind about whatever their colleagues across the Capitol send back. It's a change in strategy for the House Freedom Caucus. When House leaders first released a health care bill in February, for instance, group members took to television talk shows to pan the plan as 'Obamacare lite,' furious that it didn't, in their eyes, do enough to unravel the 2010 health care law.

"They also threatened to withhold their support until changes were made, and later won concessions. For now, those hardball tactics have disappeared. As the Senate looks to pass its own health care legislation this week, those same House conservatives are taking a more measured approach -- even as several conservatives in the Senate are currently balking at the bill." <http://politi.co/2u2UDDF>

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BUT, BUT, BUT ... "Senate health-care bill faces serious resistance from GOP moderates," by WaPo's Juliet Eilperin and Amy Goldstein: "A small group of moderate Republican senators, worried that their leaders' health-care bill could damage the nation's social safety net, may pose at least as significant an obstacle to the measure's passage as their colleagues on the right. The vast changes the legislation would make to Medicaid, the country's broadest source of public health insurance, would represent the largest single step the government has ever taken toward conservatives' long-held goal of reining in federal spending on health-care entitlement programs in favor of a free-market system.

"That dramatic shift and the bill's bold redistribution of wealth - the billions of dollars taken from coverage for the poor would help fund tax cuts for the wealthy - is creating substantial anxiety for several Republican moderates whose states have especially benefited from the expansion of Medicaid that the Affordable Care Act has allowed since 2014." <http://wapo.st/2sPOf36>

-- **WHO TO WATCH:** Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) and Dean Heller (R-Nev.).

-- **THE PROBLEM:** Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is going to have to cajole and lean on moderate and conservative senators to find enough votes. While he may be able to tweak the bill on the margins to bring some of the lawmakers on board -- and lawmakers will be able to add

amendments to the underlying bill text -- it's unclear if he'll be able to thread the needle for passage next week. As we wrote earlier this week, McConnell is going to put this bill up for a vote no matter what -- he wants lawmakers on the record.

KOCH WATCH -- "Koch network ramps up political spending while trying to push Trump team," by Kevin Robillard in Colorado Springs, Colorado: "The leadership of the Koch brothers' network is brushing off its occasionally chilly attitude toward President Donald Trump, trying to nudge the administration in its direction as the group's annual summit began Saturday just after Charles Koch met with Vice President Mike Pence. The network of conservative donors announced Saturday it plans to spend between \$300 million and \$400 million on politics and policy during the 2018 cycle. ...

"The millions from the Koch network and its wealthy allies will boost the Trump administration on some key priorities, especially tax reform and rolling back regulations. It also will help push back against others - especially Attorney General Jeff Sessions' desire to implement tough-on-crime policies - and working to make Obamacare repeal efforts more conservative. And they could prove critical to Republican efforts to retain the House and expand a majority in the Senate."

<http://politi.co/2t9li4k>

-- **"Koch chief says health care bill insufficiently conservative,"** by AP's Steve Peoples: "Tim Phillips, who leads Americans For Prosperity, the Koch network's political arm, called the Senate's plans for Medicaid 'a slight nip and tuck' of President Barack Obama's health care law, a modest change he described as 'immoral.' 'This Senate bill needs to get better,' Phillips said. 'It has to get better.'" <http://apne.ws/2sFaGts>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "Trump allies push White House to consider regime change in Tehran," by Michael Crowley: "As the White House formulates its official policy on Iran, senior officials and key Trump allies are calling for the new administration to take steps to topple Tehran's militant clerical government. Supporters of dislodging Iran's iron-fisted clerical leadership say it's the only way to halt Tehran's dangerous behavior, from its pursuit of nuclear weapons to its sponsorship of terrorism.

