

**From:** Swift, Heather  
**To:** [Davis, Natalie](#); [Jason Funes](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: The Adventure Boutique in Henderson  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:37:22 PM

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Does this go to you?

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Heather Swift  
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**From:** **K Holesapple** <[paddletothecore@gmail.com](mailto:paddletothecore@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 12:52 PM  
**Subject:** The Adventure Boutique in Henderson  
**To:** [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)

Dear Ryan and team,

I am a very small but operational outdoor business in Henderson Nevada and we work with the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. I am very excited about your new direction and how to make the Outdoor spaces more fun and accessible. I would really like to be involved in the new program and perhaps share some of my idea's and experiences which I have had over the last 7 years of my recreation business. If it is possible please reach out to me by email or phone (b) (6) so that I can help or be of help in the initial startup program. My business idea's and platform are still small but I am motivated and driven to build on my experiences and enhance the experience of the Great American Outdoor Experience. I am looking forward to hearing back or getting more information.

Thank you  
Kathy Holesapple

**From:** Crandall, Megan  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tonight's 209 for Lodgepole Complex  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:05:05 AM  
**Attachments:** [209 Lodgepole Complex 25 July 2017.pdf](#)

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You may not need it at this point, but I wanted to share it nonetheless, especially since you have friends and family in the region.

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**From:** **Al Nash** <[al\\_nash@blm.gov](mailto:al_nash@blm.gov)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 8:29 PM  
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Please see the attached.

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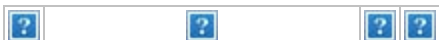
*"This report, by its very length, defends itself against the risk of being read."  
-- Winston Churchill*

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## Incident Status Summary (ICS-209)

Incident: **LOGEPOLE COMPLEX**

1. Incident Name: <b>LOGEPOLE COMPLEX</b>		2. Incident Number: <b>MT-MCD-000252</b>									
3. Report Version (check one box): Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update Final	4. Incident Commander(s) & Agency or Organization: <b>Connell</b>	5. Incident Management Organization: <b>Type 2 Team</b>	6. Incident Start Date/Time: Date: <b>07/20/2017</b> Time: <b>1517 MDT</b>								
7. Current Incident Size or Area Involved (use unit label – e.g., “Acres”, “Square Miles”): <b>250000 Acres</b>	8a. Percent (%) Contained or Completed: <b>20 %</b>	9. Incident Type: <b>Complex</b> B. Incident Description: C. Cause: <b>Unknown</b> D. Fire Suppression Strategy:	10. Incident Complexity Level: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Complex	11. Report Time Period: From Date/Time: <b>07/24/2017 1800 MDT</b> To Date/Time: <b>07/25/2017 1745 MDT</b>							
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12. Prepared By: Print Name: <b>Brett Gore</b> Date/Time Prepared: <b>07/25/2017 1745 MDT</b>		13. Approved By: Print Name: <b>Rick Connell</b> Signature: _____									
14. Date/Time Submitted: <b>07/25/2017 1754 MDT</b>		15. Primary Location, Organization, or Agency Sent To: <b>NRCC</b>									
16. State: <b>MT</b>	17. County / Parish / Borough: <b>Garfield</b>		18. City: <b>Jordan</b>								
19. Unit or Other:	20. Incident Jurisdiction:	21. Incident Location Ownership (if different than jurisdiction): <b>MT-MCD</b>									
22. Latitude/Longitude: Latitude: <b>47° 19' 6"</b> Longitude: <b>107° 45' 29"</b>		23. US National Grid Reference: Grid Zone: x-Coordinate: y-Coordinate:									
24. Legal Description: Principal Meridian: Township:      Range:      Section: 1/4 Sec: of 1/4 Sec:											
25. Short Location or Area Description (list all affected areas or a reference point): <b>52 miles WNW of Jordan, MT</b>			26. UTM Coordinates: Zone: Easting: Northing:								
27. Note any geospatial data available (indicate data format, content, and collection time information and labels):											
28. Observed Fire Behavior or Significant Events for the Time Period Reported (describe fire behavior using accepted terminology. For non-fire incidents, describe significant events related to the materials or other causal agents):  <b>Active</b> <b>Short-range Spotting</b>											

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**Smoldering**  
Narrative:

29. Primary Fuel Model, Materials, or Hazards Involved (hazardous chemicals, fuel types, infectious agents, radiation, etc):

**Timber (Grass and Understory)  
Short Grass (1 foot)  
Brush (2 feet)**

Narrative:

**Pine, Grass, Dead/down, Sagebrush (General Habitat). Primary Core Sage grouse Habitat impacted south of Highway 200.**

30. Damage Assessment Information (summarize damage and/or restriction of use or availability to residential or commercial property, natural resources, critical infrastructure and key resources, etc):

**16 primary residences have been destroyed. Numerous secondary structures have been destroyed. Damage assessment will continue as fire behavior allows. An unspecified but significant amount of fencing and haystacks have been destroyed. McCone Electric has lost over 50 power poles at \$150,000 in cost.**

A. Structural Summary	B. # Threatened (up to 72 hrs)	C. # Damaged	D. # Destroyed
E. Single Residences	145	1	16
F. Multiple Residences	0	0	0
G. Mixed Commercial / Residential	0	0	0
H. Nonresidential Commercial Property	0	0	0
I. Other Minor Structures	200	0	10

31. Public Status Summary:

*C. Indicate the Number of Civilians (Public) Below:*

	Previous Report Total	A. # this Reporting Period	B. Total # to-date
D. Fatalities	0		0
E. With Injuries/Illness	3	0	3
F. Trapped/In Need of Rescue	0		0
G. Missing	0		0
H. Evacuated	50	0	50
I. Sheltering in Place	0		0
J. In Temporary Shelters	0		0
K. Have Received Mass Immunizations	0		0
L. Require Immunizations	0		0
M. In Quarantine	0		0
<b>N. Total # Civilians (Public) Affected:</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>

32. Responder Status Summary:

*C. Indicate the Number of Responders Below:*

	Previous Report Total	A. # this Reporting Period	B. Total # to-date
D. Fatalities	0		0
E. With Injuries/Illness	3	0	3
F. Trapped/In Need of Rescue	0		0
G. Missing	0		0
H. Evacuated	0		0
I. Sheltering in Place	0		0
J. In Temporary Shelters	0		0
K. Have Received Mass Immunizations	0		0
L. Require Immunizations	0		0
M. In Quarantine	0		0
<b>N. Total # Responders Affected:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

33. Life, Safety, and Health Status/Threat Remarks:

35. Weather Concerns (synopsis of current and predicted weather; discuss related factors that may cause concern):

**-Today(7/25) High temp of 88, northeast winds 6-9 with a low rh of 19%.  
-Tomorrow (7/26) Becoming warmer and drier with gusty winds.**

34. Life, Safety, and Health Threat Management:

	Active?
A. No Likely Threat	X

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<p><b>-Thursday (7/27) Possible critical fire weather conditions ahead of a cold front .Gusty SE winds, RH in the upper teens with a slight chance of thunderstorms.</b></p> <p><b>Today (7/24) high temps 92°F, northwest winds 9-14 gusting to 20 with low relative humidity. Tonight isolated dry thunderstorms producing possible strong erratic winds. Tuesday (7/25) slightly cooler temps, winds switching direction to NE 10mph.</b></p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 90%;"></th> <th style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Active?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>B. Potential Future Threat</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>C. Mass Notifications in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>D. Mass Notifications Completed</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>E. No Evacuation(s) Imminent</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>F. Planning for Evacuation</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>G. Planning for Shelter-in-Place</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>H. Evacuation(s) in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>I. Shelter-in-Place in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>J. Repopulation in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>K. Mass Immunization in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>L. Mass Immunization Complete</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>M. Quarantine in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>N. Area Restriction in Effect</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>O. Road Closure</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>P. Trail Closure</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Q. Area Closure</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Active?	B. Potential Future Threat		C. Mass Notifications in Progress		D. Mass Notifications Completed		E. No Evacuation(s) Imminent		F. Planning for Evacuation		G. Planning for Shelter-in-Place		H. Evacuation(s) in Progress		I. Shelter-in-Place in Progress		J. Repopulation in Progress		K. Mass Immunization in Progress		L. Mass Immunization Complete		M. Quarantine in Progress		N. Area Restriction in Effect		O. Road Closure		P. Trail Closure		Q. Area Closure	
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<p>36. Projected Incident Activity, Potential, Movement, Escalation, or Spread and influencing factors during the next operational period and in 12-, 24-, 48-, and 72-hour time frames:</p>	
12 hours:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Continue to establish and hold containment lines</li> <li>-Continue structure protection and structure prep for those imminently threatened.</li> <li>-Provide for initial attack if resources are requested</li> <li>- Active fire behavior when wind and slope align</li> </ul>
24 hours:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Continue to establish and hold containment lines</li> <li>-Continue structure protection and structure prep for those imminently threatened</li> <li>-Provide for initial attack if resources are requested</li> <li>-Initiate fireline rehab</li> <li>- Active fire behavior when wind and slope align</li> </ul>
48 hours:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Continue to establish and hold containment lines</li> <li>-Continue structure protection and structure prep for those imminently threatened.</li> <li>-Provide for initial attack if resources are requested</li> <li>-Possible critical fire behavior</li> </ul>
72 hours:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Continue to establish and hold containment lines</li> <li>-Continue structure protection and structure prep for those imminently threatened.</li> <li>-Provide for initial attack if resources are requested</li> </ul>
Anticipated after 72 hours:	<p><b>Cold front with high winds Thursday (7/27) and Friday (7/28). Rapid rates of spread , potential large fire growth.</b></p>

37. Strategic Objectives (define planned end-state for incident):  
**To protect life and property.**

38. Current Incident Threat Summary and Risk Information in 12-, 24-, 48-, and 72-hour timeframes and beyond. Summarize primary incident threats to life, property, communities and community stability, residences, health care facilities, other

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critical infrastructure and key resources, commercial facilities, natural and environmental resources, cultural resources, and continuity of operations and/or business. Identify corresponding incident-related potential economic or cascading impacts:

12 hours: **Numerous structures and subdivisions.**

24 hours: **Numerous structures and subdivisions.**

48 hours: **Numerous structures and subdivisions.**

72 hours: **Numerous structures and subdivisions.**

Anticipated after 72 hours:

39. Critical Resource Needs in 12-, 24-, 48-, and 72-hour timeframes and beyond to meet critical incident objectives. List resource category, kind, and/or type, and amount needed, in priority order:

12 hours: **No anticipated critical resource needs.**

24 hours: **No anticipated critical resource needs.**

48 hours: **No anticipated critical resource needs.**

72 hours: **No anticipated critical resource needs.**

Anticipated after 72 hours:

40. Strategic Discussion: Explain the relation of overall strategy, constraints, and current available information to:

- 1) critical resource needs identified above,
- 2) the Incident Action Plan and management objectives and targets,
- 3) anticipated results.

Explain major problems and concerns such as operational challenges, incident management problems, and social, political, economic, or environmental concerns or impacts.

41. Planned Actions for Next Operational Period:

- Continue to establish and hold containment lines
- Continue structure protection and structure prep for those imminently threatened.

42. Projected Final Incident Size/Area (use unit label – e.g., “Acres”, “Square Miles”):

43. Anticipated Incident Containment or Completion Date: **08/02/2017**

44. Projected Significant Resource Demobilization Start Date:

45. Estimated Incident Costs to Date: **\$2,900,000.00**

46. Projected Final Incident Cost Estimate:

47. Remarks (or continuation of any blocks above – list block number in notation):

- Two spike camps have been established to reduce drive times from ICP.
- Additional repeater location was established in DIV-A to improve communications
- Bridge Coulee/Barker fire and South Break fire have merged into a single fire

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49. Resources (summarize resources by category, kind, and/or type; show # of resources on top ½ of box, show # of personnel associated with resource on bottom ½ of box):																
48. Agency or Org		CR1	CR2	CR2IA	CRC	HEL1	HEL3	ENG3	ENG4	ENG5	ENG6	DOZR	WTDS	SKID	50. Ovhd	51. Tot Pers
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<b>52. Total Resources</b>		3	2	7	2	2	2	16	9	1	41	7	22	1		656
53. Additional Cooperating and Assisting Organizations Not Listed Above: <b>Garfield County Rural Fire</b>																

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**To:** [heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)  
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**From:** Paul Ross  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: UPDATED Centennial Challenge Project List  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2017 7:04:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [ATT00001.htm](#)  
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[ATT00002.htm](#)

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Heather-

Here is the full project list for the Centennial Challenge Program announcement.

Once the release is finalized I'll provide to NPS as a template for the local amplification.

-Paul

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Barnum, Jeremy" <[jeremy\\_barnum@nps.gov](mailto:jeremy_barnum@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** July 20, 2017 at 5:35:34 PM EDT  
**To:** Paul Ross <[paul\\_ross@ios.doi.gov](mailto:paul_ross@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** **UPDATED Centennial Challenge Project List**

Hi Paul,

Please see the attached updated Centennial Challenge project list for Saturday's announcement.

Note that this list has been updated -- please do not distribute previous versions of the list. We'll immediately flag any other updates to the project list that we receive in advance of Saturday's announcement.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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**FY 2017 Centennial Challenge Projects**

<b>Park Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Congressional District</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Federal \$</b>	<b>Partner \$</b>	<b>Partner</b>
Acadia NP	ME	ME01, ME02	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	192,286	259,112	Friends of Acadia
Andersonville NHS	GA	GA02	Reduce Deferred Maintenance by Replacing Park Signage	73,071	73,071	Friends of Andersonville
Antietam NB	MD	MD06	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Historic Piper Farm	6,000	6,490	Save Historic Antietam Foundation
Apostle Islands NL	WI	WI07, WI08	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Raspberry Light Station	3,657	3,657	Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore
Badlands NP	SD	SDAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Bison Fence	475,000	475,000	National Park Foundation, World Wildlife Fund
Biscayne NP	FL	FL27	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Elliott Key Visitor Center and Replace Park Signage	166,475	170,790	Florida National Parks Association
Blue Ridge Parkway	NC, VA	NC05, NC06, NC10, NC11, VA05, VA06, VA09	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Humpback Rocks Farm, Sharp Top Shelter, and Moses Cone Estate	303,149	308,880	Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation
Blue Ridge Parkway	NC, VA	NC05, NC06, NC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Historic Mabry Mill and Groundhog Mountain Structures	62,863	76,791	National Park Foundation, Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP	MD	DCAL, MD06, MD08, WV01, WV02	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Swain's Lockhouse	100,000	108,160	C&O Canal Trust, Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern, C&O Canal Association
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP	GA, TN	GA14, TN03	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Moccasin Bend Orientation Plaza and Park Trails	143,773	287,546	Friends of Moccasin Bend
Cuyahoga Valley NP	OH	OH11, OH13, OH	Provide Orientation and Interpretation at Visitor Contact Station	1,492,333	1,492,333	Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Delaware Water Gap NRA	NJ, PA	NJ05, PA10, PA11, PA17	Reduce Deferred Maintenance through Replacment of Deteriorating Non-Code Compliant Cabins	1,429,066	1,429,066	Pocono Environmental Education Center

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Denali NP&Pres	AK	AKAL	Support Research for Three Long-Distance Migration Birds, the Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush,	23,800	23,800	Alaska Geographic, Denali Education Center
Dry Tortugas NP	FL	FL26	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Traverse Magazines at Fort Jefferson	237,637	548,316	HTR Foundation through South Florida NP Trust
Everglades NP	FL	FL25,FL26	Reduce Deferred Maintenance by Repurposing Deteriorating Facility into Visitor Center - Planning and Design	720,000	800,000	South Florida National Park Trust, Everglades Association
Federal Hall NMem	NY	NY08	Restore and Illuminate the Wall Street Facade at Federal Hall	189,280	300,000	National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy
Gettysburg NMP	PA	PA19	Install a Multi-Use Trail to Connect the George Spangler Farm with the Museum and Visitor Center	394,271	459,837	Gettysburg Foundation
Glacier NP	MT	MTAL	Prevent Aquatic Invasive Species Infestations through Inspections	60,000	60,000	Glacier National Park Conservancy
Golden Gate NRA	CA	CA02,CA12,CA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Fort Cronkhite	628,912	644,635	NatureBridge
Grand Teton NP	WY	WYAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance in South Jenny Lake Visitor Use Area	757,356	1,267,202	Grand Teton National Park Foundation
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	NC11,TN01,TN02,TN03	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Rainbow Falls Trails and Historic Structures	124,945	312,711	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	NC11,TN01,TN02,TN03	Conduct Natural Resource Projects including Native Species Reintroductions and Forest Pest Control	72,000	169,182	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Great Smoky Mountains Association
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	NC11,TN01,TN	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the Palmer House Museum and Replace Exhibits	38,740	38,740	Great Smoky Mountains Association
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	NC11,TN01,TN02,TN03	Conduct Research and Natural Resource Projects on Wildlife Such as Elk, Black Bears, and Exotic Wild Hogs	18,600	55,744	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Great Smoky Mountains Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Hawaii Volcanoes NP	HI	HI02	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on and Kilauea Hale	15,600	15,600	Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

**FY 2017 Centennial Challenge Projects**

<b>Park Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Congressional District</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Federal \$</b>	<b>Partner \$</b>	<b>Partner</b>
Kalaupapa NHP	HI	HI02	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at the Bayview Complex and Pali Trail Overlook	52,173	52,425	Pacific Historic Parks
Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP	VT	VTAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Park Trails and Replace Park Signage	45,448	53,617	Woodstock Foundation
Mount Rainier NP	WA	WA03, WA08	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on-multiple park trails	24,878	24,878	Washington's National Park Fund
Mount Rainier NP	WA	WA03, WA08	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the Wonderland Trail	89,427	89,427	National Park Foundation
National Capital Parks-East	DC	DCAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Carter G Woodson Home National Historic Site - Planning and Design	425,000	425,000	National Park Foundation and other donors
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	DCAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Lincoln Memorial and Redesign the Unused Spaces Beneath the Memorial into a Multi-Use Service Area	4,840,000	16,000,000	National Park Foundation
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	DCAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument	650,000	650,000	National Park Foundation
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	DCAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at West Potomac Park	15,000	16,224	Trust for the National Mall
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	DCAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance Near Mt. Vernon Triangle	10,000	10,816	Downtown Business Improvement District
Ocmulgee NM	SC	GA02	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the River Trail and Improve Accessibility	75,000	75,000	NewTown Macon, Georgia Department of Transportation
Padre Island NS	TX	TX34	Protect Sea Turtle Population through Beach Patrols and Nest Recovery	30,000	30,000	Multiple Donors
Pullman NM	IL	IL02	Document and Archive Oral History Recordings	3,750	3,750	National Park Foundation
Pullman NM	IL	IL02	Develop Junior Ranger Program	15,850	15,850	National Park Foundation
Rock Creek Park	DC	DCAL	Construct Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance	320,000	320,000	Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy
Rock Creek Park	DC	DCAL	Restore Woodland Area along Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway	17,846	71,240	Rock Creek Conservancy

**FY 2017 Centennial Challenge Projects**

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Rock Creek Park	DC	DCAL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance in Chevy Chase Circle	16,368	17,705	Friends of Chevy Chase Circle
Rocky Mountain NP	CO	CO02,CO04	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Alluvial Fan Trail	200,000	200,000	Rocky Mountain Conservancy
Saguaro NP	AZ	AZ02,AZ03	Create Accessible Outdoor Classroom Space	107,323	108,300	Friends of Saguaro National Park, Western National Park Association, G. Arthur Jansson
Sleeping Bear Dunes NL	MI	MI01	Construct Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail	252,000	252,000	Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc. and Michigan Department of Transportation
Tallgrass Prairie NP	KS	KS01	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	121,935	135,223	National Park Foundation
Thomas Edison NHP	NJ	NJ10	Repair Historic Line Shafts in the Heavy Machine Shop	9,999	9,999	Friends of Thomas Edison NHP
Thomas Edison NHP	NJ	NJ10	Improve Accessibility, Preservation and Educational Use of Edison Archives 1926-1931	49,999	56,746	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Tule Lake Unit	CA	CA01	Support Programming for Students to Participate in the Tule Lake Pilgrimage	62,556	130,000	Tule Lake Committee
War in the Pacific NHP	GU	GUAL	Implement Reef Ranger Summer Camp	7,500	7,500	Pacific Historic Parks
Whiskeytown NRA	CA	CA01	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	15,260	15,260	Friends of Whiskeytown
Yellowstone NP	ID, MT, WY	ID02,MTAL,WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Trails, Retaining Walls, and Overlooks	2,416,320	2,416,320	Yellowstone Forever
Yellowstone NP	ID, MT, WY	ID02,MTAL,WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Stephens Creek Bison Facility	150,342	154,669	Yellowstone Forever
Yosemite NP	CA	CA04	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Backcountry Trails	264,002	294,065	Yosemite Conservancy, California Conservation Corp
Zion NP	UT	UT02	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Lower and Middle Emerald Pools Trails	346,337	348,240	National Park Foundation, Zion National Park Foundation





**From:** Crandall, Megan  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Cc:** [Allen, Matthew](#); [Paul Ross](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Updated Hydraulic Fracturing Press Release for Review  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2017 9:03:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [DRAFT\\_HF\\_Rule\\_NewsRelease\\_7.25.2015\\_MMC\\_OCO\\_SOL\\_edits\\_rhm.docx](#)

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Heather, Paul said you wanted to kick this back to DOJ one last time. This is the approved version directly from SOL. It should still be in track changes so you can see the edits. Let me know what else you need. As soon as I hear from you, we'll release it. I am already starting to get media inquiries on it, so I'd like to push the release once DOJ is comfortable with it.

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**From:** **McNeer, Richard** <[richard.mcneer@sol.doi.gov](mailto:richard.mcneer@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 3:18 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Updated Hydraulic Fracturing Press Release for Review  
**To:** Megan Crandall <[mcrandal@blm.gov](mailto:mcrandal@blm.gov)>, [mrallen@blm.gov](mailto:mrallen@blm.gov)  
**Cc:** "Hawbecker, Karen" <[KAREN.HAWBECKER@sol.doi.gov](mailto:KAREN.HAWBECKER@sol.doi.gov)>

Megan:

With the attached minor edits, the release has cleared the SOL office. Per Jack Haugrud, though, please send it back to DOJ so that they can see the addition made by Vincent DeVito.

Thanks,

Richard

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**From:** **McNeer, Richard** <[richard.mcneer@sol.doi.gov](mailto:richard.mcneer@sol.doi.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Updated Hydraulic Fracturing Press Release for Review  
**To:** "Hawbecker, Karen" <[KAREN.HAWBECKER@sol.doi.gov](mailto:KAREN.HAWBECKER@sol.doi.gov)>

Karen:

I made some minor edits.

Richard

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 3:18 PM, Crandall, Megan <[mcrandal@blm.gov](mailto:mcrandal@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi, Karen and Richard.

Here is the edited version. I checked on common sense and discovered that it is commonsense when used adjectivally and common sense when used as a noun, so I've left it as it was in the doc since was acting as a modifier. (Learn something new every day.) I also shuffled those two later paragraphs around, but did not wordsmith as much as I had

planned. I thought it read smoothly with just a simple shuffle and a change to the lead sentence.

Let me know if you would like to see any additional edits or have questions. Once I have your blessing, I'll send it to OCO one last time.

Thanks so much for your time today.

Megan

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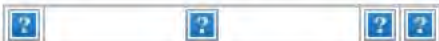


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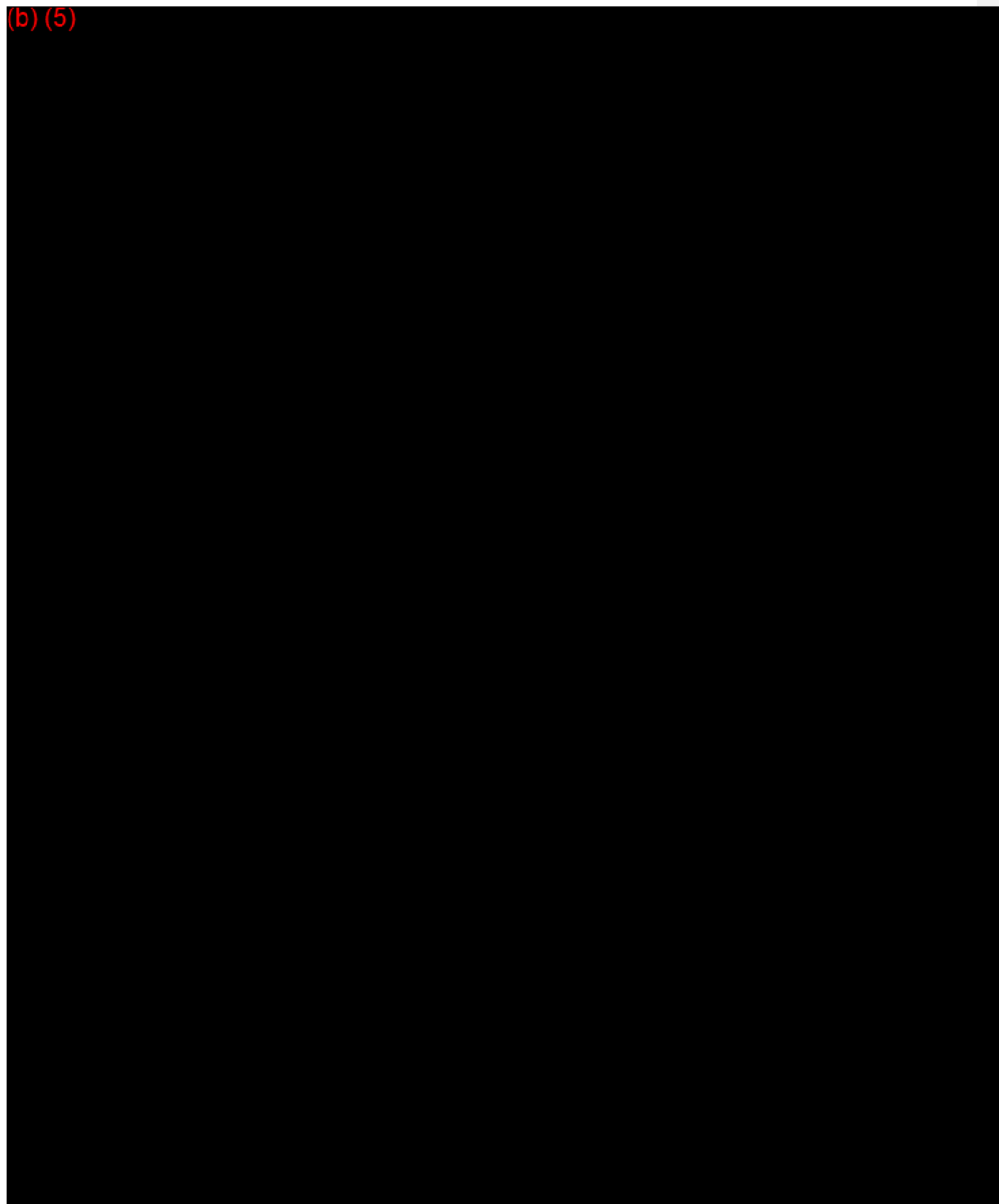
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**From:** Ross, Paul  
**To:** [Swift, Heather](#); [Laura Rigas](#); [Russell Newell](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: What do you think?  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:36:41 PM

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All-

Please see a video BLM Idaho put together for their BLM Daily, which is an internal product. The video is of Mike Nedd and Kate MacGregor's attending Idaho Governor's trail ride last week. I believe it's being reviewed by their offices as well, but wanted to get your take from a Comms perspective. It looks fine to me.

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**From:** **Clutter, Stephen** <[sclutter@blm.gov](mailto:sclutter@blm.gov)>  
**Date:** Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 1:19 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: What do you think?  
**To:** Paul Ross <[paul\\_ross@ios.doi.gov](mailto:paul_ross@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Cc:** Michelle Barret <[mbarret@blm.gov](mailto:mbarret@blm.gov)>, "Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz" <[gseidlitz@blm.gov](mailto:gseidlitz@blm.gov)>

Paul, wanted to give you an FYI on an internal video our BLM Idaho office made of Mike Nedd and Kate MacGregor's attending Idaho Governor's trail ride last week. Wanted you to be aware and review, but I think she may have given instructions for her Chief of Staff to review as well. Please let me know if you have any issues/concerns.

Looping Gene Seidlitz in as well.