"Critics say that political meddling in Iran, where memories of a 1953 CIA-backed coup remain vivid, risks a popular backlash that would only empower hardliners. That's why President Barack Obama assured Iranians, in a 2013 speech at the United Nations, that 'we are not seeking regime change.' But influential Iran hawks want to change that under Trump. 'The policy of the United States should be regime change in Iran,' said Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), who speaks regularly with White House officials about foreign policy. 'I don't see how anyone can say America can be safe as long as you have in power a theocratic despotism,' he added." <http://politi.co/2tINGIF>

-- **"Trump's Team Faces Reality in the Middle East,"** by the Times of Israel's Herb Keinon: "Washington is adopting a much different approach to peacemaking than the previous administration, a sign that it has learned from US President Barack Obama's mistakes. And the mother of all Obama's mistakes on the Israeli-Palestinian issue came when -- just a few months after being sworn into office -- he made a very clear demand for Israel to stop all settlement activity, everywhere ... The Trump administration is taking a different approach. It is making no public demands ... And, all the while, it is probing the sides to see what they are - and are not - willing to give, and then trying to see if there are ways to bridge the gaps. And it is doing this all very much behind closed doors, without megaphone diplomacy, without public threats of laying down an American blueprint, or dangling promises of high-profile summits."

<http://bit.ly/2u398Y5>

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- "U.S. top court set to rule on religious rights; travel ban looms,"

by Reuters' Lawrence Hurley: "The U.S. Supreme Court is set to rule on Monday in a closely watched religious rights case involving limits on public funding for churches and other religious entities as the justices issue the final rulings of their current term. The nine justices are due to rule in six cases, not including their decision expected in the coming days on whether to take up President Donald Trump's bid to revive his ban on travelers from six predominantly Muslim countries in which an emergency appeal is pending. Of the remaining cases argued during the court's current term, which began in October, the most eagerly awaited one concerns a Missouri church backed by a conservative Christian legal group. The ruling potentially could narrow the separation of church and state." <http://reut.rs/2s9V9yl>

THE JUICE

-- **SPOTTED AT STEVEN MNUCHIN and LOUISE LINTON's WEDDING** last night at the Mellon Auditorium: President Donald Trump (in black tie) and First Lady Melania Trump, Vice President Mike Pence (who officiated) and Karen Pence, Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump, Reince Priebus and Sally Priebus, DHS Secretary John Kelly, CIA director Mike Pompeo, Interior Secretary Mike Zinke, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, HUD Secretary Ben Carson and Candy Carson, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster, White House Counsel Don McGahn and Shannon McGahn, deputy national security advisor Dina Powell and David McCormick ...

... **Sean and Rebecca Spicer**, Kellyanne Conway, Canadian Finance Minister Bill Morneau, John Paulson, Jim Donovan, Steve Roth, Eddie Lampert, Woody Johnson, Lee Eisenberg, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Tom Barrack, Eli and Jenna Miller, Stephen Miller, House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy, C. Boyden Gray, Brad and Candice Parscale, Tommy Hicks, Reed Cordish, Rudy Giuliani, Richard and Karen LeFrak and Harrison LeFrak, Bill Paxon and Susan Molinari, Mike Shields and Katie Walsh, Ken Duberstein, Anthony Scaramucci. Seafood was served during cocktail hour, along with filet for dinner and a big white wedding cake. There was lots of beautiful flowers at the wedding, ballerinas performed, bagpipes and then a big band and many people hit the dance floor, according to attendees. **Full report from Darren Samuelsohn, Rebecca Morin and Cristiano Lima** <http://politi.co/2t8w9MZ> ... **25 photos on one page** <http://dailym.ai/2sEIl6A>

-- **MNUCHIN** was spotted with three agents at DCA early this morning -- he was dropping off one of his kids at the airport.

-- **WE REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT REP. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT (D-N.Y.)** filed a financial disclosure form that listed a checking account with between \$5 million and \$25 million. His office said he filed the report in error, and the account has between \$1,000 and \$15,000. The new report has not yet showed up on the clerk's website.

SUNDAY BEST -- GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS speaks to **SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER (D-N.Y.)** on **ABC'S "THIS WEEK"** -- **STEPHANOPOULOS:** "Are they going to pass this bill?" **SCHUMER:** "I think it's 50-50. First, Democrats, we are doing everything we can to fight this bill because it's so devastating for the middle class. I think they have, at best, a 50-50 chance of passing this bill. To get three senators to vote no, probably -- you can say yes, you can say no, probably 50-50."

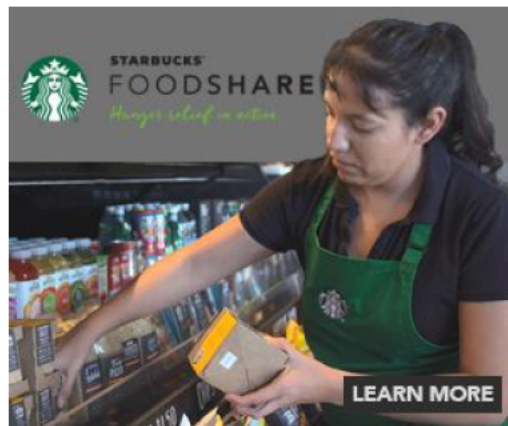
-- **BRIT HUME** talks with **HHS SECRETARY TOM PRICE** on **"FOX NEWS SUNDAY"** -- **PRICE:** "What we're trying to do here, admittedly, is to thread a needle to make it so that, as the president says, every single American needs to be able to have access to the kind of coverage that they want,"

Price said, adding that conversations with Republican holdouts are ongoing. "That's the nature of the legislative process and that's what we'll be working through this week." **More from Patrick Temple-West, whose birthday is today** <http://politi.co/2t5LvB6>

-- **DANA BASH** speaks with **OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH** on **CNN'S "STATE OF THE UNION"** --
BASH -- HE'S OPPOSED TO THE SENATE GOP HEALTH CARE BILL: "OK. So, given the problems that you just laid out, do you think that Senator Portman of Ohio should vote no?"
KASICH: "Well, I -- I don't think the bill's adequate now. And unless it gets fixed, I would -- look, I'm against it. And I'm not against it just because I want to be against it. There's some things in these bill -- in these bills, in these -- in these provisions that are an improvement. My job, as I see my job as a governor of the state, not as a Republican governor, but the governor of this state, my job is to look not just today, but in the out years, at the impact it's going to have on people who have -- who need help."

"Dana, I was at a restaurant on Friday . And I was at a Wendy's, actually. And I was -- there was a partition. And I looked over at the people that had gathered there. And there were about, I don't know, 25 kids. All of them were here in Columbus for Special Olympics. And I looked at them and I thought, are these people being served? Are they going to be served by this bill in the future? My conclusion right now is no."

-- **CHUCK TODD** speaks to **SEN. RON JOHNSON (R-WISC.)** on **NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS":**
JOHNSON -- ON HEALTH CARE: "[W]hat I'd like to do is slow the process down, get the information, go through the problem-solving process, actually reduce these premiums that have been artificially driven up because of Obamacare mandates. So let's actually fix the problem. But in the end, I come from manufacturing base. I will look at whatever I'm forced to vote on, and I'll ask myself, 'Is this better tomorrow than where we are today? Is it continuous improvement?' And that's what will guide my decision."



PLAYBOOK READS



PHOTO DU JOUR: President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump depart the White House on June 24 to attend Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and Louise Linton's wedding. | Ron Sachs/Pool/Getty

DEEP DIVE -- WILLIAM D. COHAN in August's Vanity Fair, "The Untold Story of How Gary

Cohn Fell for Donald Trump": "While [Lloyd] Blankfein was recuperating, Cohn seemed to delight in the attention and adulation he received when he filled in for his boss on earnings calls, industry presentations, and media events, such as The New York Times's DealBook Conference. That's when, some say, he became overconfident and decided to inquire of several of his fellow board members about becoming C.E.O., even as Blankfein was responding well to his chemotherapy treatments. 'Gary made a play to replace Lloyd,' according to a former Goldman partner. It didn't work. The board was 'noncommittal' to Cohn, he continues. 'There's a lot of loyalty to Lloyd on the board.' ...