Steve

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**From:** **Frederick, Kenneth** <[kfrederi@blm.gov](mailto:kfrederi@blm.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 10:43 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: What do you think?  
**To:** Stephen Clutter <[sclutter@blm.gov](mailto:sclutter@blm.gov)>

Here is the video.

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**From:** **Tiel-Nelson, Heather** <[hnelson@blm.gov](mailto:hnelson@blm.gov)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 4:15 PM  
**Subject:** What do you think?  
**To:** "Frederick, Kenneth" <[kfrederi@blm.gov](mailto:kfrederi@blm.gov)>, "Wheeler, Sarah A" <[sawheeler@blm.gov](mailto:sawheeler@blm.gov)>, Mary D'Aversa <[mdaversa@blm.gov](mailto:mdaversa@blm.gov)>, Jeffrey Gray <[jbgray@blm.gov](mailto:jbgray@blm.gov)>, Michael Courtney

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 2017 Idaho Governor Trail Ride 1.mp4

Hi Ken! So this video needs to be approved through both Mike and Kate's Chief of Staff before we can post to the BLM Daily -- they didn't want it posted to social media. I haven't started a write up summary -- that is coming!

Thanks for your help in getting it into the appropriate hands!

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**From:** Slayton, April  
**To:** [Swift, Heather](#); [Paul Ross](#); [Laura Rigas](#)  
**Cc:** [Thomas Crosson](#); [Jeremy Barnum](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wildlife -- AK Public Radio  
**Date:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:57:23 PM

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Hi Heather,

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Could you let us know shortly on this? I'd rather not leave the regional staff in limbo until tomorrow, especially since they are 4 hours behind us.

Thanks,

April

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April Slayton  
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**Date:** Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 3:18 PM  
**Subject:** Wildlife -- AK Public Radio  
**To:** April Slayton <[april\\_slayton@nps.gov](mailto:april_slayton@nps.gov)>, Tom Crosson <[thomas\\_crosson@nps.gov](mailto:thomas_crosson@nps.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bert Frost <[bert\\_frost@nps.gov](mailto:bert_frost@nps.gov)>

KUAC, AK Public Radio, has left a message -- twice -- asking for reaction/comment to the wildlife story and DOI memo. Dan Bross, (b) (6) is the reporter.

Guidance?

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So, I'd like to get back to him soonish.

John

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**From:** leila\_getto@ios.doi.gov  
**To:** [Laura Rigas](#); [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Zinke visit to Nevada  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:23:20 AM

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Hi! This is a press inquiry so I'll let your office respond and handle unless you tell me otherwise. <http://www.lccentral.com/author/dmaxwell/>. Thank you! Leila

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**From:** **David Maxwell** <[maxwellhe@yahoo.com](mailto:maxwellhe@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 10:16 AM  
**Subject:** Zinke visit to Nevada  
**To:** [scheduling@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scheduling@ios.doi.gov)

Hello,

Has Secretary Zinke decided when he is going to come to Nevada again to visit the Basin and Range and Gold Butte National Monuments? He has said he wanted to visit by late July. As a member of the local press, I would like to be there also.

Please reply ASAP.

Dave Maxwell  
Lincoln County Record  
Alamo, NV.

**From:** Swift, Heather  
**To:** [Nathan Adams](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Zinke's Nevada visit  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2017 5:32:55 PM

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NV list please.

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**Subject:** Zinke's Nevada visit  
**To:** "[Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)" <[Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)>

Please add me to your list of media to alert on action and events related to Secretary Zinke's national monuments review.

Many thanks  
Heidi

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**From:** Laura Rigas  
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**Cc:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: draft remarks for Secretary at NCAI fq 6-8-17  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 8:18:13 AM

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Here's an early draft of his NCAI remarks just to give you a sense of language. You can use the cards (vs formal written remarks) to pull out themes from below. I can send his final NCAI remarks as prepared later.

Thx!

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On Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 2:26 PM, Quimby, Frank <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

These possible additional topics not included in draft remarks:

?Status of selection of Assistant -Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

?Status of White House Council on Native American Affairs

? FY18 Budget for Indian Affairs

this was reviewed by Nedra who made several minor edits

draft advisory also attached

1800 words

**Draft Remarks Prepared for Secretary Zinke**

**National Congress of American Indians**

**2017 Mid-Year Conference; Tuesday, June  
13, 2017**

*Introduction and Indian Affairs Credo*

I'm pleased to join Tribal leaders from across the country today and I thank the National Congress of American Indians for your gracious invitation.

It is an honor to speak with you. I have met with a number of tribal groups and since being named Secretary of the Interior by President Trump....

in my home state of Montana,

in the Nation's Capital,

as part of a fact-finding mission to the Bears Ears Monument

and with Alaska Native leaders during my recent visit to that state.

But being invited to speak with a national convocation of Tribal leaders is a special occasion -- one I have looked forward to for some time and deeply appreciate.

I am sure all of you have concerns about how this Administration will interact with and affect your communities. And you doubtless have many questions about who I am, what I believe and how we envision our relationship with Indian Country.

Some of you may know that my path to Interior Secretary was a little different than most. I hadn't spent much time in Washington or served as a career politician.

But as a fifth-generation Montanan, who grew up in a small rural community of Whitefish, I have had a lifelong interest in Indian Country issues. As a 20-year veteran and former Navy SEAL Commander, I have a deep appreciation of what American stands for in this tumultuous world and how we can make our Nation stronger and our people safer and more prosperous.

As a state legislator and as a U.S. Congressman, I was committed to learning about Native American issues. I was honored to have introduced the Blackfeet Water Compact and to have supported federal recognition for the Little Shell Band of Chippewa Cree, among other Native American legislative work. And I am proud to be an adopted member of the Assiniboine Sioux Tribe at the Fort Peck Reservation in Northeast Montana.

I believe that all 567 federally-recognized tribes are sovereign and that we – as a Nation as well as an Administration – must respect and support their right to self-determination. Tribal sovereignty has long been at the top of my priority list.

I can assure you that this Administration fully supports “government-to-government” interactions between the Federal Government and Native American tribes and Alaskan Natives in decision-making processes. One of the priority goals of this Administration, especially at Interior, is to build a more collaborative approach to our work, with more consultation and input from local groups and communities, especially in Indian Country.

In fact there are separate sessions at this Mid-Year

Conference that reflect that approach – one on the President’s call for suggestions on how we should reorganize the Executive Branch agencies and the other seeks your ideas on monument designations under the Antiquities Act. Each of these initiatives helps give voice to tribal concerns and suggestions, and I hope to hear from and engage with your communities as this process continues.

I look forward to working with Tribal leaders as equals -- not as rivals -- to grow and strengthen Indian Country. And I hope that this will be seen as a positive sign by Tribal leaders who are advocating for greater control over their land.

I am well aware that I now lead a federal department that has not always stood shoulder to shoulder with the tribal communities for which it is tasked to fight. But working with you is an issue of incredible importance to me personally. As a former Navy officer, I regard missions as solemn assignments, and my mission to partner with American Indians and Alaska Natives is one I do not take lightly.

Regardless of political party, our duty as Americans is to uphold our trust responsibilities and to consult and collaborate on a government-to-government basis with Tribes from Florida to Alaska. Native American communities have a mandated seat at the table with Federal officials to actualize their treaty rights.

***Starting Our Journey Together***



I recognize that Indian Country is not monolithic. Tribal communities have diverse priorities in providing for their people and pursue their economic, social and cultural development in a variety of ways. Not all tribes have reservations. Not all Tribes with reservations have commercially developable resources. Not all tribes with natural resources choose to develop these assets. In short, not all tribes follow the same path to the future.

Yet it is also a fact that many tribal communities continue to face chronic shortages of public and private investment in areas like roads, airports and sanitation systems. Many still struggle with high unemployment rates and a lack of business opportunities. Indian schools, roads and houses need repairs, refurbishing and reconstruction. Native American entrepreneurs need financial and technical support to help generate economic activity, commercial development and jobs.

This Administration wants to work with you—with all tribal communities — to foster economic dynamism in whatever form you choose. We want to empower tribes and cut red tape that stifles economic advancement in your communities. We believe our responsibility is to help you create a better quality of life for seven future generations, while honoring your tribal values.

### ***Infrastructure Development***

One major arena in which we can and should work collaboratively is infrastructure development. The President has remained steadfast in his commitment to

a wide-ranging national plan for infrastructure replacement and enhancement that tackles the massive maintenance backlog directly impeding our Nation's economic growth and potential.

Good roads, safe bridges, effective water and telecommunications systems – all support Tribal economic self-determination by incentivizing investment in tribal communities. In response to Tribal suggestions, my team at Interior is already working to identify these top priorities within Indian Country. I look forward to working with each of you here today and Tribal leadership across our Nation to continue this important discussion. Tribes should be full participants in every program authorized by Congress for the rehabilitation of aging or the development of new infrastructure.

### ***Energy Resources***

We also fully understand that not all Indian nations have access to energy resources or choose to develop these resources and I respect their position. Tribal sovereignty should mean something. The decision to develop resources is one that each tribe must make for itself, because the tribes know best when it comes to charting their future.

While not all areas are appropriate for energy development, many places provide the perfect opportunity to balance energy and conservation priorities. Thanks to new developments in science and technology, it is possible to responsibly develop energy resources while being good stewards of the environment.

Though Native American reservations cover just 2 percent of the United States, these lands contain about a fifth of the nation's oil and gas, as well as vast coal reserves. Some of the richest coal seams in the American West are located on Indian land.

The Crows' Tribal leadership, for example, has looked to develop its coal resources on their land. Though coal prices have fallen in recent years and opposition to coal production increased, the Crows see coal development as a means to combat poverty. Coal revenue could pay for schools and for roads. We respect their vision and support their decision.

***Domestic Energy Strengthens the Nation, Protects the Environment***<sup>[QFJ1]</sup>

In my view, domestic energy production is important for three reasons. First, it's better for the environment that the U.S. produces its own energy. Thanks to advancements in technology, we can responsibly develop our energy resources and return the land to equal or better quality than it was before.

As a Navy officer, I've spent a lot of time overseas, and I can tell you with 100 percent certainty – it's better to develop our energy here under reasonable regulations, than to have it produced overseas under little or no regulations.

Second, energy production is an absolute boon to the

economy, supporting more than 9 million jobs and supplying affordable power for manufacturing, home heating and transportation needs. And it's going to take a whole lot of energy to rebuild America's aging infrastructure.

And lastly, achieving American energy independence will strengthen our national security by reducing our reliance on foreign oil and allowing us to assist our allies with their energy needs.

As a military commander, I saw how the power of the American economy and American energy defeated our adversaries around the world. The world is safer when America is strong. And Native Americans have and will continue to make America stronger and the world safer.

### ***Environmental Stewardship***

When it comes to environmental protection, I am an unabashed supporter of Teddy Roosevelt whose views about America's holdings are best inscribed on the Roosevelt Arch at Yellowstone National Park – “for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.”

Contrary to what some believe, being a good steward of our land and resources does not mean locking it up and banning public access. Teddy Roosevelt himself said that, "Conservation means development as much as it does protection.”

## *Indian Educational Advancement*

While energy development and infrastructure investments can play an important role in revitalizing Native communities, the immediate issues facing the Bureau of Indian Education must be addressed to ensure long-term stability in Indian country.

I read the Government Accountability Office High Risk Report for 2017; the determinations were disheartening and devastating. Words cannot capture how terrible it is that children in schools overseen by Bureau of Indian Education are so poorly served. Native American students deserve a high-quality education -- in a safe and secure school -- that prepares them for the future.

Having served as Chairman of the Senate Education Committee during my time in the Montana State Legislature, I have a keen interest in education in rural communities. It is unacceptable that some of our students are attending schools that lack the most basic necessities, like insulation and clean water.

We must also craft clear standards, develop measures for assessment, hire qualified teachers and principals to provide much needed leadership, and hold people accountable for mistakes. This Administration supports allowing the tribes to determine the best method of educating their youth. I<sub>[QFJ2]</sub> do not expect to resolve these issues quickly, but I am personally invested in making real changes that will last.

## *In Conclusion*

There are plenty of other issues I know we will grapple with during my tenure at Interior. I have plenty to learn. But with your assistance I remain optimistic that we can work together to foster stronger and more resilient Native communities.

As we begin the hard work before us, we must recognize that failure is not an option. I am here to listen, to help you accomplish your goals, and to move Indian Country forward to the best of my ability.

Thanks very much for the opportunity to be with you today.

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[QFJ1]Perhaps this section can be omitted

[QFJ2]Removed reference to “That could include charter schools.”

**From:** Swift, Heather  
**To:** [Laura Rigas](#); [Magallanes, Downey](#); [Scott Hommel](#); [Domenech, Douglas](#); [Willens, Todd](#); [Micah Chambers](#); [Jason Funes](#); [Russell Newell](#)  
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Date: July 19, 2017

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## **Department of the Interior Announces \$13.3 Million for Improvements to Local Parks and Recreation in 22 Cities**

### *Public-Private Partnerships Benefit Underserved Communities*

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service announced today \$13.3 million through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program to assist 22 cities in 17 states with projects to plan, build, and enhance parks and other outdoor recreation facilities in underserved communities. These public-private partnerships leverage \$13.3 million in federal funding with \$21.2 million from local governments, private firms, and non-profit organizations to improve accessibility of playgrounds, create canoe and kayak launches and fishing piers, restore vacant industrial land for park uses, and make other important investments in parks across the country.

“Every kid deserves the opportunity to get outside and play. Whether it's downtown Detroit or rural Wyoming, investing in public lands is an investment in communities. The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program is an innovative public-private partnership which revitalizes communities through improving infrastructure, creating jobs, and enhancing neighborhoods,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. “It connects people to the great outdoors by encouraging and enabling a variety of recreational opportunities in underserved communities.”

The ORLP is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). For more than 50 years, the LWCF has invested revenue from federal offshore oil and gas royalties into more than 40,000 outdoor recreation facilities and conservation projects in every state.

Congress created the ORLP program in 2014 to complement the agency's existing LWCF State and Local Assistance Program. The program, administered by the National Park Service,

seeks to identify and highlight new ways of providing opportunities for expanding outdoor play in areas with great need, as well as promoting the development of new or enhanced partnerships for outdoor recreation in urban communities across the nation. The grants must be matched at a minimum 1:1 ratio, at least doubling the impact of the federal investment in these communities.

The complete list of ORLP grants are listed below. For more information about LWCF and these grants, visit [www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm).

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Federal Amount</b>
Municipality of Anchorage	Alaska	Development of Muldoon Town Square Park	\$750,000
City of San Francisco	California	Bay View Park Playground Improvement Project	\$375,225
East Bay Regional Park District	California	Bay Point Wetland Restoration and Public Access Project	\$750,000
City of Hartford	Connecticut	Renovation of Colt Park Athletic Fields	\$750,000
City of Wilmington	Delaware	Father Tucker Park Playground and Spray Pad	\$306,447
City of Atlanta	Georgia	Enota Park Development	\$600,000
City of Dubuque	Iowa	Comiskey Park Development	\$508,000
City of Baltimore	Maryland	Youth Campground Improvements in Gwynns Falls Leakin Park	\$750,000
Michigan DNR (Detroit)	Michigan	Belle Isle Park Multi-Use Looped Trail Development	\$750,000
City of Duluth	Minnesota	Lincoln Park Restoration	\$750,000
City of Columbia	Missouri	Clary-Shy Park Urban Demonstration Farm	\$400,000
St. Louis Co. Port Authority	Missouri	Sparta Court Soccer Fields	\$450,000
City of Camden	New Jersey	North Camden Waterfront Park	\$ 750,000
City of Newark	New Jersey	Jesse Allen Park	\$750,000



City of Raleigh	North Carolina	Central Plaza John Chavis Memorial Park Revitalization	\$747,600
Metroparks of the Toledo Area	Ohio	Manhattan Marsh park Development	\$475,000
City of Austin	Texas	Edward Rendon Sr Metro Park - further development	\$750,000
City of Houston	Texas	Buffalo Bend Hidalgo Park Greenway	\$750,000
City of Burlington	Vermont	New Neighborhood Park on Burlington's Waterfront Land Acquisition	\$500,000
King County Parks	Washington	Skyway Park Revitalization	\$ 369,626
Metro Parks Tacoma	Washington	Swan Creek Park Trail Network	\$750,000
Milwaukee Rec/Public Schools	Wisconsin	Burnham Park Redevelopment Project	\$399,255
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$13,381,153</b>

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This is going Saturday at 1:00PM ETD. Local releases will also accompany with a quote from Secretary.

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## **Secretary Zinke and Colorado Senator Gardner Announce more than \$50 Million for National Parks Infrastructure**

*NPS Centennial Challenge Program is Matching \$20 Million in Congressional Funding with \$33 Million from Partner Organizations to Support Maintenance Projects at National Parks*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Colorado Senator Cory Gardner announced today that the National Park Service is teaming up with partners across the nation to distribute nearly \$50 million in high priority maintenance and infrastructure projects at 42 parks in 29 states. Congress provided \$20 million for the projects as part of the [Centennial Challenge](#) program which will be matched by \$33 million from more than 50 park partners to improve trails, restore buildings, and increase visitor access to parks.

Secretary Zinke and Senator Gardner made the announcement while visiting Rocky Mountain National Park, which will receive \$200,000 in federal funds matched by \$200,000 from the Rocky Mountain Conservancy to reduce deferred maintenance on the Alluvial Fan Trail.

“Our national parks span twelve time zones and attract more than 330 million visitors every year. Some locations, like Rocky Mountain National Park, attract millions of visitors alone. This puts an incredible stress on the aging infrastructure at our parks and thanks to Centennial Grants and the generosity of public-private partners, we are able to distribute funds to rebuild our parks,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “Using public-private partnerships to help address the deferred maintenance backlog remains a priority for the Department and the Trump Administration. Park infrastructure includes trails, signage, restrooms, lodges, roads, bridges and waterlines. These funds will help us continue to provide a world-class experience to visitors and ensure that these amazing places are around for future generations.”

“Today, I stood alongside Secretary Zinke as he announced critical funding grants for Colorado’s Rocky Mountain National Park,” **said Senator Cory Gardner**. “We must continue to be good stewards of our National Parks and protect these treasures for future generations. I want to thank Secretary Zinke for highlighting a crown jewel of Colorado’s public lands, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the dedicated Park employees that care for this land every day.”

“Many of the national parks that Americans treasure today would simply not exist without the strong partnerships and philanthropy that have benefited the national park idea for over a century,” **said Acting National Park Service Director Michael T. Reynolds**. “The Centennial Challenge program continues that proud tradition by matching dollars from Congress with generous donations from dedicated partners to make high-impact improvements in parks.”

Examples of the more than 50 projects the Centennial Challenge program will fund this year using partner donations and federal matching funds include:

- Centennial Challenge funds will complement a donation announced last year from philanthropist David M. Rubenstein to the National Park Foundation that will repair and restore the Lincoln Memorial in addition to expanding educational resources and public access.
- Funding from Yellowstone Forever will improve overlooks along the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.
- Friends of Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park will restore heavily used frontcountry trails in the park.
- The Gettysburg Foundation will help create a multi-use trail at Gettysburg National Military Park that will connect the visitor center to a historic farm that was used as a field hospital during the battle.
- Friends of Saguaro National Park, the Western National Park Association, and G. Arthur Jansson are teaming up to create an accessible outdoor classroom space at Saguaro National Park.

Since 2015 the National Park Service has leveraged over \$45 million in funding from congress through the Centennial Challenge program to attract more than \$77 million from partner organizations to support over hundreds of projects across the country that have improved visitor services and strengthened partnerships to reinvigorate national parks.

For a complete list of centennial challenge projects and partners please visit <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/nps-centennial-challenge-projects.htm>

Park Name	State	Project Title	Federal \$	Partner \$	Partner
Acadia NP	ME	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	192,286	259,112	Friends of Acadia
Andersonville NHS	GA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance by Replacing Park Signage	73,071	73,071	Friends of Andersonville
Antietam NB	MD	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Historic Piper Farm	6,000	6,490	Save Historic Antietam Foundation
Apostle Islands NL	WI	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Raspberry Light Station	3,657	3,657	Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore
Badlands NP	SD	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Bison Fence	475,000	475,000	National Park Foundation, World Wildlife Fund
Biscayne NP	FL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Elliott Key Visitor Center and Replace Park Signage	166,475	170,790	Florida National Parks Association
Blue Ridge Parkway	NC, VA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Humpback Rocks Farm, Sharp Top Shelter, and Moses Cone Estate	303,149	308,880	Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation
Blue Ridge Parkway	NC, VA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Historic Mabry Mill and Groundhog	62,863	76,791	National Park Foundation, Blue

		Mountain Structures			Ridge Parkway Foundation
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP	MD	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Swain's Lockhouse	100,000	108,160	C&O Canal Trust, Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern, C&O Canal Association
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP	GA, TN	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Moccasin Bend Orientation Plaza and Park Trails	143,773	287,546	Friends of Moccasin Bend
Cuyahoga Valley NP	OH	Provide Orientation and Interpretation at Visitor Contact Station	1,492,333	1,492,333	Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Delaware Water Gap NRA	NJ, PA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance through Replacment of Deteriorating Non-Code Compliant Cabins	1,429,066	1,429,066	Pocono Environmental Education Center
Denali NP & Pres	AK	Support Research for Three Long-Distance Migration Birds, the Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, and Hermit Thrush	23,800	23,800	Alaska Geographic, Denali Education Center
Dry Tortugas NP	FL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Traverse Magazines at Fort Jefferson	237,637	548,316	HTR Foundation through South Florida NP Trust
Everglades NP	FL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance by Repurposing Deteriorating Facility into Visitor Center - Planning and Design	720,000	800,000	South Florida National Park Trust, Everglades Association
Federal Hall NMem	NY	Restore and Illuminate the Wall Street Facade at Federal Hall	189,280	300,000	National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy
Gettysburg NMP	PA	Install a Multi-Use Trail to Connect the George Spangler Farm with the Museum and Visitor Center	394,271	459,837	Gettysburg Foundation
Glacier NP	MT	Prevent Aquatic Invasive Species Infestations through Inspections	60,000	60,000	Glacier National Park Conservancy
Golden Gate NRA	CA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Fort Cronkhite	628,912	644,635	NatureBridge
Grand Teton NP	WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance in South Jenny Lake Visitor Use Area	757,356	1,267,202	Grand Teton National Park Foundation
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Rainbow Falls Trails and Historic Structures	124,945	312,711	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	Conduct Natural Resource Projects including Native Species Re-introductions and Forest Pest Control	72,000	169,182	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Great Smoky Mountains Association
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the Palmer House Museum and Replace Exhibits	38,470	38,470	Great Smoky Mountains Association
Great Smoky	NC, TN	Conduct Research and Natural Resource	18,600	55,744	Friends of Great

Mountains NP		Projects on Wildlife Such as Elk, Black Bears, and Exotic Wild Hogs			Smoky Mountains National Park, Great Smoky Mountains Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Hawaii Volcanoes NP	HI	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on and Kilauea Hale	15,600	15,600	Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
Kalaupapa NHP	HI	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at the Bayview Complex and Pali Trail Overlook	52,173	52,425	Pacific Historic Parks
Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP	VT	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Park Trails and Replace Park Signage	45,448	53,617	Woodstock Foundation
Mount Rainier NP	WA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on multiple park trails	24,878	24,878	Washington's National Park Fund
Mount Rainier NP	WA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the Wonderland Trail	89,427	89,427	National Park Foundation
Multiple	Multiple	Complete Deferred Maintenance Projects at Multiple Parks	850,000	850,000	National Park Foundation
National Capital Parks-East	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Carter G Woodson Home National Historic Site - Planning and Design	425,000	425,000	National Park Foundation and other donors
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Lincoln Memorial and Redesign the Unused Spaces Beneath the Memorial into a Multi-Use Service Area	4,840,000	16,000,000	National Park Foundation
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument	650,000	650,000	National Park Foundation
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at West Potomac Park	15,000	16,224	Trust for the National Mall
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance Near Mt. Vernon Triangle	10,000	10,816	Downtown Business Improvement District
Ocmulgee NM	SC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the River Trail and Improve Accessibility	75,000	75,000	NewTown Macon, Georgia Department of Transportation
Padre Island NS	TX	Protect Sea Turtle Population through Beach Patrols and Nest Recovery	30,000	30,000	Multiple Donors
Pullman NM	IL	Document and Archive Oral History Recordings	3,750	3,750	National Park Foundation
Pullman NM	IL	Develop Junior Ranger Program	15,850	15,850	National Park Foundation
Rock Creek Park	DC	Construct Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance	320,000	320,000	Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy
Rock Creek Park	DC	Restore Woodland Area along Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway	17,846	71,240	Rock Creek Conservancy
Rock Creek Park	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance in Chevy Chase Circle	16,368	17,705	Friends of Chevy Chase Circle

Rocky Mountain NP	CO	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Alluvial Fan Trail	200,000	200,000	Rocky Mountain Conservancy
Saguaro NP	AZ	Create Accessible Outdoor Classroom Space	107,323	108,300	Friends of Saguaro National Park, Western National Park Association, G. Arthur Jansson
Sleeping Bear Dunes NL	MI	Construct Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail	561,000	561,000	Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc. and Michigan Department of Transportation
Tallgrass Prairie NPres	KS	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	121,935	135,223	National Park Foundation
Thomas Edison NHP	NJ	Repair Historic Line Shafts in the Heavy Machine Shop	9,999	9,999	Friends of Thomas Edison NHP
Thomas Edison NHP	NJ	Improve Accessibility, Preservation and Educational Use of Edison Archives 1926-1931	49,999	56,746	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Tule Lake Unit	CA	Support Programming for Students to Participate in the Tule Lake Pilgrimage	62,556	130,000	Tule Lake Committee
War in the Pacific NHP	GU	Implement Reef Ranger Summer Camp	7,500	7,500	Pacific Historic Parks
Whiskeytown NRA	CA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	15,260	15,260	Friends of Whiskeytown
Yellowstone NP	ID, MT, WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Trails, Retaining Walls, and Overlooks	2,416,320	2,416,300	Yellowstone Forever
Yellowstone NP	ID, MT, WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Stephens Creek Bison Facility	150,342	154,669	Yellowstone Forever
Yosemite NP	CA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Lower and Multiple Backcountry Trails	264,002	294,065	Yosemite Conservancy, California Conservation Corp
Zion NP	UT	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Lower and Middle Emerald Pools Trails	346,337	348,240	National Park Foundation, Zion National Park Foundation

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It's been odd to watch the healthcare goalpost being dragged by the media from where they normally are -- passage of a bill -- to where they are now: simply getting enough votes to debate a bill on the floor.

Look, Republicans control the Senate. As a matter of course, they should be able to get enough votes to merely debate a bill. Getting to the floor doesn't count as a win. That would be like applauding a football team for managing to get their cleats and helmets on. The question that people need to worry about is not whether they can get to the floor, but whether they can get off the floor with a real bill passed.

And there are still a bunch of reasons to think that's not happening, namely: Susan Collins, Shelley Moore Capito, Rand Paul, Dean Heller, Ron Johnson, Jerry Moran, Mike Lee, Ted Cruz, Rob Portman and Lisa Murkowski, just to mention a few. They can lose 2 votes and that's 10 -- on the day they're starting debate! -- who are either opposed or undecided. With health insurance for tens of millions of people on the line, nothing should be taken for granted, but the fundamental reality remains the same: Republicans do not agree about what a replacement bill should do, and they don't have close to a majority to repeal it outright.

The vote on the motion to proceed is expected sometime early this afternoon. To proceed to what? Nobody knows and we're just hours away.

The latest possibility [is this](#):

1. They get the votes to move to debate
2. They vote on full repeal and that fails
3. They vote on the Cruz amendment, with a Portman amendment to add more Medicaid money, and that fails
4. Then they vote to repeal the individual mandate, get rid of the medical device tax, repeal the employer mandate, and call it "skinny repeal," and declare themselves victorious
5. Go to conference with the House
6. ????????????

In the world where things are already happening, we have a story on how Maryland has been quietly creating a new model for healthcare delivery, called all-payer rate setting. It's a cousin of single payer, and both fascinating and promising. [Story by David Dayen here.](#)

And in the wake of the ACLU's concerns about the First Amendment implications of the Israel

Anti-Boycott Act I wrote about last week, [senators are open to amending it. My interviews with Ben Cardin and others here.](#)

Oh, and the Pentagon spent \$28 million on Afghan army uniforms with camouflage on them. Just about 2 percent of the country is forest. [Whoops. Story here.](#)

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Here is a draft quote derived from a Secretarial quote from a previous release. Although that release was not on WaterSMART, it also related to stretching water supplies. I deleted the parts related to that release and inserted the parts related to these WaterSMART grants --those inserts are highlighted.