"**The timing was perfect** for Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, to pounce. He approached Cohn, supposedly at the suggestion of mutual friends. 'Jared Kushner has always been a little starstruck with Goldman Sachs people,' says a former Goldman partner who knows him well. 'He's always liked that sort of promotional edginess that Goldman Sachs has had, and he's always liked the reputation that Goldman Sachs has the best people, quote unquote, the smartest, savviest people. The idea, by the way, that Jared was suddenly in a position where he actually had the power to call on and hire and lure a number of people like that to the bench side, if you will, was a very, very intoxicating, enticing, and really kind of exciting thing to him,' the former partner continues. 'This was an incredibly sort of convenient and opportune kind of thing that came along for Gary because-whether he was going to Washington or not-Gary was out.'" <http://bit.ly/2u3jTdt>

MATT VISER in the Boston Globe, "Jared Kushner got his start as Somerville landlord": "At 19, he was in the training-wheels stage of his career as a developer, learning as he went, making his share of mistakes, acquiring a landlord's tough edge and cool calculus -- traits he still manifests in the White House. Learning to fix up and flip clusters of low-end apartment buildings, he used Somerville as his own private laboratory. And he passed the first key test -- he made a profit. Of course, he had a headstart. Much as Trump began his career of deals with a multimillion-dollar boost from his father, Kushner started out with his wealthy father acting as senior partner and offering crucial assistance -- including helping secure \$9 million in mortgage loans....

"**And his efforts paid off** -- the properties he bought for \$8.3 million sold four years later for \$13

million. But Kushner, who did not respond to requests for an interview to discuss his business record in Somerville, also made a number of rookie errors and left numerous angry tenants in his wake. His properties amassed 25 housing complaints over four years, including complaints about overflowing dumpsters, pests, and sewage odors, according to the Globe review. Tenants complained of what they called nonsensical financial dealings. Some renters say they went an entire winter without heat." <http://bit.ly/2t5dGju>

WHAT ERIC HOLDER IS READING -- "Analysis indicates partisan gerrymandering has benefited GOP," by AP's David Lieb: "The 2016 presidential contest was awash with charges that the fix was in: Republican Donald Trump repeatedly claimed that the election was rigged against him, while Democrats have accused the Russians of stacking the odds in Trump's favor. Less attention was paid to manipulation that occurred not during the presidential race, but before it - in the drawing of lines for hundreds of U.S. and state legislative seats. The result, according to an Associated Press analysis: Republicans had a real advantage.

"The AP scrutinized the outcomes of all 435 U.S. House races and about 4,700 state House and Assembly seats up for election last year using a new statistical method of calculating partisan advantage. It's designed to detect cases in which one party may have won, widened or retained its grip on power through political gerrymandering. The analysis found four times as many states with Republican-skewed state House or Assembly districts than Democratic ones. Among the two dozen most populated states that determine the vast majority of Congress, there were nearly three times as many with Republican-tilted U.S. House districts." <http://apne.ws/2s5voE7>

BUSINESS BURST -- "Facebook Is Going Hollywood, Seeking Scripted TV Programming," by WSJ's Joe Flint and Deepa Seetharaman: "Facebook to Hollywood: Let's do lunch. Social networking giant Facebook Inc. is moving its ambitions in TV-quality video to the front burner, taking meetings and making deals with an eye toward launching a slate of original programming by the end of summer, people familiar with the matter said. In meetings with major talent agencies including Creative Artists Agency, United Talent Agency, William Morris Endeavor and International Creative Management Partners, Facebook has indicated it is willing to commit to production budgets as high as \$3 million per episode, people familiar with the situation say." <http://on.wsj.com/2rQ6Omz>

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BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- POLITICO Magazine's "America's 11 Most Interesting Mayors": Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles ... Hillary Schieve, Reno, Nev. ... Kevin Faulconer, San Diego ... Greg Fischer, Louisville, Ky. ... Marty Walsh, Boston ... Michael Hancock, Denver ... Jennifer Roberts, Charlotte, N.C. ... Tomás Regalado, Miami, Florida ... Jackie Biskupski, Salt Lake City, Utah ... Bill Peduto, Pittsburgh ... Dan Gilbert, the shadow mayor of Detroit. <http://politi.co/2sEZmow>

BONUS GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman, filing from Palm Beach, Florida:

-- **"My Father's Fashion Tips,"** by Tom Junod in GQ: "In 1996, in a piece that was nominated for a National Magazine Award, Tom Junod wrote not only of his dad's impeccable style but also of the secrets -- and underwear rules -- of a lost generation." <http://bit.ly/2szLZP8>

-- **"Deepest Dive Ever Under Antarctica Reveals a Shockingly Vibrant World,"** by Laurent

Ballesta in July's NatGeo: "Our special report offers a rare look at life beneath the frozen continent -- where penguins, seals, and exotic creatures thrive." ***With 15 pix on one page***
<http://on.natgeo.com/2s2rV9e> (h/t Blake Hounshell)

-- "**Crimson Tidings: The primordial color gets its due,**" by Elizabeth Powers in the Weekly Standard: <http://tws.io/2rLD4qR> (h/t ALDaily.com)

-- "**The Wages of War Without Strategy,**" by Robert Cassidy and Jacqueline Tame on the Strategy Bridge: "In its wars since 11 September 2001, the United States has arguably cultivated the best-equipped, most capable, and fully seasoned combat forces in remembered history. They attack, kill, capture, and win battles with great nimbleness and strength. But absent strategy, these victories are fleeting. Divorced from political objectives, successful tactics are without meaning."
<http://bit.ly/2szMg4p>

-- "**This Is How Big Oil Will Die,**" by Seth Miller in NewCo: "It's 2025, and 800,000 tons of used high strength steel is coming up for auction. The steel made up the Keystone XL pipeline ... [which at] its peak ... carried over 500,000 barrels a day for processing at refineries in Texas and Louisiana. But in 2025, no one wants the oil." <http://bit.ly/2szZhLp>

-- "**Supertasters Among the Dreaming Spires,**" by Dan Rosenheck in 1843 Magazine: "Every Oxford taster is a scientist in one form or another, ranging from endearingly geeky to absurdly so ... Cambridge [tasters] were methodical, precise and pragmatic - much like Cambridge. Whereas Oxford had people who grew up with wine. They'd just taste and say: Oh, that's obviously Bordeaux." <http://bit.ly/2rLo5NI>

-- "**Camille Paglia: On Trump, Democrats, Transgenderism, and Islamist Terror,**" by The Weekly Standard's Jonathan V. Last: "Today's liberalism has become grotesquely mechanistic and authoritarian: It's all about reducing individuals to a group identity, defining that group in permanent victim terms, and denying others their democratic right to challenge that group and its ideology. Political correctness represents the fossilised institutionalisation of once-vital revolutionary ideas, which have become mere rote formulas." <http://tws.io/2szPMfe> (h/t TheBrowser.com)

-- "**Confessions of a Cartel Hit Man,**" by Martin Corona in Men's Journal:
<http://mjm.ag/2tDcVvH>

-- "**Can We Blame the Mafia on Lemons?,"** by Cara Giaimo in Atlas Obscura: "Lemon trees need well-fertilised soil, steady water, and protection from wind and extreme temperature, which come at great cost. Trees need to be coddled for seven or eight years before they produce enough lemons to sell. When they do bear fruit, it's easy enough for people to steal it." <http://bit.ly/2toxjJl>