"This funding provides essential tools for stretching limited water supplies by **helping 57 communities conserve and manage them more efficiently,**" said Secretary Zinke. "These grants are just part of the toolkit for bridging the gap between water supply and demand. **Leveraging the grants helps boost state and local efforts to protect water supplies.**"

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 12:00 PM, Swift, Heather <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
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On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Moody, Joan <[joan\\_moody@ios.doi.gov](mailto:joan_moody@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
As mentioned by Patti at today's 1:15, Reclamation requests to know what day DOI might send out this release because they need to notify the 57 grant recipients on the same day the release goes out. Russ has reviewed this and I made his change. Also, I removed "Made in America Week" from the draft quote for the Secretary because we don't know where the water efficiency technologies were made.

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On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 5:09 PM, Moody, Joan <[joan\\_moody@ios.doi.gov](mailto:joan_moody@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Laura et al--As you requested, I revised the Reclamation release to make it a release on DOI letterhead with a new lede and a draft quote (highlighted) from the Secretary.

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## **Interior Department Announces Grants for WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects in 15 States**

*\$3.6 million in Reclamation grants will be leveraged with local and state funding to support \$7.47 million in efficiency improvements projects*

WASHINGTON –Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced today that Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation has selected 57 Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects in 15 states to receive a total of \$3.6 million as part of the WaterSMART grants program. The WaterSMART grants are leveraged with local and state funding to support \$7.47 million in efficiency improvements.

“This is a great grants program because it depends on teamwork-- federal, state and local funding are combined with a dose of American ingenuity to help 57 communities conserve and manage water supplies by using them more efficiently,” said Secretary Zinke.

Projects range from installation of automated systems to lining irrigation canals to purchasing water meters. They include a variety of innovations using the latest technologies in Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and other “smart” control and monitoring systems.

The 57 communities awarded grants are found in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Washington. The list of selected projects can be found at <insert link>.

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects are part of Reclamation's WaterSMART Program. The program aims to improve water conservation and sustainability, helping water resource managers make sound decisions about water use. The WaterSMART Program identifies strategies to ensure this generation and future ones will have sufficient amounts of clean water for drinking, economic activities, recreation and ecosystem health. To learn more, please visit [www.usbr.gov/watersmart](http://www.usbr.gov/watersmart).

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On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 9:18 AM, Laura Rigas <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
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On Jul 18, 2017, at 8:59 AM, Aaron, Patricia <[paaron@usbr.gov](mailto:paaron@usbr.gov)> wrote:

Reclamation will be awarding \$3.6 million for 57 small-scale water efficiency projects, hopefully Thursday or Friday. Do you want this to be a Department release? The draft news release is attached and below.

Thanks,  
Patti

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**Reclamation Awards \$3.6 Million for WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects**

*Funding will be leveraged with local and state funding to support projects in 15 states*

WASHINGTON - The Bureau of Reclamation announced that 57 projects were selected to receive \$3,645,544 for Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects, part of the WaterSMART grant program. The projects selected seek to conserve, better manage or make more efficient use of water supplies and are leveraging with local and state funding to support \$7.47 million in efficiency improvements.

The selected projects will support water efficiency in 15 western states. Projects range from installation of automated systems to lining irrigation canals to purchasing water meters. The list of selected projects can be found at <insert link>.

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects are part of the WaterSMART Program. It aims to improve water conservation and sustainability, helping water resource managers make sound decisions about water use. The WaterSMART Program identifies strategies to ensure this generation and future ones will have sufficient amounts of clean water for drinking, economic activities, recreation and ecosystem health. To learn more, please visit [www.usbr.gov/watersmart](http://www.usbr.gov/watersmart).

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Everyone is reporting Zinke threatened the Alaska senate delegation.

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What actually happened?

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Pool was called for an "impromptu" spray as President Trump, along with Vice President Pence, National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster and Colonel Joseph Wawro had lunch with four Afghanistan veterans in the Roosevelt Room.

Full verbatim coming soon but highlights on healthcare

POTUS said he was "disappointed" about healthcare

He also said his plan was now "to let Obamacare fail, it will be a lot easier. And I think we're probably in that position where we'll let Obamacare fail. We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you the Republicans are not going to own it. We'll let Obamacare fail and then the Democrats are going to come to us."

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**Subject:** In Town Pool Report #3

Pool was escorted in the Roosevelt Room at 12:34. Trump, Pence, McMaster and Col Joseph Wawro were sitting at one side of the table with glasses of ice tea with a lemon wedge and water. Sitting opposite them were four military guests: First Sergeant Michael Wagner, USA, Master Sergeant Zachary Bowman, USA, Master Sergeant Henry Adames, USA, Major Eric Birch, USAF. POTUS had a printed sheet of prepared remarks that rested on his plate.

POTUS talked about Afghanistan in introductory remarks for about a minute and then took several questions on health care. Full verbatim below. Pool was escorted out at 12:41.

I'm pleased to have Vice President Pence with us and four great soldiers. Spent a lot of time in Afghanistan and going to be talking to you about Afghanistan. What you think, your views, these are people on the ground, know it probably better than everybody, I think you know it pretty well right? We're going to be getting some of your views. Because we've been there, it's our longest war. We've been there, for many years, we've been there now close to 17 years. I want to find out why we've been there 17 years, how it's going and what we should do in terms of additional ideas. We have plenty of ideas from a lot of people but I want to hear it from people on the ground. So this is actually a very important luncheon and it's a great honor to have you with us and look forward to the discussion. We'll wait for when the media leaves.

[Q: Are you disappointed about healthcare?]

I'm disappointed, very disappointed.

I don't know but I'm certainly disappointed for 7 years I've been hearing repeal and replace from Congress, I've been hearing it loud and strong and when we finally get a chance to repeal and replace they don't take advantage of it. So that's disappointing. So I would say I'm disappointed in what took place and it will go on and we're going to win on taxes, we're going to win on infrastructure and lots of other things that we're doing. We've won and are winning the war on the border. We are very much decimating ISIS, you can see that, you can see that better than anybody see it, the soldiers that are here today. We've had a lot of victories but haven't had a victory on health care. We are disappointed. I am very disappointed because again even as a civilian for seven years on health care, I've been hearing about repeal and replace and Obamacare is a total disaster. Some states had over a 200 percent increase, 200 percent increase in their premiums and their deductibles are through the roof, it's an absolute disaster. And you'll also agree that I've been saying for a very long time let Obamacare fail and then everybody is going to have to come together and fix it. And come up with a new plan and a plan that is really good for the people with much lower premiums, much lower costs, much better protection. I've been saying that, Mike, I know you'll agree, let Obamacare fail and it will be a lot easier. And I think we're probably in that position where we'll let Obamacare fail. We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you the Republicans are not going to own it. We'll let Obamacare fail and then the Democrats are going to come to us and they are going to say 'how do we fix it, how do we fix it' or 'how do we come up with a new plan?' We'll see what happens but I am disappointed because for so many years, I've been hearing repeal and replace. I'm sitting in the Oval Office, right next door, pen in hand, waiting to sign something and I'll be waiting. And eventually, we're going to get something done and it's gonna be very good. But Obamacare is a big failure. It has to be changed. We have to go to a plan that works. We have to go to a much less expensive plan in terms of premiums. Something will happen and it will be good. It may not be as quick as we had hoped but it is going to happen.

[Q: On Lee and Moran opposing the bill last night]

They had their own reasons. I was very surprised when the two folks came out last night because we thought

they were in fairly good shape but they did. You know, everybody has their own reason. If you really think about it, you look at it. We have 52 people, we have no Democrat support, which is really something that should be said, you should have Democrats voting for a great plan for a lot of people. We had no Democrat support You had 52 people, you had 4 nos. No we might have had another one someone in there. But the vote would have been if you look at it, 48-4. That's a pretty impressive vote by any standard and yet you have a vote of 48-4 or something like that and you need more. That's pretty tough. So the way I look at it is in '18, we're going to have to get some more people elected. We have to go out and get more people elected that are Republicans. And we're have to probably pull in those few people who voted against it. They'll have to explain to you why they did and I'm sure they'll have very fine reasons. But we have to get more Republicans because if we get it passed in the House, we would have gotten it very much---you know you can't use his head as a stand, we don't want that to happen. You're messing with the wrong guy here---I think 'we're doing very well actually in '18. I would be not surprised if something is done long before that. In any case, because the margin is so small, the majority margin is so small, we're going to have to go out and get more Republicans elected in '18. I'll be working very hard for that to happen. It would be nice to get Democrat support but really they are obstructionists. They have no ideas. They have no thought process. All they want to do is obstruct government and obstruct period. In this case, think of it, so many good things we didn't get one vote and their plan has failed. And, by the way, Obamacare isn't failing. It's failed. Done.

[Q: Do you blame Mitch McConnell. Is this his fault?]

No

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**Subject: In-town pool report #5a - Color from glass demonstration**

President Trump announced in the Roosevelt Room that Merck, Pfizer and Corning have created a new partnership to manufacture glass packaging for medication in the U.S.

POTUS stood in front of the fireplace in the room, beneath the portrait of Teddy Roosevelt. On one side, he was flanked by pharmaceutical industry executives, HHS Sec. Tom Price, and White House aide Reed Cordish, and on the other, a laboratory-type display of the new glass products.

“This is what we call ‘Made in America,’” Trump said, congratulating the executives on their announcement. “We’re continuing our celebration of American manufacturing — and American manufacturing, and it’s been something very important to us. Made in the USA, made in America.”

POTUS took a measure of credit for the companies’ decision.

“I know they wouldn’t have done it under another administration, I feel confident,” he said.

He said companies are committing \$500 million to the venture off the bat, which will help create 1,000 jobs across plants in NY, NJ and the southeastern U.S. Eventually, he said the venture would amount to \$4 billion. The packaging will help deliver injectable drugs, vials, and cartridges.

POTUS said the packaging would expand access to safer medication and vaccines and that healthcare workers would worry less about “vial breaking, which I understand is a tremendous problem that we’re not going to have anymore.” (More on that later).

He suggested that Price and the FDA would be making an announcement related to the products “over the next two months.”

“Every day, we’re fighting to bring back our jobs, to restore our industry, and to put America first — or as you’ve heard, make America great again — that’s exactly what we’re doing,” POTUS said. “Some people have head that expression, it’s been fairly well used I think.”

POTUS spoke for just over four minutes.

Merck CEO Ken Frazier, Pfizer CEO Ian Reed, and Corning CEO Wendell Weeks took turns speaking next.

As Weeks concluded his remarks, he invited POTUS to join him at the display for a demonstration. “Sometimes I think it’s better to show than to tell,” he said.

The display compared a conventional pharmaceutical glass vial to Corning’s Valor Glass product, to show the latter was very difficult to break. Each product was in its own vise-like contraption, which was controlled by a lever.

POTUS pulled the first lever and the conventional product broke quite easily. “Pretty strong,”

POTUS said. “You ain’t seen strong yet,” Weeks replied, prompting a roar of laughter from the execs.

Weeks told POTUS to do the same thing with the Valor Glass but encouraged him to not “be afraid to lean into it.”

A grimacing POTUS pulled down the lever using both hands, prompting Weeks to joke, “really, come on, it’s not a test of manhood.”

The vial did not break, despite POTUS’ best efforts. “Whoa,” Weeks exclaimed. The participants began applauding and POTUS looked up and smiled in each direction.

A television display showed POTUS exerted about ten times as much force on the Valor Glass than he did the conventional glass.

“The important thing is, that Valor Glass vial is still intact and protecting the vial ingredients inside,” Weeks said.

Weeks informed the president that the 1,000 pounds of pressure he exerted was about equal to a punch from a professional boxer.

“People never knew that about me,” POTUS joked.

“Some of us knew,” an unidentified man quipped in response.

POTUS then congratulated the execs again, shook their hands and the event wrapped up.

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Pool led into Cabinet Room at 2:26 p.m. and ushered out two minutes later for expanded bilateral meeting.

This time, I'm confident POTUS heard the questions that reporters posed about AG Sessions, including whether POTUS would fire him. He did not answer any.

He looked squarely at your pooler when she asked him if he still has confidence in his attorney general and did not answer.

He also did not answer questions about health care legislation.

Among the seated at the table were (in order): NSA H.R. McMaster, Secretary Mnuchin, President Trump, senior adviser Jared Kushner. Assistant to the president Ivanka Trump was seated at the far right end of the table.

POTUS and Hariri again expressed gratitude for each other's partnership in fighting ISIS. Transcript TK.

Lebanese reporters stopped on their way out to take selfies with POTUS in the background.

"They heard about you were here, they just can't get enough of you," POTUS joked to Hariri of perhaps reporters in general as the pool slowly worked its way out of the room.

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Hi, Heather:

I'm checking in on whether the Interior Department can confirm a report that Zinke has a meeting in Nevada on Monday with Dan Schinhofen.

Let me know. Any details appreciated.

Thanks!

Yvonne



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Hi -

Since this refers to the Secretary, I thought I'd better run past you. This will be sent to our IA/BIA/BIE/OST Leadership on Monday as requested by Bryan Rice.

Please review and provide edits.

Thanks.

Nedra

Dear Colleagues,

As we progress through the first year of the new administration, the Secretary continues to build his team of senior leaders to help support the remarkable work we do at the Interior. As part of his team building, the Secretary has designated Bryan Rice, Director of Office of Wildland Fire, to represent the Department of the Interior on the White House Council of Native American Affairs. As the designated representative of the Secretary, he will foster a more efficient and collaborative inter-agency culture. The next meeting of the Council will be a listening session on Tribal Finance Issues scheduled for July 26, 2017.

Bryan started his career as a wildland firefighter on the Helena Hotshot Crew in Montana, which has led to numerous positions across the Western U.S. and Alaska. He has a broad experience in Tribal programs in DOI, BIA and USDA, notably the Deputy Bureau Director – Office of Trust Services in the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 2011-2014, and Director of Forest Management in the USDA Forest Service from 2014 - 2016. Bryan also has advised in numerous capacities with United Nations activities in New York, Brazil and Tanzania, as well as serving in the US Peace Corps in Nepal as a community forester. He is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Please join me in congratulating Bryan on this assignment. He will be a great advocate for Indian Country and can be reached at 202-208-2719 (o) 202-573-2150 (c) or [Bryan\\_Rice@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Bryan_Rice@ios.doi.gov)

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**\*\*All, below is a draft of the Joe Balash Press Release. Please review and send edits by 4pm!\*\***

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As the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Balash will advise and oversee the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The Assistant Secretary heads the Department of the Interior’s management of all federal lands and waters, and their associated mineral and non-mineral resources, as well as the appropriate regulation of surface coal mining. The Assistant Secretary for land and Minerals Management is committed to managing, protecting, and improving lands and waters to serve the needs of the American people at all times.

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As the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Balash will advise and oversee the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The Assistant Secretary heads the Department of the Interior’s management of all federal lands and waters, and their associated mineral and non-mineral resources, as well as the appropriate regulation of surface coal mining. The Assistant Secretary for land and Minerals Management is committed to managing, protecting, and improving lands and waters to serve the needs of the American people at all times.

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## **Interior Secretary Zinke Announces Nomination of Joe Balash**

**WASHINGTON** – President Donald J. Trump announced the nomination of Joe Balash to serve as the Department of the Interior’s Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. A native of North Pole, Alaska, living in Washington D.C., Balash brings extensive experience in land and mineral management, as well as a great understanding of the political landscape of Washington.

"The President has nominated Joe Balash to be the Assistant Secretary at Interior for Land and Minerals Management, and this is a phenomenal appointment," **said Secretary Zinke**. "Joe brings so much experience to the table, from holding many high level jobs in government, to an unbelievable knowledge of our lands and what they have to offer. I anxiously await his Confirmation in the Senate."

"I am deeply honored to be able to serve at the Department of the Interior," **said Joe Balash**. "As a nation, we are blessed with tremendous public lands and resources that give our people unparalleled opportunities for recreation and job creation for generations to come. I look forward to working with Secretary Zinke and his incredible team to seize on those opportunities and deliver on President Trump's America First Energy Plan."

As the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Balash will advise and oversee the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The Assistant Secretary heads the Department of the Interior’s management of all federal lands and waters, and their associated mineral and non-mineral resources, as well as the appropriate regulation of surface coal mining. The Assistant Secretary for land and Minerals Management is committed to managing, protecting, and improving lands and waters to serve the needs of the American people at all times.

"Joe Balash is an excellent choice for Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, and I’m incredibly pleased that Secretary Zinke has chosen him for this important position," **Senator Murkowski said**. "From his time in the Alaska Governor’s Office and as Commissioner of Natural Resources, to his service as a Senate Chief of Staff, Joe is uniquely qualified for this role. He has significant experience on energy and resource policy, a demonstrated record of upholding Alaska’s interests as a landowner, and will make sure that America’s interests are well represented at the Interior Department."

“The work being done by this administration in the areas of energy and public lands – including efforts to unleash our nation’s energy potential and reform years of mismanagement by our agencies – is something we value greatly as Alaskans,” **said Congressman Don Young**. “Critical to these efforts is the appointment of individuals and staff that understand the real-world impacts and consequences their decisions have on public lands and resource-oriented states like mine. As the Congressman for the state that was often ground zero for the countless missteps of the previous Interior Department, I commend Secretary Zinke for making Alaska a top-priority as he assembles his team. The addition of Joe Balash – someone I’ve worked with closely during his service as the Chief of Staff to Senator Dan Sullivan, a former Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and ardent supporter of responsible resource development – is an important step to begin solving the many challenges Alaskans and Americans have faced when dealing with the Department of the Interior.

“Joe Balash’s appointment as Assistant Secretary will be good for Alaska and great for our nation. He is smart, honest, fair, and focused on solving problems and challenges in accordance with law while maximizing opportunity for Americans,” **said former Alaska Governor Sean Parnell**. “He knows how to work with diverse groups of people and interests to protect our nation’s interests in her public lands and environment while maximizing job creation and opportunity for all Americans. From an Alaska perspective, it is good to know that our state will have someone at Interior who understands the complexity of Alaska issues and the people affected by decision making in Washington. Joe Balash’s selection is, indeed, an extremely solid pick for the President and for the people.”

"As a lifelong Alaskan who understands the importance for the responsible management of our resources, I can't think of anyone who would do a better job at the Department of the Interior for all Americans," **said Eddie Grasser, Vice President, Safari Club International**.

"We welcome the pick of Joe as the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management," **stated Khary Cauthen API senior director of Federal Affairs**. "He has a deep understanding of what our nation’s natural resources mean for our national and economic security. We look forward to working with Joe and this administration to ensure the U.S. continues to benefit from our nation’s energy renaissance."

“Joe will make an excellent Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals. He brings to the office a wealth of experience and skills. First of all, he understands the importance of energy development, both on and offshore. Alaska is a great training ground for the decisions that are important to the rest of the United States in overall energy policy,” **said Randall Luthi, the President of NOIA**. “His legislative experience will bode well for the Department with the Hill. His experience as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources means that he understands the importance of collecting different views and assuring energy development and the protection of other natural resources. The members of NOIA look forward to working with him to expand the US energy potential off our shores.”

Joe Balash currently serves as the Chief of Staff to Alaska’s Senator Dan Sullivan. He is the former Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, which has management

responsibility for one of the largest single portfolios of land and water resources in the world. That Alaska Department of Natural Resources portfolio contains more than 100 million acres of uplands, 40-60 million acres of submerged lands and tidelands, and more than 500,000 barrels of oil produced daily. Previously he served as the deputy commissioner of same department from 2010-2013.

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Thank you so much for your help and enthusiasm regarding RECREATION DAY!  
I wanted to share a variety of docs which we believe are the latest information on plans for Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

1. An overview of the day's three key activities;
2. A description of the Made in America Outdoor Recreation Media Event;
3. Our narrative description of 27 opportunities for expanded partnerships – together providing for more than \$80M in private investment at Interior sites and then producing a sustainable supplemental revenues stream of \$20M annually above appropriations, in addition to delivering better visitor access and enjoyment.
4. Our anticipated list of participants in the 10:45 AM meeting;
5. Info on the three recreation media reps who, collectively, can allow the Secretary to reach the recreation industry via trade publications and millions of American households with recreation consumer publications;
6. Some key economic impact of recreation bullets; and
7. Information on the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable.

I'll be in meetings for much of the day but can be reached by email and on my cell – 703-624-0495.  
Plus Cathy and Ben will be available in the ARC office.

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The New Jersey shore and lakes of lower New York defined Rich's childhood. But when he bought a 21-foot Four Winns deck boat and introduced his young family to the Connecticut River, his love for the world of boats flourished over the years from there. A journalist by training, he worked in TV news and at several newspapers before combining his passions for 18 years at the boating publications *Soundings* and *Soundings Trade Only*, where as Managing Editor he reported on everything from boat and product innovation, to compelling feature stories, and built his reputation in the marine industry as one of the most thorough reporters in our business.

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**RECREATION LEADERSHIP MEETING AT US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, JULY 18, 2017  
DRAFT SCHEDULE**

- 10 AM:** Assemble ORIR team in the Secretary's Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. Assigned seats. Approximately 16 seats for ORIR representatives and rec industry VIPs; supplemental seating for another 10 on periphery. Premeeting conversation with some key Interior folks. Expected Interior participants: Todd Willens (Associate Deputy Secretary), Doug Domenech (Senior Advisor), Mike Reynolds (Acting Director, NPS), perhaps 1-2 more.
- 10:45 AM:** Secretary arrives , shakes hands with ORIR group. Candid photos. **Open media.**
- 10:50 AM:** Secretary and others take seats and Secretary welcomes group to Interior, comments on initial meeting in April and eagerness to learn about the ideas being brought to today's meeting. Brief but forceful rejection of label of privatization on campgrounds as well as parks overall.
- 11:00 AM:** Secretary listens as those at the table identify themselves. Thanks media and excuses them, telling them they can preview the Made in America exhibits. Invites Thom Dammrich to begin the discussions/presentation. Thom provides overview and explains that the nearly 30 opportunities being presented are a first wave of thousands more opportunities that will emerge over the next few months. Presentations will be delivered by 3-4 persons, beginning with NPS-related opportunities coming from concessioners (Terry MacRae will outline approximately 18, but highlighting 3-5). Tim Rout will describe the proposed NPS regional pilot for WiFi expansion. Tim Buche will outline BLM proposals to support OHV activities. Total of 30 minutes for presentations utilizing room's very modern AV capabilities. Then time for reactions and further discussions about culture change, getting opportunities accomplished and topics like recreation czar and Secretarial Order(s).
- 12:00 Noon:** Meeting wraps. Informal discussions and pictures for 15 minutes.
- 12:15 PM:** Secretary leads group out to 1849 C Street NW entrance where RVs, boats, Polaris Ranger and snowmobile, SEMA-provided off-road truck, archery equipment and more is on display on closed street and adjacent Bolivar park. Media invited to talk with Zinke, industry leaders and learn more about rec industry economics. Tour of exhibited equipment and info on recreation segment employment – and connection between factory jobs and use of products on public lands and waters across the nation. Special invitations to RV and Boat Caucus leaders to be part of this event. Food (barbeque) and beverages in Bolivar Park. Secretary makes 5 minutes of remarks re Made in America week and the outdoors, calls upon a recreation spokesperson and one or more Members of Congress to add flavor. **Open media.**
- 1:00 PM:** Secretary boards RV with 4-5 reporters (rec trade and consumer (covering RV/camping, boating, powersports and hunting/fishing, plus AP reporter) for discussions on a trip to key nearby sites like memorials on the National Mall, perhaps Theodore Roosevelt Island. Return to Interior by 2 PM. **Invited media**

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## OVERVIEW: Made in America Outdoor Recreation Media Event

Date: Tuesday, July 18  
Time: Approximately 11:30 am to 1 pm  
Description: **Made in America Outdoor Recreation Media Event**  
Location: C Street, NW between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets (entrance to USDol) and adjacent Bolivar Park  
Overview: We intend to show a sample of Made in America recreation products along with signage that describes the number of manufacturing jobs associated with the company and industry involved with that product.  
Types of products: Open to all products linked to outdoor recreation. Confirmed/likely products are: RVs (several types), boats (several types), Polaris Ranger ATV, Polaris snowmobile. Exploring coolers, archery equipment, off-road truck, canoes and kayaks. Exploring Indian and other iconic US brands plus electronics. Must be manufactured in USA.  
Messaging: ORIR's media team will prepare a news release on the exhibit and its role in Made in America Week. Trade association and manufacturer employees are welcome to discuss/show product.  
Participants: 100-250, including ORIR members, key Interior officials and staff, media and Members of Congress.  
Food: VistaOutdoor and American Recreation Coalition will provide lunch. Barbeque, cole slaw, desserts, beverages. Cleared by Solicitor and ethics office (cost of \$17.10 pp) under Take Pride in America Act authority.  
Remarks: US Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, perhaps an industry spokesperson and a Member of Congress

No rain date likely. ORIR cannot supply power, tables or chairs – displays must be totally self-reliant. Interior coordination through:

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# Recreation Enhancements Through Partnerships on Federal Lands

## EXAMPLES OF PLEDGED ACTIONS

- Delaware North operates the 358 room Yavapai Lodge located along the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. Of the 358 rooms, only 198 rooms have air conditioning. The rooms with air conditioning are extremely popular. Concessioner will install air conditioning units within the remaining 160 rooms. The investment to install the air conditioning units would be fully funded with Delaware North's funds and we would not use any repair and maintenance reserves. To off-set the investment of approximately \$1 million plus additional operating costs, NPS will need to approve a rate increase for these specific rooms to an already approved NPS rate for rooms now offering air conditioning. The NPS would receive an estimated \$1.4M in additional franchise fees as well as an estimated \$289k in additional maintenance reserve fees.
- The lodging and ancillary services at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon are operated seasonally by Forever Resorts, from May 15 to October 15. The park is extremely popular – with the lodging being 100% occupied virtually every day of the season. With the popularity of “rim to rim” hiking in the cooler months of the year, a two-week extension in lodging operations from October 16 – October 31 would be a welcome visitor service enhancement and allow a 2% increase in visitation. Visitation to the North Rim, in contrast to the South Rim, is substantially below levels of 20 years ago, and the early closure impacts local gateways. NPS already staffs the visitor center and the entrance station during this period, and the concessioner is required to continue operation of its retail and food operations. Lodging has extended for a short period twice during the past six years for special NPS-related purposes with no challenges. Sustainable additional revenues to NPS will exceed \$265,000 annually for the two weeks, including added franchise fees, maintenance reserve fees and entrance fees.
- Grand Teton Lodge Company provides most visitor services in Grand Teton National Park and is unable to fully meet visitor demand for food services during peak periods at String Lake and Jenny Lake with existing convenience store and snack bar services. The company is willing to invest an estimated \$250,000 to test the viability of augmented food services with food trucks operating in two parking spaces at existing lots during periods of high demand, estimated at 120 days per year. No new utility service will be required, and all food would be prepared in NPS-monitored kitchen facilities. NPS additional revenues of \$20,000 are pledged, and are likely to be substantially higher. This test would help guide the next iteration of the concessions contract for the park and is an alternative to a multi-million-dollar facility being discussed.
- Forever Resorts operates visitor services in Badlands National Park. It proposes Phase II of a very successful project that delivered a Win-Win-Win for park visitors, the National Park Service, and the concessioner. Six years ago, 23 guest cabins that were in very poor condition were replaced with new energy and environmentally efficient cabins with features today's visitors expect. Guests willingly pay for the improved quality. The rate for these cabins is virtually double that of the old. Not only is occupancy up substantially for this seasonal operation, the average number of nights stayed has jumped as well! This project will install 10 more of these high-demand cabins at a cost of about \$1,000,000 with now Leasehold Surrender Interest. The new cabins are projected to increase NPS revenues by at least \$70,000 annually. To amortize the investment, the current contract would be extended by three years – an action which also reduces NPS staff and contractor costs required for prospectus development costs.