-- "**The 2017 Jefferson Lecture -- Powerlessness and the Politics of Blame**" -- Martha C. Nussbaum at the Kennedy Center on May 1: "The Greeks and Romans saw a lot of anger around them. But they did not embrace or valorise anger. They did not define manliness in terms of anger, and tended to impute it to women, whom they saw as lacking rationality. However much they felt and expressed anger, they waged a cultural struggle against it, seeing it as destructive of human well-being and democratic institutions." <http://bit.ly/2tDB5X4>

-- "**About Tomorrow,**" by Bruce Wexler in E-Flux: "Human beings differ from other animals with regard to ... post-natal neuroplasticity in two important ways. First, our brains are more immature at birth and susceptible to environmental shaping to a greater degree and for a longer time. Second, humans are the only animals that shape and reshape the environments that shapes their brain. This powerful combination is the basis of cultural evolution, and of most features of human

minds, behavior and communities." <http://bit.ly/2sL8uPw>

PLAYBOOKERS

SPOTTED: Former Vice President Joe Biden on Saturday, with a small Secret Service detail, on the Acela out of New York. He got off in Wilmington, rocking a pair of sunglasses, one earbud in and carrying a briefcase -- "looking as relaxed and cool as ever," per our tipster.

OUT AND ABOUT -- Susan Glasser and Peter Baker hosted a farewell party last night at their house for Indira Lakshmanan and Dermot Tatlow, who are moving to St. Petersburg, Florida, next week as Indira takes up her post as Craig Newmark Chair in Journalism Ethics at The Poynter Institute for Media.

SPOTTED: German Amb. Peter Wittig and Huberta von Voss-Wittig, Afghan Amb. Hamdullah Mohib and Lael Mohib, Judy Woodruff and Al Hunt, Marty Baron, Andrea Mitchell, Nihal Krishan, Nancy Cook and Christopher Rowland, former Pakistani Amb. Husain Haqqani and Farahnaz Ispahani, Mike Oreskes and Geraldine Baum, former U.S. Ambs. Melanne and Phil Verveer, former U.S. Amb. Steve Sestanovich, Katharine Weymouth, Mark Landler, Julie Davis, David Sanger, Margaret Carlson, Juliet Eilperin, Laura Meckler, Ben Chang, Christina Sevilla and Steve Rochlin, Justin Kenny, Heidi Crebo-Rediker and Doug Rediker, Dana Thomas, Amanda Downes, David Rennie, Jonas Parello-Plesner, Bay Fang, Steve Heuser, Mary Louise Kelly, Manuel Roig-Franzia and Ceci Connolly, Nicole Raben, Denise Couture.

-- **SPOTTED** at a surprise birthday party last night for Ziad Ojakli at Kellari Taverna on K Street: Sumya Ojakli, Angela Flood, Alison Jones, Mercy and Matt Schlapp, David and Gretchen Hobbs, Bruce Andrews, Pam Thiessen, Nick Calio and Eric Ueland.

-- **SPOTTED** on the rooftop of The Brixton for a mini-reunion of alumni of the Obama administration NSC: Terry Szuplat, Eric Pelofsky, Dan Schneiderman, Jon Wolfsthal, Yael Lempert, Michael Sessums, Ben Chang, Salman Ahmed, Evan Medeiros, Bernadette Meehan, Meg Doherty, Stacey May, Andrew Scott, Matt Kaczmarek, Brian Nilsson.

SPOTTED at Ron and Sara Bonjean's annual "Good Pants Ranch Summer Party" yesterday in Purcellville, Va. (a camel made an appearance): Paul Kane, Jo Maney, John Scofield, Dana Bash, Anne Brady, Matt Dornic and Kyle Volpe, Doug Heye, Emily Miller, Fran Decker, Jared Allen and Jackie Kucinich, Kenny Day, Rebecca Haller, Sheldon and Shannon Bream, Matt Wolking, Tom Williams, David and Jenny Drucker, Chris Bond, Dan Ronayne, Tracey and Nick Lintott, Jim Richards and Brian Walsh.

--The RNC held their summer meeting this weekend at the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Chicago, Illinois. **SPOTTED:** Vice President Mike and Mrs. Karen Pence, Speaker Paul Ryan, Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Texas), RNC Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel, RNC co-chairman Bob Paduchik, RNC chief of staff Sara Armstrong, Arkansas state chairman Doyle Webb, Ohio state chairwoman Jane Timken, Hunter Wallace and Suhail Khan.

WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- **MICHELLE FIELDS** married **JAMIE WEINSTEIN** in a ceremony yesterday at the Breakers in Palm Beach. Dinner and dancing was held in the Mediterranean Ballroom overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Fields is a Breitbart and HuffPo alum who now runs JMW Strategies with Weinstein, a commentator and host of "The Jamie Weinstein Show" podcast. They met as reporters at the Daily Caller. They served crab cakes, lobster tail medallions, sliced beef tenderloin, and citrus panko crusted sea bass along with huge ice-cream sundaes (there were

also two tomato bars in a pre-dinner reception because Jamie is a big fan of tomatoes). Partiers hoisted Fields and Weinstein in the air during the hora. Colorful performers dancing on stilts also were a hit. The couple is flying out to Europe today on their honeymoon: they'll visit Italy and Morocco and take a river cruise from Budapest to Munich.

SPOTTED: Juleanna Glover hitting the dance floor early with Christopher Reiter, Benny Johnson shaking hands with Oliver Darcy (who had written critical pieces on IJR), bridesmaids Lauren Hagen, Betsy Woodruff, and Kathryn Lyons, Will Rahn, Taylor Lorenz, Ben Jacobs, Olivia Nuzzi, Asawin Suebsaeng and Liz Brown, Jonathan Swan, Vince and Alison Coglianesi, Tim Lim, Josiah Ryan, Matt Lewis and Erin DeLullo, Katelyn Rieley Johnson, Alex and Nancy Pappas, Jonathan and Anna Beth Strong, Mike Dunkle, Mitchell Sutherland, Guy Benson, Amber Smith.

--**PICS** <http://bit.ly/2rQjf1M> ... <http://bit.ly/2t0fjx9> ... <http://bit.ly/2sPQu6O> ... <http://bit.ly/2sEZpt2> ... **First kiss** <http://bit.ly/2u3cWJ2> ... **First dance** <http://bit.ly/2u3enHq> ... **The decadent cake** <http://bit.ly/2sPMqU3>

-- Politico reporter (and author of Morning Energy) **Anthony Adragna** married longtime girlfriend **Meghan Cassidy** in a ceremony at the historic St. Francis Hall in Northeast D.C. on Saturday evening. Cassidy is a teacher at Gonzaga High School who just graduated from a master's program at Georgetown. The couple met in summer 2013, hit it off after being set up on a blind date by mutual friends and have been together ever since. Pool report: "The couple exchanged vows outdoors, surrounded by the lush greenery of the historic Renaissance-style hall, built in 1931. The lively reception featured everything from the Isley Brother's Shout to Taylor Swift's Shake It Off and had guests young and old on the dance floor all night long." **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2t8YfHp> ... <http://bit.ly/2toPldo>

SPOTTED: Heather Caygle and Aaron Lorenzo, Brian Fung and Ryan Kellett, Mikaela Lefrak, Dean Scott and Rachel Leven

--**"Kristin Donnelly, Rick Bosh"** -- N.Y. Times: "The bride, 36, is a White House producer in Washington for NBC News. She graduated from Syracuse. ... The groom, 36 and known as Rick, is a producer for 'Andrea Mitchell Reports' on MSNBC. He graduated from Southern Methodist University. ... The couple met in March 2010 when they worked as producers for day programming at MSNBC." **With pic** <http://nyti.ms/2u2PMIS>