- Fort Sumter Tours originated ferry service to this park unit in Charleston harbor and has provided year-round public access for decades. It offers the city's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes free transportation during non-peak periods – serving thousands annually. The most recent NPS-prepared prospectus deleted a traditional, optional and visitor-valued service of group and family pictures taken as visitors board the ferry without explanation, and despite a request from the concessioner to reinstate the service, the agency declined to consider the request. The decision forced elimination of three concessioner-provided jobs and an estimated \$25,000 in sustainable NPS revenue. After finally achieving senior NPS attention, the grounds for the elimination have been reviewed and there is agreement that the basis was in error. The concessioner has applied to reinstate this visitor service immediately and is awaiting NPS confirmation.
- Historic Tours of America operates the high-speed ferry service from Key West to Dry Tortugas National Park, a spectacular, unique and lesser visited park unit. Before the current concession, two boat operators each carried 100 passengers daily (200 total). The new contract required the single new concessioner to build a vessel rated to carry 250 passengers, but restricted passage to 150 passengers a day. The result is a significant decline in visitation – well below the NPS- defined carrying capacity. That level has never been reached since the inception of the concessions agreement. Three years ago, the concessioner requested permission to carry 25 additional passengers daily. Despite universal support, including by the superintendent, it took two years to receive authorization. The addition has significantly increased revenues to the park and added some 6,000 additional annual visitors – a clear victory. Yet visitation remains below carrying capacity and there remains unmet demand, as potential passengers line up on the dock seeking last minute spots from “no-shows.” In exchange for the increased passenger level and a two-year contract extension, NPS would also receive at least \$150,000 in additional, sustainable revenues annually.
- The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, American Sportfishing Association, GEICO and other partners will invest an estimated \$400,000 and substantial in-kind support to initiate FirstCatch programs at two USFWS refuges (Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia, PA, and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge in Rio Hondo, TX. These “First Catch Centers” will establish an incubator-type for newcomers to learn and develop fishing and boating skills and conservation ethics. Elements of state and government agency programs, education institution programs, camps and after school events and boating programs with fishing elements will all be included, providing a positive and fun experience for families and youth alike, with an overall objective of helping grow national participation in the sports.
- Delaware North operates lodging and additional concessioner services in Shenandoah National Park. It recently remodeled 66 guest rooms within two lodges. The improved facilities have received very positive feedback from guests. The concessioner now seeks to remodel the remaining 132 rooms. The room remodel investment would be fully funded with Delaware North's funds and we would not use any repair and maintenance reserves. To off-set the capital investment, NPS would approve a rate increase for these rooms to the already approved NPS rate for the remodeled rooms as well as a 5-year contract extension. The NPS would receive an estimated \$2.1M in additional franchise fees and an estimated \$6.6M in additional repair and maintenance reserves.
- Guest access to broadband service in NPS's developed frontcountry areas is a top visitor complaint and a deterrent to modernizing delivery of safety and interpretive information. Costs to the NPS and visual concerns have hampered progress in expansion of connectivity. NPS has now piloted a clear route to success at Lake Mead NRA, using a concessioner with a proven, no-cost-to government strategy that

has been utilized at DoD facilities nationwide. AccessParks designs, constructs and operates the broadband access, providing key free information and enhanced access on a fee and sponsorship basis, a format widely used by hotels and airports. In addition to high speed access at visitor centers, campgrounds, marinas, restaurants and more, AccessParks has other exciting capabilities including solar-powered kiosks offering limited area opportunities for quickly downloading regularly updated information ranging from maps and brochures to videos and safety information to smartphones. AccessParks is also proposing to offer downloadable confirmation of visits to key trails and other sites and even facilitate visitor contributions designed to help fund maintenance of NPS facilities. AccessParks proposes to expand its contract for Lake Mead NRA to one of two NPS regions – either Intermountain or Pacific West. Expected investment for units in either region now facing insufficient connectivity is \$50,000,000 in private funding – all of which will be recovered through the initial contract.

- Bryce Canyon National Park visitor services are provided by Forever Resorts. The concessioner proposes to convert the boys' dorm, located right in the center of the principal visitor services area of the park, including other lodging. The dorm would be converted to lower priced "hostel-style" accommodations. Visitors would have a new, quality lower-priced lodging option – allowing an estimated increase in in-park stays of 3,000 persons. Employees now utilizing the boys' dorm would be provided accommodations outside of the park. This would also eliminate employee cars parked inside the Park, as a shuttle service would be provided. Forever estimates capital costs of \$300,000 for the dorm plus some costs for the alternative employee housing. Gross receipts would increase by between \$750,000 and \$1M, and annual net increased funds to NPS are projected to be \$107,000.
- Forever Resorts proposes to improve the campgrounds in Big Bend National Park. The current NPS campgrounds at Chisos Mountain, Castalon, and Rio Grand Village offer only dry campsites with no electric service or water hookups. At concession operations in Grand Teton NP and Badlands NP, the NPS has turned these operations over to Forever for operations while still providing interpretation and other important and visible roles. Forever would invest in electric hookups for 30% -40% of the spaces in each campground. The NPS would substantially reduce its operating expenses savings and receive substantially more franchise fee revenue. Forever projects a capital investment of \$300,000, likely reductions of at least \$100,000 in annual NP operations and approximately \$140,000 in new franchise and related fees each year.
- Forever Resorts proposes to improve the campgrounds on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The current NPS campground offers only dry campsites with no electric service or water hookups. At concession operations in Grand Teton NP and Badlands NP, the NPS has turned these operations over to Forever for operations while still providing interpretation and other important and visible roles. Forever would invest in electric hookups for 30% -40% of the spaces in each campground. The NPS would substantially reduce its operating expenses savings and receive substantially more franchise fee revenue. Forever projects a capital investment of \$150,000, likely reductions of at least \$100,000 in annual NP operations and approximately \$160,000 in sustained new NPS franchise and related fees each year.
- Grand Teton Lodge Company has a need for augmented and improved in-park staff housing. The concessioner will design and construct new housing units for seasonal and year-round staff at Jackson Lake Lodge and Jenny Lake Lodge through capital expenditures of an estimated \$2,000,000, investments well beyond its requirements under the current contract. The lodging would offer capacity for safe, secure housing for 25-30 people and could be achieved without award of LSI through a contract extension of three years.

- Grand Teton Lodge Company proposes to extend fiber optic lines to Colter Bay cabins, RV park and tent cabins (344 total units). This will allow for WiFi access in front-country areas where cell service and connectivity is poor. Internet service is currently only available in a few locations which serves tens of thousands of visitors each year and often forces travel to other park locations for communications purposes. Projected capital investment is \$3M. These costs would be recovered through higher prices and/or charges for robust internet access. The increase in overall revenues are projected to generate some \$100,000 additional in annual franchise fee payments by the concessioner to the park unit.
- Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to expand popular night tours from 600 visitors per day to 1,200 per day. The concessioner further proposes expansion of the new "Behind the Scenes" tour from 60 visitors per day to 240 per day. Both products have top ratings and sell out 4--6 weeks in advance. No additional investment would be required. Hornblower projects additional gross revenues of \$6,750,000 and a net gain to NPS of \$2,750,000 annually.
- Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to add a new island tour product that is shorter in duration, with a scaled back audio tour that features other now-unused cellblock areas and parts of the island not utilized to avoid overcrowding and differentiate tour participants. Investment of at least \$1M would be undertaken by the concessioner, addressing current backlog maintenance and safety needs, and the new tour is projected to generate \$10M annually in gross revenues and a net gain to NPS of \$4,750,000 annually.
- Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to initiate themed food service on the island. Visitors would be offered the chance to utilize the renovated food service facility within a cellblock building, offering authentic menus and food from the 1933---1963 period of prison operations. Alcatraz was renowned for its prisoner meals. Renovation costs would be at least \$4M and would increase visitation to the site and add a new dimension to park interpretation in the dining hall. Hornblower projects additional gross revenues of \$3,267,000 and a net gain to NPS of \$750,000 annually. Moreover, the availability of food service for visitors would facilitate experimentation with special, high-ticket "bucket" experiences in partnership with the National Park Foundation or other partners.
- Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to undertake major upgrades and repairs of the current fixed wharf substructure on Alcatraz to assure the safety of the visitors, and the long-term viability of the service to the island. Much of the investment need is the result of deferred maintenance and further delays will drive up costs and threaten interruption of public access. Hornblower's experience in maritime construction will allow rapid, cost-effective improvements.
- Hornblower's Statue Cruises proposes a significant expansion to evening programming on Liberty Island, including access several nights per week during Spring --- Fall. Visitor services would include food service and patriotic music or interpretive programs that highlight the NYC skyline. The last cruise now currently departs NYC at 4PM despite major public demand for later departures. Expected increase in annual visitation is 300,000 per year. Hornblower offers to take on \$500,000 in capital spending and projects an increase in gross revenues of \$5,400,000 annually, and a net gain of \$3,000,000 to the NPS.
- The Glade Run Recreation Area northeast of Farmington spans 19,000 acres and provides 42 miles of trails for use by motorized off-highway vehicles. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish contributed \$600,000 from the Trail Safety Fund for construction of the park, which will include a small riding track for youths, a skills training track, primitive camp sites, toilets and a pavilion. Off-highway motor vehicle registration and user fees support the Trail Safety Fund. RTP funds have also been

allocated. The local recreation manager is finding it difficult to implement the project due to myriad problems. Funding and expertise are available to make this a high-quality riding area that will attract a wide array of users, but the need to set up a new assistance agreement between BLM and technical experts is making it difficult to get necessary work accomplished.

- The 4,795 acre Sand Mountain Recreation Area is a designated OHV fee site located in the high desert of west central Nevada twenty-five miles south east of Fallon on U.S. 50 in Churchill County. The most dominant feature of the dune system is Sand Mountain which is approximately 3.5 miles long, 1 mile wide and 600 feet in height, making it the largest single dune in the Great Basin. In addition to OHV riding on the open dunes, there are 23 miles of riding available on the designated trail system that was established in 2008 to preserve the Kearny Buckwheat habitat and protect the Sand Mountain Blue Butterfly which is endemic only to the Sand Mountain area. This is a heavily visited area that needs upgraded/improved infrastructure. Continued heavy visitation is expected. With proper management this area will be a prime OHV recreation spot; however, without needed improvements this area could face serious issues. A limited investment now will prevent the need for extensive expenditures later. Trailhead improvements, signing, parking lot improvements and attention to other accommodations are needed.

- Glendive Short Pines OHV Area consists of approximately 2,800 acres. This recreation area is composed of an Open OHV area as well as areas which are limited to existing roads and trails. OHV trails, rock hounding, wildlife viewing and camping are available at this site. There are no designated camping spots or water available. However, dispersed camping is allowed. As it stands the local recreation manager is overstretched as she also is responsible for responding to the NEPA needs of the Miles City BLM Office's minerals management program (oil & gas). Maps, signing, engineering and maintenance are examples of needed improvements.

- The National Park Hospitality Association proposed a RentMyTent program in late 2013 to increase the convenience of camping in national parks by offering a "package" of equipment provided at NP campsites. The "package" was designed to attract visitors who: (1) do not own camping equipment but have an interest in a camping experience, especially at the low cost of camping; (2) those who own equipment but who will be reaching the national parks in a way which makes bringing their own equipment challenging (for example, by air travel); (3) those who want to spend time in a national park but are unable to reserve lodging because rooms are unavailable; and (4) like the convenience of driving up to a campsite and unloading just needed personal items, but who are likely to rely on other park visitor facilities like food service and who want to avoid the uncertainties of weather and timing associated with use of their own equipment. The Rent-a-Tent program would address the significant decline in overnight campground stays within national parks over the past two decades (tent camper nights are down some 1.2 million, while RV camper nights are down some 2 million). The pilot program would revise a complex plan developed in response to the NPHA initiative that required reservation of campsites via [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), and allow active promotion by concessioners and other recreation and tourism partners. Likely parameters are a minimum 3-day stay and an option, at an additional charge, for put-up and take-down services. The basic camping "package" will include a tent, cots, a cooler, and a lantern. Alternative lodging, including RVs and yurts, could also be tested by the program.

- Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) will join other partners in a unique effort to introduce fishing to urban participants: FirstCatch. Using a mobile "first catch center" (a trailer or motorhome), the program will enlist participants where they are,

including in their neighborhoods. The concept allows easy transportation of all equipment and materials, and allows for sponsors to be featured via a vehicle wrap. Planned events will be ongoing -- approximately 2-3 per week, and will introduce some 9,000 individuals annually. PFBC has put forth a list of many local partners to help with capacity and promotion. Participant data will be collected at the time of the event, for ongoing communication, and to determine successes/future involvement in the sport. PFBC will team up and host events at the Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia. Initial funding of some \$250,000 has been provided by a charitable contribution, along with RBFF, Boat U.S. and Geico Insurance funding.

- Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation will team up with Fishing's Future (FF), a Texas-based 501 c3 founded in 2007 by a man with a passion for fishing, for a second FirstCatch effort in and around Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. This refuge is the largest protected area of natural habitat left in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley, near the state's southernmost tip. Programs and instructors are 100% volunteers, predominantly state agency aquatic education certified instructors. Based upon the experience at this refuge, the partners hope to add up to eight additional FirstCatch programs, mostly in Texas near Houston and Dallas, in 2018. Initial start-up investment and first year operation is projected at \$250,000.

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# Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable

**Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable** is a coalition of America's leading outdoor recreation trade associations working to promote the policy and legislative reforms needed to grow the outdoor recreation economy. Roundtable members represent the thousands of U.S. businesses that produce vehicles, equipment, gear, apparel and services for the millions of Americans who enjoy our nation's parks, waterways, byways, trails and outdoor spaces. Combined, the various business sectors within the outdoor recreation industry generate \$887 billion-per-year in economic activity and provide an estimated 7.6 million direct jobs. Coalition members

produce the 8 largest recreation tradeshow in the U.S. and annually contribute \$40 billion in federal excise tax, sales tax and duties.

## The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable strives to achieve the following:

- 1 **Ensure** the primary drivers of the outdoor recreation economy across the U.S. are recognized
- 2 **Foster** federal collaboration that will enable the outdoor recreation economy to reach its full potential
- 3 **Remove** barriers that prevent private investment from being made on public lands and waters
- 4 **Change** the mindset of federal agencies so recreational access and high quality visitor experiences are prioritized



- American Horse Council
- American Recreation Coalition
- American Sportfishing Association
- Archery Trade Association
- BoatU.S.
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
- Marine Retailers Association of America
- Motorcycle Industry Council
- National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds (ARVC)
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- National Shooting Sports Foundation
- Outdoor Industry Association
- Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association
- Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
- Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
- SnowSports Industries America
- Specialty Equipment Market Association
- Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
- Sports & Fitness Industry Association





**American Horse Council** is a nonprofit trade association based in Washington, D.C., that works with Congress and other federal agencies on issues related to the U.S. equine industry. Topics range from trail access on public lands, immigration, taxes, gambling, equine welfare, import/export issues, disease control, and more. The ultimate goal of the AHC is to ensure that the equine industry works together to "Keep Opportunities Open" for the horse industry. For more information: [www.horsecouncil.org](http://www.horsecouncil.org)



**American Recreation Coalition** is a nonprofit association providing a unified voice for recreation interests. Since 1979, ARC has forged public private partnerships to enhance, protect and promote

outdoor recreation opportunities and resources. ARC organizes the annual Partners Outdoors conference, plays a primary role in key national coalitions, and leads the national effort to celebrate June as Great Outdoors Month, including activities inviting children to enjoy healthy, active outdoor lives. For more information: [www.funoutdoors.com](http://www.funoutdoors.com)



**The American Sportfishing Association** is the sportfishing industry's trade association committed to representing the interests of the sportfishing and boating industries as well as the entire sportfishing community. We give the industry and anglers a unified voice when emerging laws and policies could significantly affect sportfishing business or sportfishing itself.

For more information: [www.ASAfishing.org](http://www.ASAfishing.org)



**Archery Trade Association** is the organization for manufacturers, retailers, distributors, sales representatives and others working in the archery and bowhunting industry. Founded in 1953, ATA is dedicated to making the industry

profitable by decreasing business overhead, reducing taxes and government regulation, and increasing participation in archery and bowhunting. For more information: [www.archerytrade.org](http://www.archerytrade.org)



**BoatU.S.** is the nation's largest organization of recreational boat owners, with over half a million members. Founded in 1966, it provides

diverse services, including insuring over eight billion dollars' worth of boats, operating the largest on the water towing fleet, representing boaters' interests on Capitol Hill, providing financing for boat buyers, publishing the most widely circulated boating publication, acting as a consumer protection mediator and more. For more information: [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)



**International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association** is an organization representing the four snowmobile manufacturers. It coordinates industry committees focused on snowmobile safety, the promotion of the

lifestyle activity of snowmobiling, keeping accurate statistics, and reporting the growth of the industry and the positive economic impact snowmobiling has throughout the world. For more information: [www.snowmobile.org](http://www.snowmobile.org)



**Marine Retailers Association of America** is comprised of boat dealers, marine parts and accessories vendors, marina operators, boatyards, marine service providers, and all those whose livelihood is affected by the marine industry. Founded in 1972, MRAA serves its members by providing them with

tools, resources and educational programs and by representing them with a powerful voice. For more information: [www.mraa.com](http://www.mraa.com)



**Motorcycle Industry Council** is a nonprofit trade association supporting motorcyclists in the U.S. by representing manufacturers, distributors, dealers and retailers of motorcycles, scooters, ATVs, ROVs, and related parts, accessories, goods and

services as well as members of allied trades such as insurance, finance and others with a commercial interest in the industry. The association, known as MIC since 1970, was founded in 1914. For more information: [www.mic.org](http://www.mic.org)



**National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (arvc)** is the only national association exclusively representing the interests of private RV parks and campgrounds in the U.S. Members include

RV park and campground owners and operators, industry suppliers and those interested in getting into the industry. For more information: [www.arvc.org](http://www.arvc.org)



**National Marine Manufacturers Association** is the nation's leading trade association representing boat, marine engine and accessory manufacturers that produce an estimated 80 percent of marine products used in North America. NMMA works to strengthen and grow boating and protect the interests of its members. Formed in 1979 by the merger of the Boating Industry Association of Chicago (BIA) and the National Association of Engine & Boat Manufacturers of New York (NAEBM), its roots can be traced to NAEBM's founding in 1904. For more information: [www.nmma.org](http://www.nmma.org)



**National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.** is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports.

Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 12,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers. For more information: [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)



**Outdoor Industry Association (OIA)** is the national trade association for thousands of suppliers, manufacturers and retailers across the country in the \$646 billion outdoor recreation industry. The outdoor industry supports more than 6.1 million American jobs and makes other significant contributions toward the goal of healthy communities and healthy economies across the United States. For more information: [www.outdoorindustry.org](http://www.outdoorindustry.org)



**Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA)** is the only national association dedicated to advancing RV retailers' interests through education, member services,

industry leadership, and market expansion programs to promote the increased sale and use of RVs and enhance RV travel. For more information: [www.rvda.org](http://www.rvda.org)



**Recreation Vehicle Industry Association** is the national trade association representing RV manufacturers and their component parts suppliers that build more than 98 percent of all RVs produced in the U.S. RVIA is a unifying force for

safety and professionalism within the RV industry, works with government agencies to protect and promote member interests, serves as a clearinghouse of industry information, and works with the media to educate the public about the benefits of RVing. For more information: [www.rvia.org](http://www.rvia.org)



**Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association** is a not for profit trade association formed to promote the safe and responsible use of recreational off highway vehicles (ROVs) [sometimes referred to as side by sides or UTVs], manufactured or distributed in North America. For more information: [www.rohva.org](http://www.rohva.org)



**SnowSports Industries America** is the nonprofit, North American member owned trade association representing suppliers of consumer snow sports.

Established in 1954, SIA collaborates with all components of the industry to promote the growth of snow sports. Its members include alpine, snowboard, AT, backcountry, cross country, snowshoe, apparel and accessories companies, retailers, reps, resorts, regional and national associations and buying groups. For more information: [www.snowsports.org](http://www.snowsports.org)



**Specialty Equipment Market Association** is a nonprofit trade association composed of over 6,600 members including manufacturers, distributors, retailers, publishing companies, auto restorers, street rod builders, restylers, car clubs, race teams and more. The industry employs over one million Americans and offers custom auto accessories to enhance a vehicle's appearance, performance, comfort, convenience and safety. For more information: [www.sema.org](http://www.sema.org)



**Specialty Vehicle Institute of America** is a not for profit industry association that promotes the safe and responsible use of all terrain vehicles through rider training, public awareness campaigns and state legislation. The SVIA is a resource for ATV research, statistics and vehicle standards. For more information: [www.svia.org](http://www.svia.org)



**Sports & Fitness Industry Association** is the trade association of more than 1,000 leading industry sports and fitness brands, suppliers, retailers and partners.

Founded in 1906, the association works to enhance industry vitality and foster participation in sports, fitness and active lifestyles. It supports its member companies and promotes a healthy environment for the sporting goods industry by providing access to thought leadership, industry and public affairs, research and member services. For more information: [www.sfia.org](http://www.sfia.org)

# Keeping the “**GREAT**” in America’s Great Outdoors

## EMBRACING THE OUTDOORS AS A POWERFUL ECONOMIC DRIVER

Outdoor recreation in America generates 7.6 million direct American jobs, contributes \$887 billion per year to the economy and attracts nearly 20 million foreign visitors seeking a world class experience unrivaled anywhere on earth.

Federal lands cover 30% of the nation’s surface. These lands offer opportunities for awe-inspiring experiences, but dated infrastructure and limited access are barriers to realizing this potential.

Theodore Roosevelt championed time outdoors with words and actions. Yet today, we see a declining percentage of Americans embracing outdoor-recreation rich lifestyles on federally-managed lands. The nation needs a strategy to modernize, expand and sustain the infrastructure and access visitors expect.



## PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE SOLUTION

Federal land managers’ ability to provide quality experiences is handicapped by the burden of \$20 billion in deferred maintenance. America’s outdoor recreation industry stands ready to help put “Great” Back in America’s Great Outdoors through common sense policy changes modeled after proven public-private partnerships successes such as world-class ski areas on National Forests, iconic lodges in National Parks and marinas that are gateways to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes.

## TAKING ACTION

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable has identified 5 initial steps to create jobs by improving the quality of outdoor experiences on federal lands.



**1 Fast track the implementation** of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act (P.L. 114-249) by requiring federal agencies to complete implementation by the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and institutionalize the use of this information into federal agency decision making.

**2 Prioritize federal agency budgets** on recreation-related infrastructure improvement, because outdoor recreation is the largest driver of economic activity on federal lands.

**3 Establish public-private partnerships** as an entrepreneurial mechanism for addressing deferred maintenance and world class facilities for world class locations. Bring focus to inaccessible and undeveloped areas and areas near population centers.

**4 Achieve better balance** in decisions involving recreation and conservation. Quality outdoor recreation enjoyment and conservation of America’s natural resources are not mutually exclusive efforts. Congress mandated this in 1916 when it created the National Park Service. The Administration must champion policies that support conservation, recreation and economic development in equal measure.

**5 Develop and deploy** a digital information strategy for outdoor recreation on federal lands. Americans need current and accurate information about where to go for the experiences they seek, which they are then eager to share digitally in real time. Federal land managers must embrace, not resist, modernization to keep the shared legacy of our Great Outdoors relevant and to capitalize on free, real-time, communications sharing how enjoyable outdoor recreation on federal lands can be.



## **OUTDOOR RECREATION IS VITAL TO AMERICA'S ECONOMY**

- Outdoor recreation contributes \$887 billion in direct spending to the American economy
- Outdoor recreation supports 7.6 million jobs in all 50 states

### **BOATING**

- 95% of all boats sold in the United States are made in America
- Boating manufacturing employs 38,400 jobs in America and supports 472,000 marine jobs
- There are 35,000 recreational boating businesses in the U.S.
- 142 million boaters took to the water in the U.S. in 2014
- Recreational boating has a total economic impact in the United States of \$121.5 billion

### **RVs**

- RV manufacturers and suppliers support 104,131 jobs and \$6.6 billion in wages
- RV manufacturing has a total economic output of \$26.1 billion
- RVs have a total economic output of \$50 billion
- 99% of all RVs sold in the United States are made in America, with 80% made in Indiana alone

### **POWERSPORTS**

- Snowmobile and ATV manufacturing supports 9,785 jobs
- 10,407 U.S. powersports retailers employ 81,500 people with a total payroll of \$3.2 billion
- The economic value of the powersports retail marketplace is \$41.7 billion

### **PARK CONCESSIONS**

- Concessioners employ some 25,000 persons during peak park visitor periods
- Concessioners use private capital to build needed visitor infrastructure and maintain that infrastructure as part of agreements with the NPS
- In 2017, concessioners will provide \$1.5B in services and goods to visitors – lodging, food, transportation, souvenirs and guide services used by 1/3 of park visitors under some 600 agreements in more than 100 park units
- Concessioners not only maintain park buildings they use, they pay franchise and other fees to NPS totaling about \$150M annually
- Concessions operations are easy to overlook. In proximity to Interior's headquarters, concessioners offer paddleboats on the Tidal Basin and food and transportation services on the National Mall, marinas on the Potomac River, golf courses, canoe, kayak and fishing equipment rentals at Fletcher's Boat House and sailing and rock climbing lessons.
- Concessions began in the very early days of national parks – long before the creation of the NPS – and thrived under the first NPS Director Stephen Mather

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Hi – Wanted to see if the department had any comment on this letter from several groups criticizing Interior for lack of transparency on major decisions affecting public lands.

Thanks. I am writing for this afternoon's edition (my deadline is 3).

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**Re: Notice of request for comments on regulatory reform in the Department of the Interior pursuant to Executive Order 13777**

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We are writing on behalf of our millions of members and supporters in response to the solicitation for comments on regulatory reform in the Department of the Interior pursuant to Executive Order 13777. 82 Fed.Reg. 28429 (June 22, 2017). Supplemental comments will follow on specific issues. We are submitting this letter to highlight our concerns with the consistent themes we are seeing across a host of executive orders and secretarial orders that will interfere with the principles that guide management of our public lands, and are already shutting out the public from decision-making on how our public lands are stewarded for future generations.

Despite the request from several of our groups for greater transparency,<sup>1</sup> the public has not been afforded an opportunity to comment on a number of important matters – especially the several Executive Orders (EO) and Secretarial Orders (SOs) addressing expanding energy development on public lands, as well as agency structure and policies more broadly (collectively referred to as the “Orders”).<sup>2</sup> These Orders, most notably Secretarial Order 3349 (SO 3349), outline processes that give the public no opportunity to provide input. As a result, significant decisions shaping development and management strategies for our public lands have been or are being made behind closed doors with little to no public involvement. These decisions will effectively upend decades of work by public servants acting in the public interest to balance the many uses of our public lands and waters as required under law.

We are united in our grave concern that any decision taken under these orders to rescind or revise regulations, policies and other actions not result in the potential degradation of our lands, waters and air, or the enjoyment of our irreplaceable natural heritage. It has been made clear in recent weeks that management of energy development on America’s public lands is this administration’s primary concern. Taken together, these Orders set the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on a course to create a regulatory framework that establishes energy development as the “dominant” use of public lands. We are gravely concerned that these Orders – and consequent reviews and actions – are fundamentally inconsistent with the

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<sup>1</sup> See letter from The Wilderness Society et al to Secretary Zinke, April 12, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> This includes EO 13771 (Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs), EO 13766 (Expediting Environmental Reviews and Approvals for High Priority Infrastructure Projects), EO 13781 (Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch), EO 13783 (Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth), EO 13795 (Off-shore Energy Strategy), EO 13792 (Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act), EO 13790 (Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity), SO 3349 (American Energy Independence), SO 3352 (National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska), SO 3353 (Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States), and SO 3354 (Supporting and Improving the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program and Federal Solid Mineral leasing Program).

mission and purpose of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and U.S Forest Service (USFS).

In addition, we object to the demonstrably false premise that there is a need to “alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens place on the American people” by the Department of Interior and other federal agencies. In reality, this guidance and direction benefits the American people - saving lives, protecting clean air and water, providing places to enjoy and conserving resources, all while allowing for economic growth for local communities. It is critical that the Department of the Interior continue to safeguard its regulatory process, including providing the public with opportunities to comment as these various reviews proceed and ensuring the public can provide meaningful input regarding management of public lands.