--**"Pia Carusone, Leanne Pittsford"**: "Ms. Carusone, 37, is a political consultant and a senior adviser to Americans for Responsible Solutions, a Washington-based gun violence prevention organization, founded by Gabrielle Gifford and Mark Kelly. Ms. Carusone was until June 2012 the chief of staff to Ms. Giffords, then an Arizona congresswoman. Ms. Carusone is also a founder of Republic Restoratives Distillery, which is also in Washington and makes vodka, bourbon and rye whiskey. She graduated from Bard College and is now a governor of the school's alumni association. ... Ms. Pittsford, 36, is the chief executive of Start Somewhere, a company in Washington that operates Lesbians Who Tech and two other programs aiming to increase diversity in the technology sector. She graduated from California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo, and received a master's degree in education with a concentration on equity and social justice from San Francisco State University." **With pic** <http://nyti.ms/2t8yfvO>

BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday): Kirsten Hughes, chair of the MassGOP (hat tip: Natalie Boyse)

BIRTHDAYS: WSJ and POLITICO alum Patrick O'Connor, now with CGCN Group, is 41 ... CNN's Betsy Klein ... Josh Lahey, principal of the Podesta Group, who once hiked all 2,100 miles of the Appalachian Trail starting in Georgia and ending in Maine ... Justice Sonia Sotomayor is 63 ... civil

rights activist James Meredith is 84 ... Anthony Bourdain is 61 ... Jeremy Bearer-Friend, Sen. Elizabeth Warren's tax policy maven, moving to NYC this fall to teach tax law at NYU (h/t Alex Levy) ... tech guru Laurent Crenshaw, YELP's director of public policy, is 37 --he celebrated Friday evening at a pop-up party inside of the National Union Building on 9th and F st NW with some of Capitol Hill's finest (h/t Stewart Verdery) ... Politico's Patrick Temple-West ... N.Y. Post's Reuven Fenton ... Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) is 65 ... Dan Meyers, VP at DCI Group ... John Randall, VP of digital at CRAFT ... Robert Harvey ... Jackie Bradford, pres and GM of NBC4 in DC ... Danielle Doheny is 3-0 ... CBS and Reuters alum Corbett Daly, bro of Uncles Matthew and Brendan ... AP alum John Heilprin, now senior journalist and editor for the int'l service of the Swiss Broadcasting Corp. ... Ambassador Melanne Verveer ... Tita Freeman ... Alan McQuinn ... former Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-Mich.) is 72 ...

... **Scott Zumwalt**, senior director at Bully Pulpit Interactive, is 33 ... Alan McQuinn, ITIF's research analyst (h/t Samantha Greene) ... John Randolph Thornton, author of the novel "Beautiful Country," is 26 ... John Meyer ... Dan Spinelli ... Eric Litmer ... Taylor Haulsee ... Alberto "Beto" Cardenas of Vinson & Elkins ... Abbie Sorrendino of Senate Rules ... Gretchen Yelmini ... Bryan Bernys ... IAVA alum John Alexander Nicholson ... Mike Gehrke ... Jon Carson ... Summer Oesch ... Jason Stephany ... Martha Vukelich-Austin ... Marc Caplan ... Mora Segal ... Heidi Johnson (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... James Michael Thornberry ... Hank Greenwald, famed for his long run as the SF Giants baseball play-by-play man ... Ted Pease is 62 ... Carly Simon is 72 ... Phyllis George is 68 ... Ricky Gervais is 56 (h/ts AP)

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CC: Noelle Straub <nstraub@eenews.net>
BCC: laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Following up re Mrs. Zinke

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Subject: RE: Following up re Mrs. Zinke

Hi Heather,

Thanks for reaching out and I'm sorry about the radio silence on my end. Because the editors weren't comfortable running my unnamed sources' claims against your stated denials, we've decided to hold the story for now.

Best,
Corbin

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