While this letter is submitted as part of the formal comment opportunity provided by DOI, we are including the USFS in this discussion and copying Secretary Perdue, because many of these Orders are also directed to USDA and because the BLM will be engaged in management and decision-making for energy development on USFS lands. We encourage the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to discuss these vital issues.

None of the overarching legal mandates under which the principal land management agencies operate – be it multiple-use or non-impairment – authorize DOI or USDA to establish energy development as the dominant use of public lands. On our public lands, energy development is either an allowable use that must be carefully balanced with other uses or, in the case of the national park and national wildlife refuge systems, subservient to the protection of natural and cultural resources. Thus, any action that attempts to enshrine energy development as the dominant use of public lands is invalid on its face and inconsistent with the foundational statutes that govern the management of public lands.

### **Land Management Agencies with Multiple-Use Mandates – BLM & USFS**

BLM and USFS are both subject to multiple-use mandates, which prohibit DOI and USDA from managing public lands primarily for energy development or in a manner that unduly or unnecessarily degrades other uses. *See* 43 U.S.C. § 1732(a) (BLM); 16 U.S.C. § 1604(e)(1) (USFS). Instead, the multiple-use mandate directs DOI to achieve “a combination of balanced and diverse resource uses that takes into account the long-term needs of future generations” and provides that the national forests “shall be administered for outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, and wildlife and fish purposes.” 43 U.S.C. § 1702(c); 16 U.S.C. § 528. Further, as co-equal, principal uses of public lands, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife, grazing, logging and rights-of-way must receive the same consideration as energy development. 43 U.S.C. § 1702(l); 16 U.S.C. § 528.

Federal courts have consistently rejected efforts to affirmatively elevate energy development over other uses of public lands. In the seminal case, *N.M. ex rel. Richardson v. BLM*, the Tenth Circuit put to rest the notion that BLM or USFS can manage chiefly for energy development, declaring that “[i]t is past doubt that the principle of multiple use does not require BLM to prioritize development over other uses.” 565 F.3d 683, 710 (10th Cir. 2009); *see also S. Utah Wilderness Alliance v. Norton*, 542 U.S. 52, 58 (2004) (defining “multiple use management” as “striking a balance among the many competing uses to which land can be put”). Other federal courts have agreed. *See, e.g., Colo. Envtl. Coalition v. Salazar*, 875 F. Supp. 2d 1233, 1249 (D. Colo. 2012) (rejecting oil and gas leasing plan that failed to adequately consider other uses of public lands). Thus, any action by DOI and/or USDA that seeks to establish energy development as the dominant use of public lands would violate FLPMA and NFMA.

## **Land Management Agencies with Conservation/Preservation Mandates – NPS & FWS**

NPS and FWS operate under much narrower, preservation-oriented mandates. Encouraging energy development – in spite of recent statements from the Administration<sup>3</sup> – is simply not part of their mission. NPS exists in order “to conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in the System units and to provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” 54 U.S.C. § 100101(a). Similarly, FWS manages the National Wildlife Refuge System “for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.” 16 U.S.C. § 668dd(a)(2).

As federal courts have repeatedly ruled in cases involving the National Park System, “decisions that fail to promote conservation . . . run contrary to the express directives of Congress and cannot be upheld.” *Nat’l Parks Conservation Ass’n v. DOI*, 835 F.3d 1377, 1386 (11th Cir. 2016); *see also Greater Yellowstone Coalition v. Kempthorne*, 577 F. Supp. 2d 183, 201-02 (D.D.C. 2008) (rejecting snowmobile use plan that would adversely impact national park resources). Similar rulings reject activities that are not compatible with the conservation purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge System. *See, e.g., Audubon Soc’y of Portland v. Jewell*, 104 F. Supp. 3d 1099 (D. Or. 2015) (requiring preparation of Comprehensive Conservation Plan to ensure compliance with mandates of National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act). Thus, to the extent that DOI attempts to further the goals of the Orders by expanding or encouraging energy development within the national park or national wildlife refuge systems, it would violate the underlying organic statutes.

## **The NEPA and NHPA Overlays – All Land Management Agencies**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) establishes a uniform decision-making framework that each of the principal land management agencies must follow. NEPA is based on the recognition that “industrial expansion” and “resource exploitation” are “profoundly” harming the natural environment. 42 U.S.C. § 4331(a). Accordingly, NEPA requires that agencies “use all practicable means” to “assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings,” “attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation” and “preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage. . . .” *Id.* § 4331(b).

The Orders flout these requirements by directing DOI and USDA to establish energy development as the dominant use of public lands. Equally noxious to NEPA’s mandate is the mechanism prescribed by the Orders to achieve “energy dominance.” Under the Orders, DOI and USDA must eliminate any perceived barrier to energy development, no matter how reasonable or protective of public health, safety or the environment. In no way does such an approach to managing America’s public lands comport with the policy set forth in NEPA.

Similarly, the principal land management agencies have special stewardship responsibilities with respect to cultural resources on land that is under the agency’s “jurisdiction or control” under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). 16 U.S.C. § 470 *et seq.* A federal “undertaking” triggers the Section 106 process under NHPA, which requires the lead federal agency to identify historic

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<sup>3</sup> Secretarial Order No. 3351 (“Nine of the Department’s 10 bureaus have significant energy programs and responsibilities.”).

properties affected by the action and to develop measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. 16 U.S.C. § 470f; 36 C.F.R. §§ 800.4, 800.6. Compliance with Section 106 is applicable “at any stage where the Federal agency has authority . . . to provide meaningful review of . . . historic preservation goals.” *Morris County Trust for Historic Pres. v. Pierce*, 714 F.2d 271, 280 (3d Cir. 1983) (emphasis added); *Vieux Carre Prop. Owners v. Brown*, 948 F.2d 1436, 1444–45 (5th Cir. 1991).

To satisfy the Section 106 compliance requirement, the responsible agency official must consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and appropriate tribes. In addition, Section 106 requires federal agencies to “make a reasonable and good faith effort to carry out appropriate identification efforts, which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation, and field survey.” 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(b)(1). The Orders also risk endangering invaluable cultural resources and undermining obligations under the NHPA, which must be addressed prior to approving energy development.

### **Conclusion**

Congress has directed the Department to implement management actions in furtherance of the public interest, not just the economic interest of extractive industries. As plainly illuminated above the purposes set forth in the organic statutes for the BLM, NPS, FWS and USFS must govern the management of public lands and none of them direct or permit DOI or USDA to manage exclusively or primarily for energy development. Taking action in contravention of these statutes will not only violate applicable law and policy, but also contravene your collective responsibilities to the American people as stewards of their shared heritage.

The public has not been afforded a meaningful opportunity to engage on many of the reviews underway, risking public trust and ensuring additional conflict and controversy. In the course of your regulatory reviews, we believe it is inappropriate to tailor regulations, policies, guidance and decisions to the exclusive benefit of energy development. No single use is appropriate on every acre of land and water under your stewardship – we urge you to take heed of your legal mandates to balance the many uses and, in many cases, prioritize conservation, recreation, and other pursuits for which there is strong public support and which are the economic engines for rural communities across the nation.

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Made in America Energy: This is what change feels like.

By Vincent DeVito, Esq., Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior  
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This week, the Trump Administration is celebrating “Made in America Week,” and at the Interior Department that hits on everything we do. President Donald J. Trump is off to a bold and remarkable start in his initial months in office, laying out clear priorities to accomplish our America First strategy which will lead to America's Energy Dominance. Here at Interior, under the president's leadership, our core mission of powering the United States and being a responsible steward of our federal lands and water has been emboldened by three key words: Made in America.

Pennsylvania is no stranger to energy production, but you may not be familiar with the Department of Interior. Interior oversees all energy production on federal lands and waters. This includes oil, gas, coal, hydroelectric, wind, solar, geothermal and more. We are the second largest supplier of hydroelectric power in the nation and are responsible for about 40 percent of our nation's coal reserves.

Thanks to royalties and rents generated from energy production on federal lands and waters, the Department of the Interior is the second-largest producer of revenue for the federal government, behind only the IRS. Revenue from Interior funds conservation initiatives in a significant way; so, the more revenue from Interior, the more money available for conservation and environmental priorities.

Under the guidance of Secretary Ryan Zinke, Interior has taken major steps in the way of implementing President Trump's foundational priorities, including a full-scale unleashing of the American energy sector's enormous potential. We have been working around the clock to jumpstart the U.S. energy economy, with a common sense, open-minded approach.

Putting our energy goals into action, we must not be ashamed of being the best across the board when it comes to energy. This includes renewables and energy efficiency. It also includes mining our resources like coal and developing and enforcing strong reclamation plans.

The best case for “Made in America” is the recognition that energy production and environmental stewardship are not necessarily separate things, and they certainly do not cancel each other out. In fact, promoting energy production in the United States can help us better manage the environmental impact.

Under President Trump, we have a consistent stream of revenue and a

track record of American environmental successes at Interior. So far, our initiatives have focused on existing footprints, created in the past, which set aside certain energy resources for America's energy economy. We are focusing investors on opportunities that were unavailable until now. Unsurprisingly, the market has reacted well to our swift actions.

A "Made in America" approach to energy is important for three main reasons. The first is environmental responsibility: as Americans, we have a shared desire to protect our environment. When we generate energy in the United States, we can better work with our industry partners to make sure we are doing it in a safe manner. Second, more energy production in the U.S. means more jobs and wealth here at home. President Trump is dedicated to creating jobs, and we are making that a reality. Finally, increasing American energy capacity is vital to national security; we will not need to rely too heavily on foreign countries (who may not always share our interests) to heat our homes and fuel our technology and manufacturing industries, and power our cars if we are capable of doing it ourselves.

A good example of our new approach is how we are working to fill Alaska's transatlantic pipeline, currently operating at painfully low capacity levels and causing a bad economic situation in the state. Thanks to the leadership of Secretary Zinke, recently, the Department of the Interior conducted the first successful lease-sale in Alaska's Cook Inlet in over a decade. This successful sale illustrates industry confidence and is a genuine source of optimism in President Trump's administration. I applaud the President for his willingness to reengage the federal government with the energy industry, ensuring mutually beneficial outcomes with the Interior Department on the front lines.

The Trump Administration understands that our land offer vast development opportunities and that responsible energy development strengthens all aspects of our energy economy. These collective actions are just the beginning of an era of putting "Made in America" and "America First" front and center of our thinking which, collectively, has us well on our way towards energy dominance. This is what change feels like.

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## Senate advances Bernhardt for deputy

[Kellie Lunney](#), E&E News reporter  
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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.



David Bernhardt. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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 Coloradoan 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

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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 here now," the chairman said. "The Senate waiting as long as it has is wrong, it's simply wrong."

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Hey Heather --

Long time no talk to. I'm trying to confirm some of the details in this Erica Martinson story about Interior Secretary Zinke's call following the health vote: <https://www.adn.com/politics/2017/07/26/trump-administration-signals-that-murkowskis-health-care-vote-could-have-energy-repercussions-for-alaska/>

Can you say if that account is accurate?

Thanks for any help you can give.

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Hey Heather!

Saw on twitter Zinke is delaying decision on Bears Ears until later this  
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Hey Heather-

Just a heads up that I will be covering the EO on the  
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Many thanks,

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Last night, after a handful of Senate Republicans publicly killed Mitch McConnell's repeal-and-replace bill, liberals around the country had a similar thought all at the same time: this must be some sort of trick. Surely, the great Senate tactician McConnell is pulling some clever maneuver and when nobody's looking, he'll sneak repeal right past everybody. And people had the wounds of the House fight, where the bill died only to come alive again, reminding them that anything is possible. And then, of course, there was election night, which has thrown off everyone's equilibrium for a generation.

But there is reason to believe that dead really means dead this time. For one, McConnell admitted as much today. He was forced into that admission by three Senate Republicans -- all of them women, incidentally -- [who told him his latest plan to straight-up repeal it was a non-starter](#).

Now, that doesn't mean Republicans will stop trying to roll back the essence of health care reform -- which amounts to subsidies and tighter regulation of insurers. Indeed, Social Security was passed in 1934 and is still under assault today. But its broad framework is accepted as a part of our national fabric, and that's the territory the ACA moved into today.

McConnell, though, had dealt himself a bad hand. By running on repeal for three straight cycles, he was forced to try to do it through reconciliation, which meant that he was limited in what kind of policy he could pursue. Certain things require 60 votes, which he doesn't have.

He was asked today what he would tell the GOP base after failing to deliver on years of promises. His answer: "Well, we have a new Supreme Court justice."

My story on [McConnell's latest turn is here](#).

### ***Perhaps Mitch McConnell Is No Magician After All***

Mitch McConnell became leader of Senate Republicans at the precise moment it stopped mattering. It was January 3, 2007, and Democrats had just swept both the House and Senate in a wave election that was a thorough rejection of the GOP in Washington.

Even though the Bush administration had two years left, McConnell would be doing no governing from the minority during that time. Next came the election of Barack Obama, and McConnell's now-famous decision to oppose anything his administration offered with as much solidarity as could be mustered. With only 40 members to keep in line, he kept his conference largely together — though one glaring exception was losing Pennsylvania's Arlen Specter, not just on the stimulus, but as a Republican altogether. In April 2009, Specter became a Democrat, giving the party 59 senators. When Al Franken was finally sworn in in July, following an endless recount, Democrats briefly held a filibuster-proof majority.

The question now is whether Specter was the exception that proved the rule of McConnell's skill in leadership, or a forecast of things to come.

[Full story here.](#)

[Tweet it](#) or share it on [Facebook here.](#)

P.S. - A note on typos. I'm sorry. I know. It's bad. I don't mind folks pointing it out. In fact, I appreciate it, it lets me know smart people are reading this thing closely. Though sometimes the typos are bad enough you don't need to be reading closely to catch them. I've even had some readers -- including my Aunt Mimi -- offer to copy edit for free. And I very much appreciate that, and am trying to figure out a way to make that work. But I typically write this thing fairly quickly at the end of a very long day, in the window between when my kids go to bed and I do. That's a short window. And so sometimes I'm just too beat to proofread, and if I'm too beat to proofread, I'm also too beat to send it to someone and ask them to read it over. But I'm going to try to do better with the typos. I just wanted folks to know that I'm aware of the problem. And now, good knight!

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Hi Heather, I reached out to the parks in Alaska and refuge and got no response. I wanted to give someone at DOI an opportunity to respond to this. - Darryl

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## Memorandum

To: Acting Director, National Park Service

From: Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Subject: NPS Hunting and Trapping Regulations, 80 Federal Register 64325  
(October 23, 2015)

I have now been fully briefed on the National Park Service's rulemaking published in the Federal Register on October 23, 2015. This rulemaking amended hunting and trapping regulations on national preserves in Alaska. I have concluded that it would be prudent to reassess the need for the rule and give further consideration to certain elements. I am therefore directing the National Park Service to initiate a rulemaking process to reconsider the rule.

I anticipate that you will focus this reconsideration on certain aspects of the rule that I believe are particularly worthy of additional review. Most notably, these include the various prohibitions that directly contradict State of Alaska authorizations and wildlife management decisions, thereby potentially reducing opportunities for sport hunting and commercial trapping on National Park Service lands.

This focus is not intended to preclude the National Park Service from reconsidering any other aspects of the rule or even the rule in its entirety if, during the rulemaking process, it becomes apparent that such reconsideration is warranted.

You should work with the Office of the Regional Solicitor, Alaska Region, to design a rulemaking process that will ensure that the final outcome of the rulemaking is well-informed, complies with applicable laws, and gives meaningful consideration to the public's input.

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Hi Heather,

I was just wondering if you can confirm the Las Vegas Review Journal news piece today that says Secretary Zinke will be in Nevada next Monday to meet with groups about national monument reviews. Thank you!

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Hi all - Nye County Commissioner Schinofen is telling the LVRJ/E&E/everyone that he's meeting with the Secretary next week. Any chance you'd like to comment/not comment on the Secretary's visit to Nevada?

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Federal Land Policy and Management Act  
National Forest Management Act  
Federal Tort Claims Act as It Pertains to Uncontrolled Wildfire  
Wilderness Act  
Antiquities Act (Challenging the Creation of National Monuments)  
Equal Access to Justice Act

- Represent members of the forest products, construction, and oil and gas industries, ranchers and grazing associations, professional guides and outfitters, and holders of water rights on or across public lands.
- Interact with the key federal agencies that administer environmental law and manage natural resources, including the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers.
- Draft submissions in agency notice and comment rulemaking process, negotiate for special use permits and habitat conservation plans, and litigate cases to minimize adverse impacts of federal environmental law and policy on the use and development of private property.

- Negotiate with and, when necessary, litigate against federal agencies where enforcement actions or policy changes threaten access to natural resources or rights to develop private property.
- Also, work in *coordination with* federal land management and environmental agencies when agency policies for the sustainable development of land and resources are challenged in court by zealous environmental organizations.
- Pursue litigation to protect private property rights from needlessly burdensome federal environmental law and regulation, especially under the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.
- Bring cases to obtain just compensation under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution when government regulation of private property goes too far. Also seek compensation under the Federal Tort Claim Act when negligent federal actions, as sometimes occur in agency mismanagement of wildfire or floods, damage private property.

## EDUCATION

**Marquette University, B.A. *cum laude*.** Major in History; Minors in Political Science & German

**College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Juris Doctorate**

## RECENT APPEARANCES

- November 10, 2016: Washington, D.C. – Presenter at *Federal Update Seminar* on Developments in Federal Contracting Law and Policy
- June 3, 2016: Atlanta, Georgia – Guest Speaker at the *Forest Landowners National Convention* on the Impact of Changes in Federal Environmental Law and Policy to Private Property Owners
- December 4, 2014: Washington, D.C. – Invited Lecturer at the *United States Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association* on the Government's Implied Duties to Cooperate with Its Contractors
- August 14, 2014: Atlanta, Georgia – Co-Chair of *Smith Currie's Seminar for the Timber Industry* on Developments in Federal Law and Policy Pertaining to the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act
- November 5, 2013: Washington, D.C. – Co-Presenter at the *Federal Contracting Update Seminar* on the Recovery of Contract Claims from the Federal Government

▪ June 13, 2013: Arlington, Virginia – Presenter at the *National Association of General Contractors (AGC) Environmental Conference* on Developments in Federal Environmental Law and Regulation of Interest to the Construction Industry

▪ June 7, 2013: Coeur d’Alene, Idaho – Invited Speaker at the *Forest Landowners Association National Convention* on the Implications of Changes in Federal Environmental Law and Policy for Private Landowners

▪ February 21-22, 2013: Atlanta, Georgia – Presenter at *Smith Currie’s Construction Law Update Conference* on Developments in Federal Environmental Law and Policy Pertaining to the Construction Industry

▪ January 30, 2013: Sacramento, California - Presentation for the *Annual Meeting of the California Forestry Association* on the Impacts of Federal Wildland Fire Policy on Private Property Owners

▪ November 15, 2012: Washington D.C. – Lecturer at the *3rd Annual Federal Construction Law Update Seminar* on Developments in Federal Environmental Law and Policy of Concern to Construction Contractors

▪ 2011: St. Leonard, MD. - Town Hall Meeting on “Effective Erosion Control within the Restrictions of the Endangered Species Act.” Meeting with homeowners and homeowner associations whose ability to prevent erosion of waterfront property had been severely curtailed by regulation under the Endangered Species Act

▪ 2010: Hayward, Wisconsin – Meeting the Lake States Federal Timber Purchasers Committee, County Economic Development Committees, and the Ruffed Grouse Society. Presentation on “Pending Litigation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Its Threat to Natural Resource Development on National Forest Lands”

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

American Bar Association; ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

California Forestry Association

Forest Landowners Association

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## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Saltman & Stevens, P.C.**, Washington, D.C., Partner: 2001 to 2012; Associate: 1995 – 2000.

2012: Merged the law firm of Saltman & Stevens with the Washington, D.C. office of Smith Currie & Hancock LLP.

**Smith Currie & Hancock LLP**, Washington, D.C., Partner: 2012 to present.

Website Biography at: <http://www.smithcurrie.com/attorneys-Richard-Goeken.html>

- More than 20 years of law practice in Washington, D.C., focusing on the impact of federal environmental law and policy on access to public lands, federal contracts for the use of natural resources and development of private property. Knowledgeable about federal law and policy pertaining to wildland fire management.

### **Experienced With Legal and Policy Issues under Key Federal Environmental and Land Use Statutes, Including:**

Endangered Species Act

National Environmental Policy Act

National Forest Management Act

Federal Land Management and Policy Act

The Federal Tort Claims Act as It Pertains to Uncontrolled Wildfire

Wilderness Act

Antiquities Act (Challenging the Creation of National Monuments)

Equal Access to Justice Act

- Interact with the key federal agencies that administer environmental law and manage natural resources, including the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers.
- Represent members of the forest products, construction, and oil and gas industries, ranchers and grazing associations, professional guides and outfitters, and holders of water rights on or across public lands. Admitted to federal courts and tribunals across the country. Counsel in more than 50 decisions reported in Westlaw.
- Negotiate with and, when necessary, litigate against federal agencies where enforcement actions or policy changes threaten access to natural resources or rights to develop private

property. Prevailed under the Equal Access to Justice Act when an agency's position in litigation was not substantially justified.

- Also, work in *coordination with* federal land management and environmental agencies when agency policies for the sustainable development of land and resources are challenged in court by environmental organizations.

- Litigate to protect private property rights from needlessly burdensome environmental law and regulation, especially under the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

- Participate in agency notice and comment rulemaking, negotiate for special use permits and habitat conservation plans, and litigate to minimize adverse impacts of federal environmental law and policy on the use and development of private property.

- Seek just compensation under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution when government regulation of private property goes too far. Also, seek the recovery of damages under the Federal Tort Claim Act when negligent federal actions, as sometimes occur in agency mismanagement of wildfire or floods, harm private property.

## **EDUCATION**

**Marquette University, B.A. *cum laude*.** Major in History; Minors in Political Science & German

**College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Juris Doctorate**

## **ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS**

### **Authored:**

Authored dozens of articles over more than 20 years for "Legal Briefs," a firm publication focusing on federal timber and other issues related to natural resource law and policy on public lands.

"Conflict Looms Over Federal and State Regulation of Access to Federal Oil & Gas Leases on Split-Estate Lands," Rocky Mountain Energy Reporter, Vol. 2, No. 7

"Environmental Litigation Threatens the Rights of Federal Oil & Gas Leaseholders," Rocky Mountain Energy Reporter, Vol. 2, No. 1

**Contributed to:**

“The Government's Liability For Actions Of Its Agents That Are Not Specifically Authorized: The Continuing Influence of Merrill and Richmond,” 32 Public Contract Law Journal 775 (Summer, 2003)

“Fifth Amendment Takings of Rights Arising From Agreements with the Federal Government,” 29 Public Contract Law Journal 187 (Winter, 2000)

**RECENT APPEARANCES**

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- June 3, 2016: Atlanta, Georgia – Guest Speaker at the *Forest Landowners National Convention* on the Impact of Changes in Federal Environmental Law and Policy to Private Property Owners
- December 4, 2014: Washington, D.C. – Invited Lecturer at the *United States Boards of Contract Appeals Bar Association* on the Government's Implied Duties to Cooperate with Its Contractors
- August 14, 2014: Atlanta, Georgia – Co-Chair of *Smith Currie's Seminar for the Timber Industry* on Developments in Federal Law and Policy Pertaining to the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act
- November 5, 2013: Washington, D.C. – Co-Presenter at the *Federal Contracting Update Seminar* on the Recovery of Increased Costs Under Contracts with the Federal Government
- June 13, 2013: Arlington, Virginia – Presenter at the *National Association of General Contractors' (AGC) Environmental Conference* on Developments in Federal Environmental Law.
- June 7, 2013: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – Invited Speaker at the *Forest Landowners Association National Convention* on the Implications of Changes in Federal Environmental Law and Policy for Private Landowners
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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

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ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

California Forestry Association

Forest Landowners Association

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### CONGRESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Office of Congressman David McKinley (R-WV), *Policy Advisor*** May 2015 – Present

- Staff the Congressman on all matters relating to the Energy & Environment Subcommittees
- Direct the energy and environment portfolio and serve as lead advisor to the Congressman
- Develop policy and legislative proposals with the objective to pass on the House Floor
- Work closely with the Energy & Commerce Committee staff on key initiatives
- Serve as the staffer for the House Congressional Coal Caucus
- Maintain proactive working relationships with leadership staff, congressional staff, administration staff, and industry stakeholders
- Support the constituents and general energy interests of West Virginia
- Align policy agenda items with overlapping opportunities in transportation and agriculture

**Office of Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), *Legislative Correspondent*** June 2012 – December 2014

- Analyzed proposed energy, agriculture and environmental draft policy recommendations
- Responded to thousands of constituent inquiries on behalf of the Senator's legislative team
- Drafted memos for the Senator in preparation for meetings, hearings and floor votes
- Staffed the Senator in meetings with lead stakeholders in the agriculture and energy sector

**Office of Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), *Staff Assistant*** January 2011 – May 2012

- Managed front office operations and coordinated incoming guest traffic and assignments
- Served as the Senator's logistical assistant and daily coordinator for Washington, D.C. events
- Researched policy and legislative opportunities to include Senator Paul's FY2013 Budget

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, *Manager of Public Affairs*** December 2014 – May 2015

- Worked with Chamber stakeholders on Kentucky-centric energy & environmental matter
- Drafted comments and letters to the EPA and Kentucky Energy Environment Cabinet
- Collaborated with member companies, such as Duke Energy, LG&E, Westlake Chemical, Atmos Energy & Alliance Coal

### CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE

David McKinley for Congress | Team Mitch | Andy Barr for Congress

### EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, Finance, American University, Class of 2019  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Kentucky, Class of 2010

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## Summary of Qualifications

Offering more than two decades of leadership in government affairs with proven successes on behalf of the President of the United States, Members of Congress, national associations, private businesses and individuals. Senior management experience, including financial and human capital resources. A leader in the design and execution of legislative, regulatory, communication and political campaigns. Comprehensive business contacts within the legislative and executive branches.

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## Core Competencies

- Executive Management
- Federal Ethics and Rules
- Internal Communications
- Campaign Oversight
- Team Leadership
- Coalition Building
- Regulatory Process
- Budget Management
- Legislative Process
- Strategic Planning
- Crisis Management
- Advocacy
- Public Speaking
- Public Policy
- Press/Media Communication

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## Career Achievements

- Deputy Assistant Secretary to the President of the United States.
- Chief of Staff to Member of Congress.
- Policy Director of House Committee.
- Developed and executed federal, state and local government affairs campaigns.
- Oversaw the passage of hundreds of legislative bills.
- Directed and oversaw “significant” federal regulatory proposals.
- Managed successful congressional re-election campaigns.

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## Professional Experience

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – Washington, DC 2011- current  
*Chief of Staff to the Honorable Stevan Pearce, second congressional district of New Mexico.*

- Oversee, manage and direct 18 full-time and 4 part-time staff, across 7 offices.
- Direct communications with constituents; including state, tribal and local officials.
- Maintain communication with House leadership staff and other key Member offices.
- Advise the Congressman on policy and legislative issues.
- Manage the Member’s re-elect campaigns and political activities. (Cook: R+5)
- Successfully advocated for Member to be appointed to the House Financial Services Committee.
- Successfully executed campaign for Chairmanship of the Congressional Western Caucus.
- Led transition from campaign into congressional operations.

VITELLO CONSULTING - Alexandria, VA 2009 - 2010

*Partner at a full service government affairs consulting firm assisting clients whose interest intersected with the United States Congress, federal agencies and international regulatory agencies.*

- Lobbied on behalf client interests before the United States Congress, federal agencies, state and local governments and international regulatory bodies.
- Developed, executed and managed campaigns in response to regulatory and legislative initiatives.
- Implemented business plans to ensure maximum client development growth.

WASHINGTON STRATEGIES, LLC - Alexandria, VA 2008

**Principal** for an aggressive, creative consulting firm dedicated to providing clients with outstanding services that achieved lasting success.

- Lobbied on behalf of client interest before the United States Congress and federal agencies.
- Implemented actions to accomplish client government affairs goals and priorities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - Washington, DC 2006 - 2008

**Deputy Assistant Secretary** at the federal department charged with protecting and managing the natural resources of the United States of America.

- Oversaw operations, policies and budgets of agencies totaling more than 28,000 employees.
- Served as “Acting” Assistant Secretary to fulfill obligations and duties of that position.
- Directed and oversaw major and significant regulatory matters.
- Coordinated operational management policies of federal agencies.
- Represented the Administration before international regulatory and policy commissions.
- Communicated regularly on key issues with the Secretary and the White House.
- Coordinated communication and outreach to federal, tribal, state and local elected-officials.
- Recommended policy, budget, management and regulatory items to the Secretary.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - Washington, DC 2003 - 2006

**Senior Policy Director** for the House Committee on Natural Resources which was charged with overseeing federal policy specific to the environment, land use, energy, wildlife, ocean health, Native Americans, forestry, fisheries and the territories of the United States.

- Principal advisor on all legislative and policy issues.
- Developed and implemented the Committee’s policy agendas for the Chairman.
- Built strong relationships within Congress to further the successes of the Committee’s work.
- Represented the Committee during negotiations with the Administration, Senate, House, state and local governments, interest organizations and the public.
- Represented the Committee before international policy and regulatory bodies.
- Developed legislative campaigns and organized supporting coalitions.

FELD ENTERTAINMENT, INC. - Tysons Corner, VA 2001 - 2003

**Vice President, Government Relations** for a privately held global corporation that produced live family entertainment.

- Represented the company’s interests before local, state, federal and international legislative and regulatory bodies.
- Developed and managed departmental budget and staffing.
- Implemented company’s global public policy for conservation.
- Directed grassroots/grasstops efforts in support of policy agendas.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – Washington, DC 1994 – 2000

**Legislative Director/Assistant/Correspondent** to the Honorable Richard Pombo, eleventh congressional district of California.

- Executed the Congressman’s legislative and policy agenda.
- Directed crisis management projects.
- Managed federal funding priorities.
- Improved and made efficient the official correspondence system.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles, CA 1992 – 1994  
*Student Assistant, Government and Community Relations to the Chancellor of the University.*

- Drafted official correspondence.
- Assisted with VIP visits/tours of campus.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – Washington, DC 1991 – 1992  
*Office Aide/Salaried Intern to the Honorable Jerry Lewis, thirty-fifth congressional district of California.*

- Assisted the Administrative Assistant and Legislative Staff.
- Greeted guests and helped with general office duties as assigned.

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### **Volunteer Experience**

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES	Dec 2016 – Jan 2017
PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP, Department of the Interior Agency Action Transition Team	Nov 2016- Jan 2017
TRUMP FOR AMERICA, INC., Department of the Interior Agency Review Team	Oct 2016 – Nov 2016
SADDLE ROCK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Member of the Board	2009-2010
INTERNATIONAL ELEPHANT FOUNDATION, Board of Directors	2001-2002

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### **Education**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles, CA  
Bachelor of Arts in History • 1994

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## SUMMARY

A diligent and results-oriented communications and public relations professional with extensive experience working directly with corporate, government, and military institutions and leaders. Expertise in speechwriting, strategic planning, media relations, marketing, government policy, print and online news outlets, Congressional relations, political campaigns, and promotional materials. Blends strong interpersonal and written skills to define and promote communications goals and plans with transparency and concision.

## EXPERIENCE

### THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY

*Director, Executive & Corporate Communications, Disney/ABC Television Group*

Burbank, CA

2012 – 2017

Write external and internal communications for the President of Disney | ABC Television Group and Co-Chair of Disney Media Networks, members of the executive team, and Disney | ABC talent. This includes keynote speeches, talking points, statements, scripts, briefings, and interview prep materials. Design engagement strategies, provide media training, and find and pitch speaking opportunities for leadership to best highlight initiatives and goals of the Company.

- Shaped Anne Sweeney and Disney | ABC's narrative as leaders moving the television industry forward in the digital age. This message was echoed in various feature articles, including in *Success*, *Fortune*, *Forbes*, and *The Hollywood Reporter's* annual "Women in Entertainment Power 100" which ranked Ms. Sweeney #1 for four consecutive years.
- Led first year communications strategy for new president of Disney | ABC Television, Ben Sherwood. This included drafting new vision, values, and key priorities statements, designing and introducing new employee initiatives, and creating and executing a targeted external communications engagement plan.
- Launched an initiative to provide opportunities for collaboration across the Walt Disney Company by setting up a program for the Disney | ABC communications team to meet with colleagues across the enterprise to share ideas and best practices, spark partnerships, and foster innovation. This has catalyzed collaboration between multiple groups and driven positive results in promotion and marketing, immersive storytelling, crisis communication, branding, and corporate citizenship.
- Collaborated with the Walt Disney Company's Learning & Development team to establish a Leadership Speaker Series, a platform for Disney | ABC leaders to share insights with employees across the Company. Also worked with Disney | ABC Learning & Development to produce a more coherent and inspiring narrative for employee orientation.
- Re-established Disney | ABC's corporate social media presence to promote company news, accomplishments, and initiatives. Aligned Disney | ABC corporate social media with other Disney | ABC divisions, including publicity, recruiting, and programming, to echo and amplify all messaging. Since September, 2013, the Disney | ABC Twitter page has organically gained more than 9,000 followers. The Disney | ABC Facebook page has gained more than 242,000 "likes" and exponentially expanded its reach.
- Represented Disney | ABC to multiple external and Walt Disney Company audiences, giving presentations on Disney Media Networks.

U.S. CHAMBER INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL REFORM  
*Director, Communications and Media Relations*

Washington, D.C.  
2011

Created and managed production of internal and external communications material, including speeches, PowerPoint presentations, media talking points, blogs, editorials, commentaries, releases, letters to the editor, and member e-mails for the country's most influential and successful advocate for civil justice reform. Led public relations outreach efforts by pitching stories to reporters, responding to media queries, and setting up and prepping senior leadership for media interviews. Pitched and placed op-ed in *Chicago Tribune*, achieving widest-circulated placement for organization to date. Secured articles in *Roll Call*, *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, *National Law Journal*, and *Bloomington Pantagraph*.

- Managed all media outreach and written materials for Annual Legal Reform Summit, including day-long script for the event, three blogs, a press release, and multiple tweets. Outreach efforts resulted in 19 news articles and blog posts, including pieces at *ABC News*, *Legal Times*, *The Hill*, and *Roll Call*.

STRATEGIC SOCIAL  
*Senior Media Advisor for Multi-National Forces-Iraq*

Baghdad, Iraq  
2009-2010

Provided strategic communications counsel for Major General Stephen Lanza, director of strategic effects and spokesperson for U.S. Forces-Iraq, and other General Officers during critical time in Iraq's history. Trained Major General Lanza as media spokesperson and prepared for five to six media engagements per week, including print, radio, and television. Devised media strategies and provided press assessments, media outreach and coordination, talking points, and speeches for U.S. leadership to communicate policy and mission in Iraq to multiple audiences, including regional U.S. families, Washington, D.C. policy makers, and Pan Arab and Iraqi citizens. Assessed and adjusted to meet constantly changing and unpredictable environment.

- Helped spokesperson shape media coverage of important events and issues in Iraq, from security situation, to evolving role of U.S. forces.
- Coordinated a media blitz of interviews for the spokesperson with nine outlets to provide an accurate picture of the security situation and to put violence in context after early news outlets reported major violence in Baghdad on Iraq's historic national election day. Saw media begin reporting about safety of polling sites, leading to 62% of Iraqi population voting.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION  
*Research Specialist, Office of the President*

Washington, D.C.  
2008-2009

Served as senior communications advisor to President and CEO Robert Mosbacher. Conceived, designed, and wrote three educational and promotional booklets to memorialize OPIC's efforts in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, distributed to nearly 10,000 partners, business owners, non-profit organizations, and foreign leaders on trade missions, at conferences, and in mailings.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
*Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science (OES)*

Washington, D.C.  
2007-2008

Wrote 51 speeches, three op-ed pieces, and various scripts for the Assistant Secretary of OES. Proactively pitched and coordinated interviews for internal and external broadcasts, webcasts, and podcasts. Led State Department's 2007 Earth Day activities by organizing international art contest.

- Negotiated with Walt Disney World to fly Mickey Mouse to Washington and supply grand prize for event with 600 children. Wrote *State Magazine* cover story on contest, as well as an op-ed distributed to 40 embassies for publication.
- Organized series of events in Miami, Florida with actress Bo Derek to highlight illegal wildlife trafficking. Set up four television one-on-one interviews, three radio interviews, speaking event with more than 100 audience members, press conference, and briefing on trafficking with Assistant U.S. Attorney. Generated press stories in the *Miami Herald*, *Sun-Sentinel*, *Palm Beach Post*, CBS Channel 4, NBC News Channel 6, and Fox News Miami.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Senior Speechwriter for Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne, Secretaries of the Interior*

Washington, D.C.

2006-2007

Wrote all speeches, op-eds, and talking points for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Interior. Coordinated with multiple bureaus within the agency to echo and amplify Secretary's messages.

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JEB BUSH

*Chief Speechwriter for Florida Governor Jeb Bush*

Tallahassee, Florida

2005-2006

Wrote more than 100 speeches as well as editorials, letters, and statements on health care, education, trade, economic development, dedications, and gubernatorial budget. Managed and mentored deputy speechwriter and research assistant.

- Managed the speechwriting process and coordinated with multiple offices and agencies to produce consistent, powerful, timely remarks under tight deadlines for Governor Bush.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Speechwriter, Office of Public Affairs*

Washington, D.C.

2004-2005

Served as speechwriter for Tom Ridge, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and Admiral James Loy, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

Prepared PowerPoint and written presentations on funding, procurement, DHS structure, immigration, crisis communications and Citizens Corps/Ready Campaign. Wrote speeches for director of the office of state and local government coordination.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*Correspondence Aide, Office of External Relations*

Boston, Massachusetts

2003-2004

Wrote external and internal communications for Governor Mitt Romney and Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey. Wrote speeches for Lieutenant Governor and Chief of Commerce and Labor for Massachusetts. Served as contributing writer to Lieutenant Governor's inaugural address at State House swearing-in ceremony.

ROMNEY FOR GOVERNOR

*Campaign Staff*

Boston, Massachusetts

2002

Wrote press releases, media advisories, and "Off the Record" campaign newsletter distributed to 3,500 people via email. Designed and placed advertising. Led newspaper advertising strategy to heighten campaign ticket's presence in ethnic and minority communities in greater Boston area.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS, Merrimack, New Hampshire, *Client Services Manager and Brokerage Representative*, 1996-1999. Placed equity trades and explained intricacies of order types, stock market functions, economic data and indicators, as well as company policies and procedures.

## EDUCATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION, Boston, Massachusetts

*M.S. Print Journalism*

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, Providence, Rhode Island

*B.A., English*



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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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**[CHRON: Susan Combs promises senators a more "collaborative" Interior Department](#)**

July 20, 2017

Former Texas comptroller Susan Combs, who has been nominated for a top position at the Department of Interior, assured senators Thursday she would work closely with states on conservation policies that can impact oil and gas drilling and other development on federal lands.

During a hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Combs promised a "collaborative" approach during questioning from western states including Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah.

"Secretary [Ryan] Zinke did discuss trust a number of times," she said. "He wants to be sure sure field offices are out there working in an open collaborative way."

State officials in western states were frequently at odds with the Obama administration over tougher regulations on developing federal lands, which in some states constitute more than 60 percent of the total lands mass.

Combs, who served in Texas state government for two decades and was the state's first female agriculture commissioner, has been nominated by President Donald Trump to Assistant Secretary of the Interior overseeing policy, management and budget.

On Thursday she took tough questions from Sen. Diane Cantwell, ranking member on the committee, for a report in the Washington Post last month that Zinke had reassigned up to 50 senior officials with the Interior Department's Senior Executive Service, including the department's top climate policy official, Joel Clement.

"I'm asking the inspector general to look into what the department is doing," Cantwell said. Combs responded that while she didn't "have any particular information on the reassignments" she understood such moves were part of a career building protocol.

"[Senior Executive Service officials] are supposed to be mobile to add to their resumes," she said.

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Alex Hinson

**Deputy Press Secretary**  
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**From:** Kaster, Amanda  
**To:** [Laura Rigas](#); [Swift, Heather](#)  
**Subject:** Next Week's Hearings  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2017 7:08:30 PM

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Tuesday, July 25, 2017

**10:00am: House Natural Resources Indian, Insular, and Alaska Natives Affairs Subcommittee**

Oversight Hearing Assessing Current Conditions and Challenges at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center in American Samoa

*Witness: Thomas Bussanich, Director of Budget, Insular Affairs*

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

**9:45am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Public Lands, Forests, and Mining Subcommittee**

Legislative Hearing on S. 32, California Desert Protection and Recreation Act; S. 90, Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act; S.357, Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act; S.436, San Juan County Settlement Implementation Act; S.467, Mohave County Federal Land Management Act; S.468, Historic Routes Preservation Act; S.614, Recreation and Public Purposes Act Commercial Recreation Concessions Pilot Program Act; S.785, Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act; S.837, Southern Utah Open OHV Areas Act; S.884, Small Miners Waiver Act; S.941, Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act; S.1149, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to repeal a provision limiting the export of timber harvested from land conveyed to the Kake Tribal Corporation; S.1230, Water Rights Protection Act; S.1271, Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act; and S.1548, Oregon Wildlands Act

*Witness: John Ruhs, Acting Deputy Director for Operations, BLM*

2:30pm: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Oversight Hearing on the GAO Reports on Human Trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States

*Witness: Jason Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Justice Services, BIA*

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**From:** Jennifer Yachnin  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Cc:** [laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** One question for the record, and one for planning  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 8:19:20 PM

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Hi - For a story I'm writing for Greenwire tomorrow (so deadline 11 a.m. Eastern): Does the Secretary expect President Trump to act immediately on his recommendations on national monuments or is it more likely to be a lag of however-much time is needed to review the recommendations?

And for planning purposes only: What's the likelihood of a press avail in Nevada next week? Thanks.

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**From:** Moody, Joan  
**To:** [Laura Rigas](#); [Heather Swift](#); [Aaron, Patricia](#)  
**Cc:** [Newell, Russell](#)  
**Subject:** PLS REVIEW FOR THURS OR FRIDAY: Draft DOI release on \$3.6M in WaterSMART funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:59:57 PM

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As mentioned by Patti at today's 1:15, Reclamation requests to know what day DOI might send out this release because they need to notify the 57 grant recipients on the same day the release goes out. Russ has reviewed this and I made his change. Also, I removed "Made in America Week" from the draft quote for the Secretary because we don't know where the water efficiency technologies were made.

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On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 5:09 PM, Moody, Joan <[joan\\_moody@ios.doi.gov](mailto:joan_moody@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Laura et al--As you requested, I revised the Reclamation release to make it a release on DOI letterhead with a new lede and a draft quote (highlighted) from the Secretary.

Date: July \_\_, 2017

Contact: [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)

## **Interior Department Announces Grants for WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects in 15 States**

*\$3.6 million in Reclamation grants will be leveraged with local and state funding to support \$7.47 million in efficiency improvements projects*

WASHINGTON –Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced today that Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation has selected 57 Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects in 15 states

to receive a total of \$3.6 million as part of the WaterSMART grants program. The WaterSMART grants are leveraged with local and state funding to support \$7.47 million in efficiency improvements.

“This is a great grants program because it depends on teamwork-- federal, state and local funding are combined with a dose of American ingenuity to help 57 communities conserve and manage water supplies by using them more efficiently,” said Secretary Zinke.

Projects range from installation of automated systems to lining irrigation canals to purchasing water meters. They include a variety of innovations using the latest technologies in Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and other “smart” control and monitoring systems.

The 57 communities awarded grants are found in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Washington. The list of selected projects can be found at [<insert link>](#).

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects are part of Reclamation’s WaterSMART Program. The program aims to improve water conservation and sustainability, helping water resource managers make sound decisions about water use. The WaterSMART Program identifies strategies to ensure this generation and future ones will have sufficient amounts of clean water for drinking, economic activities, recreation and ecosystem health. To learn more, please visit [www.usbr.gov/watersmart](http://www.usbr.gov/watersmart).

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On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 9:18 AM, Laura Rigas <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
I would add a quote from someone.

Laura Keehner Rigas  
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On Jul 18, 2017, at 8:59 AM, Aaron, Patricia <[paaron@usbr.gov](mailto:paaron@usbr.gov)> wrote:

Reclamation will be awarding \$3.6 million for 57 small-scale water efficiency projects, hopefully Thursday or Friday. Do you want this to be a Department release? The draft news release is attached and below.

Thanks,  
Patti

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## **Reclamation Awards \$3.6 Million for WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects**

*Funding will be leveraged with local and state funding to support projects in 15 states*

WASHINGTON - The Bureau of Reclamation announced that 57 projects were selected to receive \$3,645,544 for Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects, part of the WaterSMART grant program. The projects selected seek to conserve, better manage or make more efficient use of water supplies and are leveraging with local and state funding to support \$7.47 million in efficiency improvements.

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**From:** White House Press Office  
**To:** [heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** Pool #2 -- outside portion of Made in America showcase  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2017 3:48:12 PM

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**From:** "Benning, Tom" <[tbenning@dallasnews.com](mailto:tbenning@dallasnews.com)>  
**Date:** July 17, 2017 at 3:41:45 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Pool #2 -- outside portion of Made in America showcase

A pop-up thunderstorm delayed the start of the showcase, but POTUS and VPOTUS walked onto a damp South Lawn at 3:11 pm.

They spent about five minutes milling about some giant machines on the South Lawn: a yacht from Hinkley Yachts in Maine, a fork life from Taylor Machine Works in Mississippi, an excavator from DitchWitch in Oklahoma, a fire truck from Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin.

There was also Connecticut-made Marine One in its usual spot.

POTUS, wearing a blue and white striped tie, knocked on the side of a Caterpillar. And he then hopped up into the fire truck, as VPOTUS held open the door. "Where's the fire?" POTUS said. "I'll put it out." He then added that the truck was beautiful.

POTUS briefly chatted with some CEOs outside the White House entrance before continuing to the menagerie of Americana that filled up the Blue Room, the Red Room, the State Dining Room and the East Room. There was everything from golf clubs (PING Golf of Arizona) to fried chicken (Chick-fil-A of Georgia) to door hinges (Beehler Corporation of Missouri) to beer (Rhode Island's Narragansett, the favorite of many a D.C. hipster).

POTUS and VPOTUS spent a couple minutes at seemingly every display. More color to come from the interactions we observed, along with POTUS' forthcoming remarks in the East Room.

Thanks,

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**From:** White House Press Office  
**To:** [heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** Pool Report #4 - Health Care Statement  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2017 5:10:43 PM

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**From:** Thomas DeFrank (b) (6)

**Date:** July 24, 2017 at 4:28:19 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Pool Report #4 - Health Care Statement

President Trump spent 11 minutes in the Blue Room reinforcing the same themes on health care that he's struck for the last 10 days - people are hurting, Obama care is "a big, fat, ugly lie" whose failure has "wreaked havoc on the lives of innocent, hard-working Americans," and Republican senators have to do their duty and pass health care reform to ease the pain and suffering.

The President was flanked by Vice President Pence, HHS Secretary Tom Price, and Seema Verma, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Behind them were 22 families who met with POTUS earlier today to tell their stories about their problems with Obamacare. Pence and Price were the warmup acts, delivering two-minute pep talks before POTUS arrived via the Red Room.

Speaking from a small lectern slightly behind the chandelier in the center of the room, POTUS was very forceful in his denunciation of Obamacare, repeating many of the sobering stories he'd just heard and beating up Democrats as "obstructionists" while exhorting wavering Republican senators to step up to the plate.

He said "we are very close" to having the votes on a procedural vote scheduled for tomorrow that would allow debate to begin on the Senate version of a GOP health bill favored by Trump. He reeled off a long list of improvements included in the latest GOP version and again chided Republicans for not following through on their vow to roll back Obamacare.

Any GOP senator who votes against the bill "is telling the American people they're fine with the Obamacare nightmare," he said. "This is their chance to keep their promise" which has gone unfulfilled for the last seven years.

Earlier he predicted that if the demands for "relief" from families like those arrayed behind him aren't enacted, "we'll see (repercussions) at the voter booth, believe me."

POTUS did not respond to a question asking him to react to Jared Kushner's Capitol Hill appearance earlier today.

As always, please check quotes against the official WH transcript.

POTUS left the White House at 4 pm sharp for a scouting event in West Virginia, accompanied by Price, Energy Secretary Rick Perry, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke (in a Scout uniform) and Keith Schiller, among others. Wheels up 4:04 p.m.

Tom DeFrank  
National Journal

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**From:** Elizabeth Harball  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** Question on Interior actions related to Alaska and healthcare vote  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:03:44 PM

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Hi Heather --

Elizabeth Harball with Alaska Public Media here. We have heard via one of our reliable sources on the Hill that Interior may be pulling support for some of its Alaska-related energy efforts, related to issues such as NPR-A and the King Cove road, due to Senator Murkowski's vote on the healthcare bill. Would you be able to call me to discuss? I'm at either of the numbers below.

Best,



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**From:** Tausche, Kayla (NBCUniversal)  
**To:** [Swift, Heather \(heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov\)](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** Questions from CNBC  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:54:28 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hi heather – Kayla/CNBC here. Nice to meet you the other day at the WH. Wanted to follow up regarding a few Interior-related items we're following.

- 1) Do you have a comment in response to the report Sec. Zinke threatened Sen. Murkowski over Alaska-related issues if she did not vote for health care?
- 2) Could you connect us to the relevant person within interior that would handle the asset sales of the Aqueduct, the Transmission assets and/or the Strategic Petroleum Reserves? The Secretary had mentioned these items would be handled by the department.
- 3) Does the Secretary have any trips scheduled for the coming weeks to evaluate the designation of monuments, and would you be willing to have us shadow or interview him on one of those trips?

Thanks,  
Kayla

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**From:** Mashburn, Lori  
**To:** [Alex Hinson](#); [Heather Swift](#); [Laura Rigas](#)  
**Subject:** Quote for Balash  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 6:47:26 PM

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Hello all,

I've included 4 quotes for Joe Balash. He sent them in a bunch of separate emails, so compiled them below. He is still working on getting his own quote and bio sent over.

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### QUOTE #1:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Randall Luthi** <[rluthi@noia.org](mailto:rluthi@noia.org)>  
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 5:03 PM  
Subject: Congratulations and a long time coming  
To: "[Joebalashak@gmail.com](mailto:Joebalashak@gmail.com)" <[Joebalashak@gmail.com](mailto:Joebalashak@gmail.com)>  
Cc: Nicolette Nye <[nnye@noia.org](mailto:nnye@noia.org)>, Kara Moriarty <[moriarty@aoga.org](mailto:moriarty@aoga.org)>

Joe will make an excellent Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals. He brings to the office a wealth of experience and skills. First of all, he understands the importance of energy development, both on and offshore. Alaska is a great training ground for the decisions that are important to the rest of the United States in overall energy policy. His legislative experience will bode well for the Department with the Hill. His experience as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources means that he understands the importance of collecting different views and assuring energy development and the protection of other natural resources. The members of NOIA look forward to working with him to expand the US energy potential off our shores.

Hope this works and I look forward to you coming to our future meetings.

Randall Luthi  
President, NOIA



### QUOTE #2:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Eric Wohlschlegel** <[Wohlschlegele@api.org](mailto:Wohlschlegele@api.org)>  
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 6:15 PM

Subject: Re: API quote

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Actually, can you use this version that's a little sharper:

Attributed to Khary Cauthen API senior director of Federal Affairs:

"We welcome the pick of Joe as the assistant secretary of Land and Minerals Management. He has a deep understanding of what our nation's natural resources mean for our national and economic security. We look forward to working with Joe and this administration to ensure the U.S. continues to benefit from our nation's energy renaissance."



**QUOTE #3:**

Joe Balash's appointment as Assistant Secretary will be good for Alaska and great for our nation. He is smart, honest, fair, and focused on solving problems and challenges in accordance with law while maximizing opportunity for Americans. He knows how to work with diverse groups of people and interests to protect our nation's interests in her public lands and environment while maximizing job creation and opportunity for all Americans. From an Alaska perspective, it is good to know that our state will have someone at Interior who understands the complexity of Alaska issues and the people affected by decision making in Washington. Joe Balash's selection is, indeed, an extremely solid pick for the President and for the people. [by former Alaska Governor Sean Parnell]

**QUOTE #4:**

"As a lifelong Alaskan who understands the importance for the responsible management of our resources, I can't think of anyone who would do a better job at the Department of the Interior for all Americans."

Eddie Grasser, Vice President, Safari Club International



**From:** Center for Western Priorities  
**To:** [heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** RELEASE: Center for Western Priorities Launches Six-State Monuments to America RV Road Tour  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2017 8:01:01 AM

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 17, 2017

## **Center for Western Priorities Launches Six-State Monuments to America RV Road Tour**

*Business leaders, outdoor advocates and elected officials call on President Trump and Interior Secretary Zinke to stop the assault on America's national monuments*

DENVER, CO—The Center for Western Priorities' [Monuments to America](#) six-state RV road tour will launch on Monday, bringing together business leaders, outdoor advocates and local elected officials who will urge President Donald Trump and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to stop the assault on popular national monuments that boost local economies.

**WHAT:**

Six-state tour urging President Trump and Secretary Zinke to stop the attack on national monuments. Business leaders, outdoor advocates, and elected officials will discuss how national monuments and other protected public lands help create jobs, support the local economy and define the West's outdoor way of life.

**TOUR SCHEDULE:**

Grand Junction, Colorado

Monday, July 17th at 10:00am

Las Colonias Park Amphitheater, 925 Struthers Avenue

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Tuesday, July 18th at 10:00am

Tiguex Park, 1800 Mountain Road NW

Flagstaff, Arizona

Wednesday, July 19th at 10:00am

Flagstaff City Hall, 211 W Aspen Avenue

Palm Springs, California

Thursday, July 20th at 10:00am

Whitewater Preserve, 9160 Whitewater Canyon Road

Las Vegas, Nevada

Friday, July 21st at 9:45am

Springs Preserve, 333 S Valley View Boulevard

Salt Lake City, Utah

Saturday, July 22nd at 10:00am

Patagonia Outlet, 2292 S Highland Drive

#### **VISUALS:**

Wrapped Monuments to America tour RV; oversized inflatable Statue of Liberty.

#### **VIDEO & AUDIO:**

Broadcast quality video and audio of the press conference from each stop will be available online following the events at [bit.ly/monumentsmedia](https://bit.ly/monumentsmedia).

#### **BACKGROUND**

In late April, President Trump issued an executive order instructing the Department of the Interior to review 27 national monuments protected over the last 21 years. The national monuments under review are home to treasured archaeological sites, awe-inspiring pristine landscapes, and open spaces for hiking, fishing and camping. Every indication from President Trump, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and politicians close to them is that the outcome is preordained and the review will lead to attempts to shrink or eliminate national monuments. Rolling back national monument protections through executive action is an

unprecedented, and likely illegal, move that puts all of America's protected lands, parks, forests and monuments at risk.

The [Center for Western Priorities](#) recently conducted an [analysis of public comments](#) submitted to the Department of Interior and found 98 percent expressed support for keeping or expanding the national monument under review.

The Center for Western Priorities' Monuments to America tour is a six-state RV road-trip highlighting national monuments across the West that are threatened by President Trump's executive order. The tour—featuring a wrapped RV and oversized inflatable State of Liberty—will conclude at the final Outdoor Retailer trade show in Salt Lake City. Outdoor Retailer is leaving Salt Lake City for Denver after 20 years in protest of Utah politicians' anti-public lands agenda.

This spring, the Center for Western Priorities launched a [multi-state ad campaign](#) encouraging national leaders to respect the heritage and history of America's national monuments.

For more information, visit [westernpriorities.org](#). To speak with an expert on public lands, contact Aaron Weiss at 720-369-9252 or [aaron@westernpriorities.org](mailto:aaron@westernpriorities.org).

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*The Center for Western Priorities is a conservation policy and advocacy organization focused on land and energy issues across the American West.*

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**From:** Chris DAngelo  
**To:** [Interior Press](#)  
**Cc:** [Swift, Heather](#); [Hinson, Alex](#)  
**Subject:** REQUEST FOR COMMENT: Zinke/Murkowski  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:52:24 PM

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Hi,

Is Interior commenting about the phone calls Sec. Zinke made to Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan? Hoping to talk to someone.

Thanks,

**Chris D'Angelo**  
**Reporter, [HuffPost](#)**  
**Washington, DC**  
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**From:** Ben Lefebvre  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Cc:** [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Alaska Interior employee reassignment  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:13:15 PM

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Also (and sorry for the multiple emails – keeping one eye on some votes going on in the House right now) has Interior heard similar complaints from other folks getting reshuffled, i.e., that their skill set doesn't match with the new position?

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**From:** Heather Swift [mailto:[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** Ben Lefebvre <[blefebvre@politico.com](mailto:blefebvre@politico.com)>  
**Cc:** [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Alaska Interior employee reassignment

The President signed an executive order to reorganize the federal government for the future and the Secretary has been absolutely out front on that issue. In fact, he mentioned a Department-wide, front lines-focused reorganization on his first day address to all employees.

The Senior Executive Service is a class of managers who are specially trained to tackle top priority projects across the federal government. These are the highest paid executives in the federal government and signed up for the SES knowing that they could be called upon to work at a different agency at any time. These managers are meant to be a mobile force that are capable of taking on different projects rather than maintain the same job for years.

Personnel moves amongst the Senior Executive Service are being conducted to better serve the taxpayer and the Department's operations through matching Senior Executive skill sets with mission and operational requirements.

Sent from my iPhone

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Hello,

I was wondering if anyone at interior had seen this:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/im-a-scientist-the-trump-administration-reassigned-me-for-speaking-up-about-climate-change/2017/07/19/389b8dce-6b12-11e7-9c15-177740635e83\\_story.html?tid=ss\\_tw&utm\\_term=.196fd4dbe6e1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/im-a-scientist-the-trump-administration-reassigned-me-for-speaking-up-about-climate-change/2017/07/19/389b8dce-6b12-11e7-9c15-177740635e83_story.html?tid=ss_tw&utm_term=.196fd4dbe6e1)

Does Interior have any comment on this matter? Is it reviewing the reassignment?  
Does it have a reason for Clement's transfer to accounts receivable?

Thank you,

Ben Lefebvre

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**From:** Ben Lefebvre  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Alaska Interior employee reassignment  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:00:49 PM

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Thanks. And what about his allegations that he was moved in retaliation to his climate change work with Alaskan villages?

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Hello,

I was wondering if anyone at interior had seen this:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/im-a-scientist-the-trump-administration-reassigned-me-for-speaking-up-about-climate-change/2017/07/19/389b8dce-6b12-11e7-9c15-177740635e83\\_story.html?tid=ss\\_tw&utm\\_term=.196fd4dbe6e1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/im-a-scientist-the-trump-administration-reassigned-me-for-speaking-up-about-climate-change/2017/07/19/389b8dce-6b12-11e7-9c15-177740635e83_story.html?tid=ss_tw&utm_term=.196fd4dbe6e1)

Does Interior have any comment on this matter? Is it reviewing the reassignment?

Does it have a reason for Clement's transfer to accounts receivable?

Thank you,

Ben Lefebvre

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**Subject:** RE: Alaska  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:41:33 PM

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Sorry, just checking in again. I know you must have gotten a bunch of requests but checking to see if you might put out a statement

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**From:** Volcovici, Valerie (Reuters News)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** 'Swift, Heather'  
**Subject:** Alaska

Hi Heather,

Just wanted to check in to confirm whether reports that Secretary Zinke warned the two Alaska Senators about energy policies in light of Senator Murkowski's healthcare stance are accurate.

Thanks,  
Valerie

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**From:** Nicholas McDermott  
**To:** [Swift, Heather](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Alaska's Joe Balash  
**Date:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:23:06 PM

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Thanks for the prompt reply.

Our wish to speak with him is not just for today- We would be interested in doing something when he becomes available.

Thanks

Nick

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**From:** Swift, Heather [mailto:[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** Nicholas McDermott <[nmcdermott@ktva.com](mailto:nmcdermott@ktva.com)>  
**Cc:** Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Alaska's Joe Balash

[External Email]

Hi Nick, I'm sorry but Mr. Balash is unavailable.

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On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 3:16 PM, Nicholas McDermott <[nmcdermott@ktva.com](mailto:nmcdermott@ktva.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon

I am interested in setting up a story with Joe Balash.  
Can you help me set it up?

Thanks  
Nick McDermott  
KTVA

**From:** Hughes, Jillian  
**To:** [Swift, Heather](#)  
**Cc:** [Alemany, Jacqueline](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CBS q  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 3:05:09 PM

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Hey Heather – following up on this from this morning, just checking in to see if Zinke has a response.

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**From:** Hughes, Jillian  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** 'Swift, Heather' <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** CBS q

Heather –

Reaching out to see if the Secretary has any comment on this [Alaska Dispatch](#) story. Specifically, if he made the calls in this paragraph.

**Early Wednesday, Trump took to Twitter to express displeasure with Murkowski's vote. By that afternoon, each of Alaska's two Republican senators had received a phone call from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke letting them know the vote had put Alaska's future with the administration in jeopardy.**

Many thanks,  
Jillian

Jillian B. Hughes  
White House Producer, CBS News  
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seeking.

I am a comms rep for the Recreation.gov program and serve as the facilitator for this interagency group. Within our team, we have a mix of recreation planners, visitors services and I believe one or two other communications reps.

Thanks for helping us with the information we need to ensure we stay on message on these topics during this show.

Janelle

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**From:** Swift, Heather [[mailto:heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** Smith, Janelle -FS <[janellesmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:janellesmith@fs.fed.us)>  
**Cc:** Matulka, Rebecca <[rebecca\\_matulka@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov)>; Timothy Williams <[timothy\\_williams@ios.doi.gov](mailto:timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov)>; [rick\\_delappe@nps.gov](mailto:rick_delappe@nps.gov); Interior Press <[interior\\_press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:interior_press@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: National Monument Review Process and Outdoor Retailer Show

Hi Janelle - please direct reporters to Interior. We may have a comms staffer go to the show as well. Do you all have a comms presence?

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On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 1:09 PM, Smith, Janelle -FS <[janellesmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:janellesmith@fs.fed.us)> wrote:

Hello,

As a follow up to these earlier messages, I saw a DOI press release today on this subject and wondered if we should simply refer to this information if we get questions about the status of the

Monuments Review Process at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market in SLC at the end of this month?

## **Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s Statement on the End of the Monuments Review Public Comment Period**

(WASHINGTON) – On Monday, July 10, the formal public comment period closed for the review of national monuments. More than 1.2 million comments were received on Regulations.gov and thousands more were received via traditional mail. Twenty-seven national monuments designated since January 1, 1996 that are more than 100,000 acres, or that were considered to have inadequate public input are under review in accordance with [President Donald J. Trump’s April 26, 2017, executive order](#).

“Too often under previous administrations, decisions were made in the Washington, D.C., bubble, far removed from the local residents who actually work the land and have to live with the consequences of D.C.’s actions. This monument review is the exact opposite,” **said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke**. “President Trump and I opened the formal public comment period – the first-ever for monuments designated under the Antiquities Act – in order to give local stakeholders a voice in the decision-making process. After hearing some feedback, I’d like to remind and reassure folks that even if a monument is modified, the land will remain under federal ownership. I am strictly opposed to the sale or transfer of our public lands, and nothing in this review changes that policy.

“These comments, in addition to the extensive on-the-ground tours of monuments and meetings with stakeholders, will help inform my recommendations on the monuments,” **Zinke said**. “I appreciate everyone who took the time to log-on or write in and participate in our government.”

As required by the executive order, Secretary Zinke submitted an [interim report](#) to the White House in June with various recommendations and observations on Bears Ears National Monument, which suggested the monument be reduced in size to conform with the intent of the Antiquities Act, that of designating the smallest compatible area. The report also recommended the creation of a national conservation area, and official co-management by the local Tribal governments.

The report came after Zinke spent several days on the ground in Utah touring the monument by air, car, foot, and horseback, speaking with stakeholders from Tribal, local, state and federal government, as well as representatives from the conservation, historic preservation, agriculture, tourism, and education sectors. The Secretary met with the Bears Ears InterTribal Coalition while in Salt Lake City on May 7, and the Acting Deputy Secretary Jim Cason held a four-hour follow-up meeting with the Bears Ears Commission and the InterTribal Coalition on May 25.

The Secretary also traveled to Maine’s Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, and to Boston to hold meetings on the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Marine Monument off the coast of New England. The Secretary plans to visit Oregon, New Mexico, and Nevada in the coming weeks.

Regarding the comment period, the executive order stated:

*In making the requisite determinations, the Secretary is directed to consider:*

*(i) the requirements and original objectives of the Act, including the Act's requirement that reservations of land not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected";*

*(ii) whether designated lands are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest";*

*(iii) the effects of a designation on the available uses of designated Federal lands, including consideration of the multiple-use policy of section 102(a)(7) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701(a)(7)), as well as the effects on the available uses of Federal lands beyond the monument boundaries;*

*(iv) the effects of a designation on the use and enjoyment of non-Federal lands within or beyond monument boundaries;*

*(v) concerns of State, tribal, and local governments affected by a designation, including the economic development and fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities;*

*(vi) the availability of Federal resources to properly manage designated areas; and*

*(vii) such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.*

82 FR 20429-20430 (May 1, 2017).

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**To:** Smith, Janelle -FS <[janellesmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:janellesmith@fs.fed.us)>; Swift, Heather <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)>; Timothy Williams <[timothy\\_williams@ios.doi.gov](mailto:timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov)>

**Cc:** [rick\\_delappe@nps.gov](mailto:rick_delappe@nps.gov); Interior Press <[interior\\_press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:interior_press@ios.doi.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: National Monument Review Process and Outdoor Retailer Show

Hi Janelle,

Great to hear from you!

I'm adding Heather Swift, our press secretary, and Tim Williams, who is in charge of external and intergovernmental affairs.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Smith, Janelle -FS <[janellesmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:janellesmith@fs.fed.us)> wrote:

Hi Rebecca,

I am hoping you can either help me, or point me in the right direction. We are preparing for the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake City at the end of July (7/25-29). If you are not familiar it is the largest outdoor sports show of its kind where retailers from around the world gather to make deals, learn about what's new in the industry, network and connect with advocates for the outdoors. Our role at Outdoor Retailer is one of awareness and to connect with this community of passionate outdoor visitors, providers and advocates. Their customers are our visitors.

As we interact with participants of the show, we want to be able to answer a range of questions. Of course a topic that could very well come up is the status of the National Monument Review and certainly the recommendations by Secretary Zinke about Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. While we will not invite these conversations, we do want our team to have the best information and the right person to refer to for more details.

Can you help me?

Thanks,  
Janelle

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**From:** Fears, Darryl  
**To:** [Swift, Heather](#)  
**Subject:** RE: National Park, Wildlife Refuge rule changes in AK  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2017 1:55:00 PM

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Good. Thank you.

**From:** Swift, Heather [mailto:[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 1:51 PM  
**To:** Fears, Darryl <[Darryl.Fears@washpost.com](mailto:Darryl.Fears@washpost.com)>; Interior Press <[interior\\_press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:interior_press@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: National Park, Wildlife Refuge rule changes in AK

Hey Darryl -

**This administration is dedicated to being a good neighbor and restoring trust.**

After widespread criticism and concern from Alaskans about the previous administration micromanaging Alaska wildlife, the Department issued guidance to review the 2016 rule. Insinuating any predetermined results based upon a review is premature. Statements by external groups stating that a policy has been set are not accurate. The Department is committed to working with the people of Alaska on how to best manage their wildlife and habitat **going forward**

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On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 1:37 PM, Fears, Darryl <[Darryl.Fears@washpost.com](mailto:Darryl.Fears@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hi Heather, I reached out to the parks in Alaska and refuge and got no response. I wanted to give someone at DOI an opportunity to respond to this. - Darryl

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**From:** Jennifer Yachnin  
**To:** [Laura Rigas](#)  
**Cc:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** RE: One question for the record, and one for planning  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 8:36:43 PM

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Thanks on all counts. I reached out this a.m. to the WH but realized I hadn't asked the same to you all.

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**From:** Laura Rigas [laura\_rigas@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Yachnin  
**Cc:** Heather Swift  
**Subject:** Re: One question for the record, and one for planning

Hi Jennifer --

Heather is out but we would not be able to comment on that. Recommend reaching out to the WH on POTUS actions.

Also, for your planning purposes only, we expect to hold a media avail on Monday in NV.

Thanks,

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On Jul 27, 2017, at 6:19 PM, Jennifer Yachnin <[jyachnin@eenews.net](mailto:jyachnin@eenews.net)> wrote:

Hi - For a story I'm writing for Greenwire tomorrow (so deadline 11 a.m. Eastern): Does the Secretary expect President Trump to act immediately on his recommendations on national monuments or is it more likely to be a lag of however-much time is needed to review the recommendations?

And for planning purposes only: What's the likelihood of a press avail in Nevada next week?  
Thanks.

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**From:** Thomas, Lucas  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sec. Zinke Nevada visit?  
**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 6:25:23 PM

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Thanks Heater! I appreciate the response on a Sunday afternoon! Enjoy the remainder of your weekend.

Lucas

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**From:** Heather Swift [mailto:[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 3:24 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Lucas  
**Subject:** Re: Sec. Zinke Nevada visit?

Still working on it. Will let you know when we have a plan.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2017, at 3:44 PM, Thomas, Lucas <[lucas@dvtonline.com](mailto:lucas@dvtonline.com)> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Lucas Thomas here from the Desert Valley Times in Mesquite, NV. I'm just emailing to see if there are any plans in place for Secretary Zinke's visit to Nevada related to his review of Gold Butte National Monument and Basin and Range National Monument. He mentioned in a visit here a few weeks ago that he'd be coming back to Nevada in July. Is there a date set for his visit? Thank you so much for the information.

Lucas Thomas  
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**From:** Kellie Lunney  
**To:** [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)  
**Cc:** [Swift, Heather](mailto:Swift_Heather); [Laura Rigas](mailto:Laura_Rigas)  
**Subject:** RE: Secy Zinke"s call to Alaska senators  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:38:27 AM

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Asking again for any comment/statement on this. Our story will run in the 1:30 edition. Thanks.

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**From:** Kellie Lunney  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:42 AM  
**To:** Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov  
**Cc:** 'Swift, Heather' <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)>; Laura Rigas <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Secy Zinke's call to Alaska senators

Hi, all – We are working on a story based on the report from the Alaska Dispatch News today:  
<https://www.adn.com/politics/2017/07/26/trump-administration-signals-that-murkowskis-health-care-vote-could-have-energy-repercussions-for-alaska/?outputType=amp-type>

I wanted to confirm that Secretary Zinke called Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan as reported in the story, and told them the “no vote” on healthcare put their priorities for Alaska in jeopardy with the administration.

We are working on a noon deadline for today. Heather, I left you a message on your cell phone, but figured I would send an email to everyone as well.

Thanks very much. I am available on my cell phone number below.

Kellie

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**From:** Hall, Travis  
**To:** ["Swift, Heather"; Laura Rigas](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Talkers for intro  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:38:34 PM  
**Attachments:** [Native American Symposium Agenda.doc](#)

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Thanks, Heather. This helps.

Laura, I received the attached schedule a few minutes ago.

**Travis Hall**  
Communications Director  
Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL  
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**Cc:** Laura Rigas <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Talkers for intro

Ryan Zinke is a fifth-generation Montanan, former Congressman, and current U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Zinke is a Teddy Roosevelt Conservative who is staunchly against the sale or transfer of public lands but realizes that it is the federal government's role to be a good neighbor and land manager and use our public lands for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.

Zinke supports local input when it comes to land management.

As a life-long westerner and Montanan, I am proud to have been endorsed by my friend and am honored to fill his seat.

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On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 2:52 PM, Hall, Travis <[Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov](mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

I haven't heard anything from the Western Caucus Foundation. I just followed up with them requesting a line-by-line.

In the meantime, would you mind sending me talkers for Congressman Gianforte to introduce Secretary Zinke?

I'd appreciate it and will email you as soon as I have a line-by-line. If it's of any help, below are the only details I have (from a Western Caucus email):

Native American Western Policy Member and Staff Symposium and Reception hosted by the Western Caucus Foundation. Wednesday, July 19, 2017 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | U.S. Capitol, SVC 203-02. One staffer may attend with or without their member. Reception will follow the Symposium. Secretary Zinke is confirmed to attend this event. For more information, email [info@westerncaucusfoundation.org](mailto:info@westerncaucusfoundation.org).

Travis Hall  
Communications Director  
Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL  
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From: Laura Rigas [mailto:[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:24 PM  
To: Hall, Travis <[Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov](mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov)>  
Cc: Heather Swift <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Talkers for intro

Congrats, Travis! Also looping in Heather, the Press Secretary. Do you have a schedule for that event or a tick tock?

Thanks!  
My best,  
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> On Jul 17, 2017, at 1:13 PM, Hall, Travis <[Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov](mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov)> wrote:  
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> I recently came on board as Congressman Gianforte's comms director, and Katie Waldman in Senator Daines's office recommended I reach out to you.  
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> I understand my boss is introducing Secretary Zinke on Wednesday at the Native American Western Policy Member and Staff Symposium and Reception. Would you mind giving me some talkers for the intro?  
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> When you have time, I'd like to grab coffee, too. Thanks, Laura.  
>  
> Travis w Rep Gianforte



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> Sent from my iPhone  
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THE HONORABLE PAUL GOSAR  
HONORARY CO-CHAIR

## Native American Western Policy Symposium and Reception

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 4:30 p.m.**

**Discussion with Reception to Follow**

**Location: U.S. Capitol, SVC 203-02**

4:30 Welcome – Darrell Henry, Executive Director, Western Caucus Foundation

Opening Prayer -- TBD

4:35 Opening Comments

(Chairman Hoeven to MC opening comments and introduces members):

Chairman John Hoeven, Senate Indian Affairs Committee

Chairman Doug LaMalfa, House Indians, Insular and Alaska Affairs  
Subcommittee

Chairman Steve Daines, Senate Western Caucus

Chairman Paul Gosar, Congressional Western Caucus

Representative Don Young, Vice-Chair for Indian Affairs & Oceans,  
Congressional Western Caucus

Representative Markwayne Mullin

...and other members in attendance

~5:00 Senator Zinke Introduces Senator Daines to Introduce Rep. Greg Gianforte  
Rep. Greg Gianforte introduces Secretary Ryan Zinke

~5:15 Tribal Leader & Guest Speakers:

(Chairman Gosar and Rep. Mullin to MC guest speakers and introduces members):

Rep. Markwayne Mullin introduces Ben Keel (Chickasaw)

White House Council on Native Americans Affairs

Wayne Keplin, Chairman from Turtle Mountain (invited)

Chairman Harlan Baker of Chippewa Cree (invited)

Governor Steven Lewis, Gila River – Water Issues

Senator CJ Stewart, Crow – Energy Issues

Joseph P Crowley, President-elect, American Dental Association to discuss  
Dental Health

Sara-Jane Smallwood Cocke, Director of Public Policy, Choctaw

TBD, National Indian Gaming Association

5:45 Reception

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**Subject:** RE: getting back to you  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2017 12:54:54 PM

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Thank you for getting back to me, Heather. Sorry for the delay in responding!

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**From:** Swift, Heather [mailto:[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 11:30 AM  
**To:** Volcovici, Valerie (Reuters News); Interior Press; Russell Newell  
**Subject:** getting back to you

Energy: The Department under Secretary Zinke's leadership has already made progress working with tribes who wish to develop their energy resources. The Department is in ongoing conversations with the Navajo about the future of the NGS. In May, the Secretary brought Vice President Mike Pence to Montana to tour a mine and speak with the Crow about developing their vast coal reserves. The Secretary and his leadership team is also in regular communication with other energy tribes like the Southern Utes and Inupiat from the Arctic Slope in Alaska, who were very supportive of the Secretary's orders to jump start energy activity in Alaska.

Other topics: The Secretary believes that sovereignty needs to mean something, and that tribes are monolithic. A one size fits all policy is not going to work for all tribes, not even for all energy tribes. The Secretary believes we need to think about creative how BIA and DOI can be a better partner going forward. Building a stronger economy across the board will help all communities and tribes - regardless of whether they are "energy tribes" or not. Increasing revenues will allow for improvements to infrastructure, education and other services.

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Heather,

How are you? I hope all is well. I know you have been busy. I was chatting with Rusty Roddy the other night he suggested I reach out to you regarding Secretary Zinke, his dog Ragnar, and DOI's take your dog to work day. I think we met a couple times when I was in Rep. Zinke's house office visiting with Micah.

I represent the American Kennel Club which is a non-profit that manages the world's largest registry of pure bred dogs. AKC has over 5,000 affiliated clubs throughout the US and is the governing body for over 22,000 dog events annually, including confirmation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, lure coursing, earthdog, herding, field trial, hunt test, dock diving. and coonhound events. .

AKC was pleased to see that Secretary Zinke brings his dog Ragnar to work and that he has established DOI take your dog work days. AKC would love to do feature on Secretary Zinke, Ragnar and the DOI take your dog to work day in its quarterly newsletter "In Session". The publication is digital and sent to legislators throughout the US and featured on all AKC's social media sites. I have attached a couple recent editions of In Session for your review. As you can see, the features on political officials are fun, positive pieces.

Wonder if it might be possible to chat with you or someone in your communication shop about doing the feature on Secretary Zinke. You should also know that AKC assists entities in setting "Bring you dog to work days". A big component of this is AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. The Canine Good Citizen offers training for owners and certification of socialization and good behavior for dogs. I know that AKC would love volunteer this program to DOI dog owners and dogs.

You can learn more about how the Canine Good Citizen program works at the AKC link below.

<http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/>

I'll give you a follow-up call. I look forward to chatting with you.

Thanks,

Mike Williams

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The American Kennel Club's Newsletter for Members of Congress and their Staff

## PERSPECTIVES

*We're more than champion dogs...  
We're the dog's champion.*

For more than 130 years, the American Kennel Club has been recognized worldwide as the expert on purebred dogs, canine care and responsible breeding practices, and all aspects of responsible dog ownership.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is a not-for profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the advancement of purebred dogs as family and working companions and the health and wellbeing of all dogs.

The vast majority of AKC's charitable work, advocacy, health research, educational, and other programs benefit all dogs and their owners. However, we are proud to set aside May 1 as a day to celebrate the history, predictability, purpose and pride of our cherished purebred dogs.

H. Res. 46 introduced by the three veterinarians in the House (Congressmen Abraham, Schrader and Yoho); and Sen. Res. 144, introduced by Senator Thom Tillis, celebrate National Purebred Dog Day. The resolutions highlight the essential and important role that purebred dogs and their breeders have played throughout American history and spotlight the many ways purebred dogs continue to serve as military working dogs, guide and service dogs, search and rescue dogs, disease detection dogs, and more.

AKC's Capitol Hill celebration of National Purebred Dog Day on May 1 focused on four key attributes that set purebred dogs apart:

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## Congressional Canine Spotlight – AKC Celebrates National Purebred Dog Day on Capitol Hill



Breeder-Owner Kent Boyle and "Rumor" greet Patrick McNulty from the Office of Speaker Paul Ryan

There's an old expression, "if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog".

On May 1, National Purebred Dog Day, the American Kennel Club, members of Congress, staff and guests celebrated the many positive aspects of purebred dogs and the human-canine bond.

German Shepherd Dog "Rumor" (Grand Champion Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn), who won Best in Show at the 2015 AKC National Championship and the 2017 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show took a grand tour of the U.S. Capitol to raise awareness of purebred dogs and National Purebred Dog Day. Breeder-owner Kent Boyles, his family, representatives from the American Kennel Club, and Senate Director of Door Keepers (and Labrador Retriever Breeder) Krista Beale accompanied her.

Following meetings with Boyle's Member of Congress, Mark Pocan [WI-2]; Rumor met numerous lawmakers and dignitaries, and visited the Senate Reception Room where she met and charmed more than 50 Senators.

In the evening, AKC hosted a reception at the Capitol Hill Visitors Center that highlighted two 2017 Congressional Resolutions—Senate Resolution 144, Introduced by Sen Thom Tillis; and House Concurrent Resolution 46 introduced by

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**Purpose:** *Serving a specialized role defined by instinct, form and function*

**Predictability:** *Knowing a dog's characteristics in advance because of its breed*

**Preservation:** *Choosing to safeguard a breed to ensure its existence for future generations*

**Pride:** *The joy of knowing that your dog has a distinct history and legacy.*

If you missed the or Capitol Hill or national celebration this year, we invite you to participate in next year's event.

In the meantime, enjoy the coverage of this year's event in this special issue!

All the best,



Sheila Goffe

*Vice President, Government Relations*



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Congressman David Rouzer and Jackson



Senator Cory Booker

Congressmen Ted Yoho, Kurt Schrader and Ralph Abraham— that set aside May 1 as National Purebred Dog Day and celebrate the diversity, predictability and heritage of purebred dogs (Read more on page 8).

The reception began with AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung honoring the working dogs of the U.S. Capitol Police K9 Unit, who protect the Capitol and nation's security. U.S. Capitol Police Chief Matthew Verderosa, Assistant Chief Steven Sund, and "Will" a black Labrador Detection K-9 were among those on hand to accept the award (See page 3).

Throughout the evening, members of Congress and staff stopped by to meet dogs, share in the celebration and express support. Members who addressed the gathering included: Senator Thom Tillis, Congressman Ralph Abraham, Congressman Ron DeSantis, Congressman David Rouzer, Congressman Kurt Schrader, and Congressman Ted Yoho.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments and learned about purebred dogs; the dedication of responsible breeders; and AKC programs that advance purebred dogs and the health and wellbeing of all dogs. Educational stations highlighted information about AKC programs and affiliates, including:



Senator Dan Sullivan

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# U.S. Capitol Police K-9 Unit Receives AKC K-9 Award



Senator Thom Tillis, Congressman Ralph Abraham, and Congressman Kurt Schrader join AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung and Vice President of Government Relations Sheila Goffe to present the AKC K-9 Officers Award to members of the U.S. Capitol Police K-9 Unit. Photo ©AKC.

Congressman Mike Rogers with US Capitol Police Canine "Will."  
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The American Kennel Club presented the United States Capitol Police K-9 Unit with the AKC K-9 Officers Award on May 1. The award recognizes the special public service role of dogs that work for government agencies, and the skills and partnerships the K-9 handlers have with their dogs.

AKC President and CEO Dennis B. Sprung presented the Award to United States Capitol Police Chief Matthew R. Verderosa, Assistant Chief Steven A. Sund, Deputy Chief Fred P. Rogers and Technician Shawn Haynes, who were accompanied by Will, a black Labrador Retriever.

"I am honored to present this award," said Sprung. "It is a token of our immense respect and admiration for the outstanding and rigorous job the dedicated U.S. Capitol Police K-9 teams perform daily. There is no doubt about the enormous role that these dogs play in assuring the security of the U.S. Capitol, and our national security."

"We appreciate this recognition of the important role our K-9 teams play in keeping the U.S. Capitol safe and secure," said Chief Matthew Verderosa. "All of our technicians and canines are highly-trained and extremely dedicated to fulfilling our mission."

The ceremony took place at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center as part of AKC's celebration of working and purpose-bred dogs on National Purebred Dog Day.

## About the U.S. Capitol Police:

The United States Capitol Police (USCP) is a CALEA nationally-accredited, federal law enforcement agency. The USCP safeguards the Congress, Members of Congress, employees, visitors, and Congressional buildings and grounds from crime, disruption, and terrorism. The USCP protects and secures Congress so it can fulfill its constitutional and legislative responsibilities in a safe, secure, and open environment.

# OUR NATION'S SECURITY RELIES ON PUREBRED WORKING DOGS.



So why are we  
importing  
**nearly 90%**  
of our detection  
and security dogs  
from overseas?

AKC Stands with Members of Congress, TSA, and law enforcement to support and develop American breeders and trainers, expand America's world-class breeding and training programs, and establish a U.S.-based Center of Excellence for purebred security and detection dogs.





Rep Mark Pocan



Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Senator Maggie Hassan



Senator Lisa Murkowski



Senator Kamala Harris



Senator John Thune



Senator Dianne Feinstein

AKC Humane Fund's grants to domestic violence shelters that enable victims to seek shelter with a pet<sup>1</sup>; AKC Canine Health Foundation's \$5.9 million in 2017 for grants for canine health research; AKC support for research and pilot programs that provide specialized service dogs for veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)<sup>2</sup>; and the crucial national security value of American-bred detection and other working K9s.

"The AKC was pleased to welcome hundreds of guests to this cele-

bration of purebred dogs," said Sheila Goffe, AKC Vice President of Government Relations. "Many guests told us this was the best event they had attended all year. It's wonderful to see so many people—on both sides of the aisle—come together to celebrate all the ways purebred dogs enhance our lives each day."

<sup>1</sup> AKC supports related legislation "The Pets and Women's Safety Act," H.R. 909/S. 322

<sup>2</sup> AKC supports related legislation "Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers Act of 2017," H.R. 2327/S.1014

**Dogs from each of the seven breed groups welcomed attendees. Members of Congress, staff and guests posed for photographs, while handlers explained the dog and breed's history, purpose and function. In addition to Rumor, who represents the Herding Group, other dogs in attendance included:**

“Jackson” the American Foxhound (Hound Group), handled Lisa Miller and accompanied by co-owner Ellen Charles.

“Jimmy” the Standard Poodle (Non-Sporting Group) handled by Joseph Vergnetti and accompanied by owner Ellen Charles.

“Lex” the Border Collie (Herding Group) with owner by Penny Leigh.

“Nixy” the Boxer (Working Group) with owner Guy Fisher.

“Chuckie” the Pekingese (Toy Group) with owner David Fitzpatrick.

“Pippi” the West Highland White Terrier (Terrier Group), with owners Dr. Fred and Duffy Askin.

“Drago” the Spinone Italiano (Sporting Group), with owner Lauren Friedman.



Jimmy greets guests at reception.  
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Drago



Senator Joe Minchin and Senator Rob Portman with Guy Fisher, Nixy, and Jackson



Chuckie with owner David Fitzpatrick and National Purebred Dog Day founder Susi Szeremy



Senator John Kennedy and Jackson



Penny Leigh and Lex

# AKC Canine Health Foundation

AKCCHF is dedicated to advancing the health of all **dogs and their owners** by funding scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to **prevent, treat, and cure** canine disease.



In 2017, AKC CHF is currently providing over \$5.86 million in research grants across the United States:

- Auburn University - Bleeding and blood clots - \$7,600
- Clemson University - Dermatology - \$11,700
- Colorado State University - Irregular heart beat and heart failure - \$33,000
- Colorado State University - Cancer research - \$52,800
- Cornell University - Cancer research - \$88,200
- Cornell University - Ovarian disease - \$8,100
- Duke University - Understanding service dogs - \$97,800
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (Seattle, WA) - Immune system - \$178,200
- Iowa State University - Gastrointestinal disease - \$97,400
- Johns Hopkins University - Asthma in the inner city - \$158,300
- University of California, Davis - Genetics - \$27,600
- University of California, Davis - Heart disease - \$19,500
- University of California, Davis - Genetics and heart medicine - \$27,900
- University of California, Davis - Spay/Neuter risks - \$61,700
- University of California, Davis - Eye disease - \$17,900
- University of California, Davis - Reproductive studies - \$12,900
- University of Florida - Heart disease - \$146,700
- University of Florida - Allergies - \$12,900
- University of Florida - Gastrointestinal disease - \$12,900
- University of Florida - Cancer vaccine - \$80,900
- Louisiana State University - Genetics and deafness - \$120,000
- Michigan State University - Autoimmune disease - \$33,600
- Michigan State University - Gastrointestinal disease - \$233,700
- Michigan State University - Respiratory disease - \$74,400
- Michigan State University - Cancer research - \$43,600
- Minnesota Department of Health - \$14,900
- Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus, OH) - Neurological disease - \$50,000
- North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences - Wound healing - \$9,600
- North Carolina State University - Heart disease - \$50,800
- North Carolina State University - Epilepsy - \$14,900
- North Carolina State University - Nerve pain - \$37,500
- North Carolina State University - Cancer research - \$206,700
- North Carolina State University - Eye disease - \$68,000
- North Carolina State University - Urology - \$116,100
- North Carolina State University - Tick-Borne Disease - \$103,000
- Ohio State University - Kidney disease - \$31,400
- Ohio State University - Reproductive health - \$14,700
- Ohio State University - Lyme disease - \$14,100
- Purdue University - Cataracts and Glaucoma - \$74,000
- Ross University - Tick-borne disease - \$15,000
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research - Cartilage disorders - \$120,800
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research - Spinal cord injury - \$12,900
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research - Kidney disease - \$135,100
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research - Brucellosis - \$12,900
- Tufts University - Dermatology - \$12,100
- Tufts University - Gastrointestinal disease - \$251,000
- University of Georgia - Brain tumor treatment - \$119,000
- University of Illinois - Cancer treatment - \$46,300
- University of Illinois - Fetal disease - \$12,900
- University of Louisville - Spinal cord injury - \$12,700
- University of Minnesota - Epilepsy and genetics - \$104,700
- University of Minnesota - Cancer treatment - \$129,800
- University of Minnesota - Brain tumor treatment - \$130,500
- University of Minnesota - Cancer prevention - \$432,000
- University of Minnesota - Brucellosis - \$10,500
- University of Missouri, Columbia - Epilepsy - \$84,100
- University of Missouri, Columbia - Spinal cord disease - \$154,000
- University of Missouri, Columbia - Genetic disease - \$14,900
- University of Missouri, Columbia - Cancer research - \$404,800
- University of North Carolina - Causes of cancer - \$8,500
- University of Pennsylvania - Study of 9/11 dogs - \$11,000
- University of Pennsylvania - Tuberculosis - \$106,800
- University of Pennsylvania - Cancer vaccine - \$96,600
- University of Wisconsin, Madison - Cancer research - \$112,800
- Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine - \$254,500
- Washington State University - Drug interactions and genetics - \$150,000
- Washington State University - Knee repair surgeries - \$12,900
- Western University of Health Sciences - Tick-borne disease - \$74,800
- North Carolina State University, University of Minnesota, and Broad Institute - Cancer research- \$360,900

# SERVICE DOGS...



**Change Lives**  
**Save Lives**

The American Kennel Club honors the sacrifice of America's wounded veterans. We recognize the enormous contribution that service dogs can make to the lives of disabled veterans, including those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). We support efforts to provide appropriate service dogs to disabled veterans and advance the study of PTSD/TBI - specific service dogs for military veterans.



# Congress and Senate Introduce Resolutions Honoring Purebred Dogs



Congressmen Ted Yoho, Kurt Schrader, and Ralph Abraham speak to attendees at the National Purebred Dog Day Reception. Photos ©AKC.

U.S. Congressmen and veterinarians Ted Yoho [R-FL-3], Ralph Abraham, [R-LA-5], Kurt Schrader [D-OR-5] and have joined forces across the aisle to introduce a Congressional Resolution in support of National Purebred Dog Day. U.S. Senator Thom Tillis [R-NC] also introduced a Senate Resolution in support of the day and in celebration of purebred dogs.

The resolutions highlight the essential and important role that purebred dogs and breeders of purebred dogs have played throughout United States history and spotlights the many ways purebred dogs continue to serve U.S. citizens as military working dogs, guide and service dogs, search and rescue dogs, disease detection dogs and more.

“There’s a reason dogs are known as man’s best friend. The special functions and abilities of each unique breed enable them to serve everyone from America’s farmers to our military and law enforcement,” said Kurt Schrader. “As a veterinarian and farmer for over 30 years, I believe it is important that we set aside a day to honor these animals that brighten, improve, and enhance our lives each day.”

“As a farmer, veterinarian, and military veteran, I can personally attest to the many ways purebred dogs have made a difference in the lives of Americans,” said Abraham. “Each

purebred breed was developed for a specific purpose. From search and rescue and working dogs to service animals and loyal companions, purebred dogs continue to play a critical role and I am proud to sponsor this legislation that recognizes their contributions to our country.”



Nixy greets Senator Thom Tillis

National Purebred Dog Day (NPDD) is celebrated on May 1 and was originally created by Colorado dog enthusiast Susi Szeremy in 2013 as a way to increase awareness and celebrate all of the ways purebred dogs better our lives. Thousands of breeders and dog owners from across the United States celebrate purpose-bred dogs and the predictability of breeds during NPDD on all social media platforms.

“The American Kennel Club appreciates this recognition of National Purebred Dog Day,” said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC President and CEO. “The predictability of purebred dogs not only makes them great family pets, but it also makes them wonderful service dogs, military dogs, search and rescue dogs and working dogs

in our society. It is important to set aside a day to honor the pride, purpose, and preservation of these dogs and to celebrate all they do to enhance our lives.”



## S. RES. 144

Designating May 1, 2017, as “National Purebred Dog Day”.

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### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TILLIS submitted the following concurrent resolution

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## RESOLUTION

Designating May 1, 2017, as “National Purebred Dog Day”.

Whereas the human-canine bond predates history and individuals have enjoyed the companionship and assistance of dogs since the dawn of civilization;

Whereas dog ownership has existed in all cultures, races, climates, and economic situations;

Whereas more than 350 dog breeds exist worldwide, and more than 180 breeds are recognized by the American Kennel Club;

Whereas purebred dogs and breeders of purebred dogs have played a crucial role in United States history, dating to colonial times, during which George Washington had a foxhound breeding program, which established the American Foxhound breed;

Whereas responsible breeders of purebred dogs dedicate their lives to improving the health and well-being of dogs and preserving unique breeds of dogs;

Whereas purebred dogs were created to work alongside humane, and provide inestimable service as –

- (1) search and rescue dogs;
- (2) service dogs;
- (3) disease detection dogs;
- (4) police dogs;
- (5) conservation dogs;
- (6) livestock guardians;
- (7) therapy dogs; and
- (8) companions and guardians of families, homes and property;

Whereas purebred dogs provide unparalleled service to the disabled as guide and service dogs, and are the choice of leading service dog breeding programs because of the heritable intelligence, and desirable and predictable qualities, of purebred dogs;

Whereas purebred military working dogs serve alongside the men and women of the United States Armed Forces in combat and in peacetime;

Whereas breed instinct enables purebred dogs to readily serve as –

- (1) avalanche dogs;
- (2) trackers and trailers;
- (3) herders;
- (4) controllers of vermin;
- (5) water rescuers;
- (6) carting and sled dogs;
- (7) retrievers;
- (8) protectors;
- (9) hunters; and
- (10) bird dogs;

Whereas the first “National Purebred Dog Day” was established on May 1, 2015;

Whereas millions of individuals, through social media and other avenues, recognize May 1 each year as “National Purebred Dog Day” and desire, on May 1, to expressly recognize the contributions of the purebred dog; and

Whereas individuals value all dogs, regardless of the ancestry of the dogs, and especially cherish a purpose-bred dog and the predictability of each respective breed of purpose-bred dog; Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate –

(1) designates May 1, 2017, as “National Purebred Dog Day” in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits purebred dogs have and continue to provide to the United States; and

(2) honors the dedicated and responsible breeders who work to preserve and advance their breeds and responsible dog ownership throughout the United States.

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## **H. CON. RES. 46**

Expressing support for the designation of a “National Purebred Dog Day”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2017

Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. ABRAHAM) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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### **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Expressing support for the designation of a “National Purebred Dog Day”.

Whereas there is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog, and we wish to designate a day to expressly recognize those contributions;

Whereas purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship;

Whereas today, the service of these breeds continues as they work alongside humans and provide inestimable companionship while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earth dogs, police dogs, canine soldiers serving by the sides of our military men and women, and ultimately guardians of family, home, and hearth;

Whereas purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes, and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development;

Whereas purebred dogs are working dogs, serving as avalanche dogs, trackers and trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters, and bird dogs, and always they are the heartbeat of a companion near and dear to humans;

Whereas all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

Whereas each breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as that culture's music, art, and language: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress supports the designation of a “National Purebred Dog Day”.*

# The American Kennel Club and its affiliates do so many things for dogs everywhere.

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We inspect thousands of kennels every year to ensure the safety and welfare of dogs.



## HEALTH RESEARCH

Since 1995 the AKC Canine Health Foundation has raised over \$44 million for canine health research projects and education to benefit all dogs and their owners.

## PET DISASTER RELIEF

We have donated over \$2 million to help local Emergency Management prepare for and provide disaster relief for people and their pets.



## LOST DOG RECOVERY

We offer recovery services 24/7, 365 days-a-year, and have reunited over 400,000 lost dogs with their families.

The American Kennel Club, working with its affiliates, is the only not-for-profit registry devoted to the health and well-being of dogs.

We have allocated over \$30 million to fund programs for the betterment of dogs everywhere.

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*We're more than champion dogs...  
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Throughout history, dogs have played a special and important role in our lives. Recognized by individual breed, dogs have been depicted in a vast array of paintings, sculptures, books, and other media, signifying the unique bond and the essential role that purpose-bred dogs have played in our lives for thousands of years.

Purebred dogs are a part of our heritage, and a window into the culture that created them. Unfortunately, some breeds are becoming increasingly rare and, in certain cases, are in danger of becoming extinct. As with the recognition and effort to preserve other endangered animal species, it is also important we recognize preserve our own rare breeds of dogs.

*The American Kennel Club invites you to join us in celebrating and the diversity, heritage, and contributions of the purebred dog by supporting Senate Res. 447, which establishes National Purebred Dog Day.*

Purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them. Historically, these dogs both worked alongside their people and provided them companionship. Today, the service of these breeds continues. They are guide dogs and service dogs; work in search and rescue; help put food on the table; serve alongside the military and police; and are guardians of home, hearth, and livestock. Purebred dogs make extraordinary pets because of their predictability in temperament, characteristics and requirements which is absent in non-purebreds.

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## Congressional Canine Spotlight – Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM-1) and Kiwi



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Everyone loves a happy ending. And some of the most heartwarming are those of lost dogs being reunited with their owners. Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico knows this personally through the incredible story of her Shih Tzu “Kiwi” – a story she described as “a sad experience that had the best ending ever.”

“[A few years ago], Kiwi got scared [over] some fireworks in the neighborhood and ran away,” she explained. “I was in the middle of my second campaign for Congress, and I dropped everything to look for her. She didn’t return and I was heartbroken.”

Thirteen months later, this story took an amazing turn. “While I was serving in Congress, I got a call [saying] Kiwi turned up at a veterinary clinic, and fortunately they found her [micro]chip that identified me as her owner. We posted a photo of Kiwi and me on Facebook and got the most incredible responses from all over the world.”

For Lujan Grisham, microchipping is an important part of being a responsible dog owner, but it’s not the only thing. “Obviously, responsible dog owners must care for their pet’s day-to-day needs, like food, water, and shelter.” She also emphasizes that there is more that is required. “Just as important, pet owners must be considerate of their neighbors, which means ensuring your dog isn’t a nuisance.

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Part-and-parcel to the celebration of the purebred dog is honoring the breeders who dedicate their lives to preserving the breeds.

Responsible breeders are experts in their breed and know the pedigree of the dogs they develop. They tell potential buyers about the temperament, health, and other characteristics unique to the puppy they are considering. Many breeders devote their entire lives to developing a line or pedigree of dogs that meet specific temperament, performance, and health standards. Breeders often take dogs back if they are not in an ideal situation and place them in new homes. Responsible breeding of purebred dogs is a labor of love that celebrates the human-animal bond, the history and beauty of a particular breed, and the commitment and hard work of breeders who dedicate their lives and resources to raising them.

We invite you share in the celebrating purebred dogs through your support of National Purebred Dog Day.

All the best,

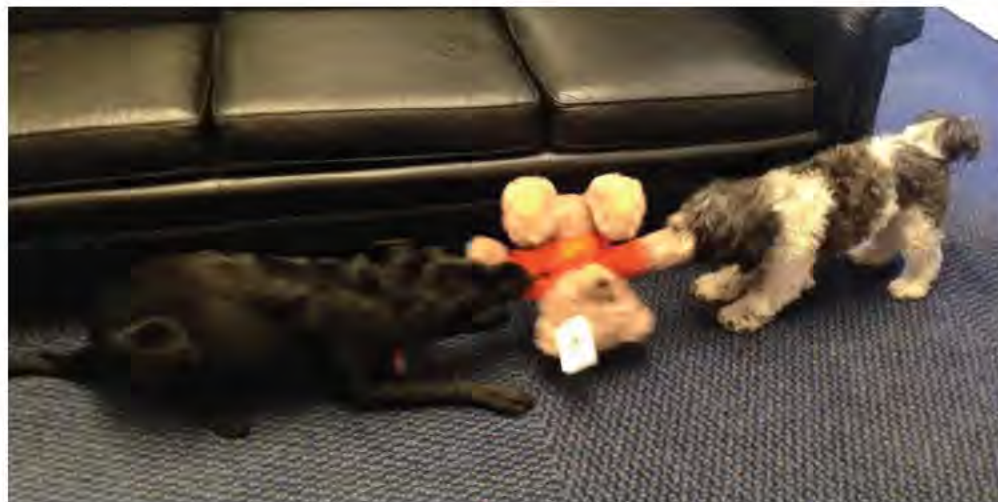
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Staff dogs Yoshi and Patches playing in Lujan Grisham's office.

Typically, if you're taking care of your dog's basic needs and making sure the dog gets exercise, they aren't a problem for neighbors."

Congresswoman Lujan Grisham has owned many dogs in her life. She believes that it is important for those who want to own a dog to learn how to care for that dog responsibly, in order to prevent more serious issues for the animals and the community. "Pet overpopulation and pet abuse are serious problems. We must invest in educating people, starting with young children, to be responsible pet owners."

Congresswoman Lujan Grisham believes that the work and responsibility that comes with dog ownership also has significant rewards. "[Dogs] have their own personalities, and they truly become part of the family. Children benefit from that relationship, but more important, they get their first taste of what it's like to be responsible for someone other than themselves."

Dogs can provide benefits to the workplace as well, and the Congresswoman said that she encourages her staff to bring their dogs to work. The staff enjoys bringing their dogs, who play together and join in office festivities. Recently, Grisham's Chief of Staff organized a birthday party for his dog (including cake!) and the staff and dogs celebrated together.

"Sometimes, it's more convenient to bring our dogs into the office, as long as they are not disruptive," she explained. "Most importantly, the dogs provide a warm, welcoming [environment] for our visitors and staff."

"A relationship with your dog is so rewarding," Congresswoman Lujan Grisham explained. And her relationship with Kiwi is evidence of this. The Congresswoman explained that she is "very special" to her. "We found each other many years ago during a tough time in my life. She helped me get through that time, which is why I have been especially protective of [her]."

**"We must invest in educating people, starting with young children, to be responsible pet owners."**



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## Did You Know?

- The Shih Tzu, which means "lion dog" is an ancient breed, being depicted in Tibetan and Chinese art and documents dating back to 624 A.D. Today, it is the 19th most popular breed in the United States.
- Shih Tzus are known for their affectionate, outgoing, and playful nature.



# AKC Names First Recipients of the AKC Paw of Courage Award

The American Kennel Club just launched its newest award, the AKC Paw of Courage, in an effort to show appreciation for the many sacrifices that working dogs make while serving and protecting our country. This award specifically recognizes the extraordinary sacrifices of dogs who have been severely injured or killed in the line of duty.

“These working dogs possess great courage and dedication,” said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. “They continuously put their lives on the line, and have sacrificed their own safety, well-being, and in some cases even their lives, to keep us safe. Each dog awarded with the AKC Paw of Courage has made a significant sacrifice in the line of duty.”

Any working dog is eligible to receive the AKC Paw of Courage; the award is not specific to purebred dogs. Recipients of the award, or their former human partner, will receive a 2016 AKC Paw of Courage medal along with a certificate. In addition, the recipients will receive a photo and profile on [akc.org](http://akc.org).

The first 2016 AKC Paw of Courage recipients are:



## **K9 OFFICER OGAR: OF SMITH COUNTY CONSTABLE'S OFFICE – PRECINCT 5, TX**

K9 Ogar, a one-year-old Belgian Malinois of Smith County

Constable's Office in Texas, was shot and killed while attempting an apprehension this past January. K9 Ogar and his handler, Deputy Constable Kevin Petty, were conducting a routine traffic stop when a vehicle fled, leading to a pursuit. The vehicle was wrecked and the subject evaded on foot into a wooded area, and K9 Ogar was deployed. During this confrontation, K9 Ogar was shot and killed. Deputy Constable Petty says, “Ogar sacrificed his life to save mine.” He says that Ogar was always right by his side and looked at him with true love and devotion.

When K9 Ogar was not on duty he was like any other family dog. He loved to run circles around the swimming pool with Deputy Constable Petty's two young girls. He also enjoyed playing tug of war and catch and was a master escape artist. From the moment he was brought home by his handler, he fit right in with the family. According to his handler, Ogar had mastered the combination of being both soft and strong simultaneously. He loved any attention he could get and in exchange, all he asked for was love. K9 Ogar touched many lives in his time as a K9 officer and he is dearly missed each and every day.



## **K9 OFFICER JAG: OF TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPT., CA**

K9 Jag was an eight-year-old Belgian Malinois who served with the Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Department for five years. During his annual state certification, he was struck by a vehicle. “K9 Jag was everything a handler and a school Police Department could want. He knew his job and did it well,” says his partner, Sergeant Arlin Kocher. He describes Jag as intense, energetic, sweet and powerful. K9 Jag was the first ever Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Department's canine. He excelled in every aspect of his career;

credited with hundreds of narcotics searches, over 50 suspect surrenders and three apprehensions throughout his time in the department.

Equally as important, K9 Jag also spent a ton of time doing public outreach in the schools and nearby communities. Students, staff and parents looked forward to seeing Jag on a daily basis. He was adored for being sweet and friendly while also serving as their fierce and dependable protector.

Throughout his career, K9 Jag competed in countless events and won numerous awards. According to his partner, Sgt. Kocher, K9 Jag wouldn't let anyone leave a room without petting him. At the end of his shift, he was always eager to go back to the Police Department where the fellow officers were waiting, for what he thought was just to play with him. K9 Jag is sorely missed by Sergeant Kocher as well as the entire Twin Rivers USD as a uniformed working dog as well as a family dog.

### **K9 OFFICER BETCHA: OF RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, VT**

K9 Betcha was a two-year-old Australian Cattle Dog who served as a narcotics/tracking K9 at the Rutland County Sheriff's Office in Vermont. He was with the Sheriff's Office for about a year when he was struck and killed by a vehicle while in the line of duty. "He was my fourth K9 partner but my first dog that I can say was my therapy," says his handler, Deputy Sheriff Edward Hunter of Betcha. Deputy Sheriff Hunter has been in police work for 35 years and says that K9 Betcha truly helped him cope with his past and present in the job. When Betcha was off-duty, he loved playing Frisbee and driving down the road with his head out the window allowing people to snap pictures of him as he passed by. K9 Betcha gave his life for his career and is greatly missed by his partner, and his off-duty family, as well as his family at Rutland County Sheriff's Office.

### **K9 OFFICER KRIJGER: OF NORFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT, VA**

K9 Kirjger, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois of the Norfolk Police Department in Virginia was shot and killed following a violent barricade situation this past January. Police were responding to a domestic violence call when the man barricaded himself inside his home with his wife as a hostage. After several hours, the man exited the home opening fire on the officers, fatally wounding Krijger.

K9 Krijger's partner, Officer Ryan McNiff began his partnership and friendship during a 16-week training course. During the training, the duo became proficient in numerous skills including: obedience, tracking, open area searches, agility, building searches, apprehensions, and control commands. Even more importantly, Officer McNiff and Krijger learned to work together and to trust one another. "Krijger was not only my partner, he was also my best friend", says Officer McNiff. "Krijger taught me many things about courage, honor, loyalty and friendship". K9 Krijger has assisted in locating evidence for countless

crimes and he is responsible for over 30 felony apprehensions. Not only was he constantly busy keeping the city safe, Krijger also performed many public demonstrations within the schools and the community. In his off-duty hours, K9 Krijger could be found hanging out on the patio enjoying a bone or running around the backyard with one of his many toys. Krijger loved backyard barbeques with his off-duty family and enjoyed relaxing by the fire pit at night.

When it came to making the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect his partner and his fellow officers, Krijger did not hesitate. "I truly believe that because of him, I am a better police officer and person", says Officer McNiff. K9 Krijger's sacrifice is deeply appreciated by his fellow officers, his partner, his off-duty family and the entire community that he served. He is commemorated by his community as a true hero.

*From akc.org*



**OFFICER MCNIFF AND K9 KRIJGER K-148**

# Labrador Retriever Celebrates a Quarter of a Century at Number One

*Loveable Lab Claims Top Spot for 25th Consecutive Year*



Labrador Retriever- ©AKC

Labrador Retriever lovers have spoken! The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the nation's largest purebred dog registry, announced that the intelligent, family friendly breed holds tight to the number one spot on the most popular list for the 25th consecutive year, continuing the longest reign as the nation's top dog in AKC history.

While the Lab is clearly America's dog, the French Bulldog is poised for a takeover. The affectionate and playful breed continues to win the hearts of dog lovers everywhere, jumping three spots to number six in 2015.

"The versatile, loveable Lab has firmly planted its paw print in AKC's history, celebrating a quarter of a century as America's most popular dog," said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. "But keep your eye on the French Bulldog. The Frenchie has risen 32 spots over the past decade and shows no signs of stopping."

In addition to the country's most popular, the movers and shakers of 2015 were the bigger breeds. The Cane Corso jumped 12 spots (47th to 35th), the Norwegian Elkhound rose 12 spots (100th to 88th), the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon jumped eight spots (74th to 66th), the Belgian Malinois moved up eight spots (59th to 51st), the Belgian Tervuren rose eight spots (106th to 98th), and the Leonberger jumped eight spots (101st to 93rd), among others.



French Bulldog- ©AKC

## Did You Know?

The top five most popular breeds in Washington, DC are: the Labrador Retriever, French Bulldog, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bulldog, and German Shepherd Dog



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The President signed an executive order to reorganize the federal government for the future and the Secretary has been absolutely out front on that issue. In fact, he mentioned a Department-wide, front lines-focused reorganization on his first day address to all employees.

The Senior Executive Service is a class of managers who are specially trained to tackle top priority projects across the federal government. These are the highest paid executives in the federal government and signed up for the SES knowing that they could be called upon to work at a different agency at any time. These managers are meant to be a mobile force that are capable of taking on different projects rather than maintain the same job for years.

Personnel moves amongst the Senior Executive Service are being conducted to better serve the taxpayer and the Department's operations through matching Senior Executive skill sets with mission and operational requirements.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 5:13 PM, Ben Lefebvre <[blefebvre@politico.com](mailto:blefebvre@politico.com)> wrote:

Hello,

I was wondering if anyone at interior had seen this:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/im-a-scientist-the-trump-administration-reassigned-me-for-speaking-up-about-climate-change/2017/07/19/389b8dce-6b12-11e7-9c15-177740635e83\\_story.html?tid=ss\\_tw&utm\\_term=.196fd4dbe6e1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/im-a-scientist-the-trump-administration-reassigned-me-for-speaking-up-about-climate-change/2017/07/19/389b8dce-6b12-11e7-9c15-177740635e83_story.html?tid=ss_tw&utm_term=.196fd4dbe6e1)

Does Interior have any comment on this matter? Is it reviewing the reassignment?  
Does it have a reason for Clement's transfer to accounts receivable?

Thank you,

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On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 9:54 PM, Russell Newell <[russell\\_newell@ios.doi.gov](mailto:russell_newell@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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Great!

I need to send you the ironman video

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Hi Nick, I'm sorry but Mr. Balash is unavailable.

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On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 3:16 PM, Nicholas McDermott <[nmcdermott@ktva.com](mailto:nmcdermott@ktva.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon

I am interested in setting up a story with Joe Balash.

Can you help me set it up?

Thanks

Nick McDermott

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**From:** Laura Rigas  
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**Cc:** [Krauss, Jeff](#); [Matthew Allen](#); [Megan Crandall](#); [Heather Swift](#); [Donna Hummel](#); [John Asselin](#)  
**Subject:** Re: BLM NM and NV Press/Video Contacts  
**Date:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:05:14 PM

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Thanks Rudy -- this list is super helpful. Will be back in touch when we have more concrete details about the events next week.

My best,  
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Laura, I have attached the BLM Nevada media list. I have noted 3 reporters in particular from the Southern Nevada media who have been following the monuments story.

The Southern Nevada District also recommends Mesquite for a press conference on Monday, July 31. Among Mesquite, Overton, and Moapa, Mesquite is probably the most suitable.

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On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 2:10 PM, Krauss, Jeff <[jkrauss@blm.gov](mailto:jkrauss@blm.gov)> wrote:

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