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Cc: Lesia Monson[lesia_monson@ios.doi.gov]
From: Magallanes, Downey
Sent: 2017-07-24T08:06:08-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: travel authorization request #1
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Thanks, usually people send a more exact estimate. Thanks.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 10:22 PM, Stephen Wackowski <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Less than \$1000. For a comparison it would cost about \$2000 and I would have to overnight in Barrow using commercial air service.

Just as an FYI, IOS Alaska has a separate budget than IOS DC office. We are funded through the Alaska working capital budget which is contributed to from all the AK agencies. There is room in my budget for this trip.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 5:23 PM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Can you please provide an estimate.

Thanks.

On Jul 20, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Wackowski, Stephen <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Downey-

I have two travel authorization requests for you, I am told I have to send the authorizations separate so apologies in advance.

Travel to/from Kaktovik, AK, 25 July (day trip--no hotel needed)

I have been invited to accompany Voices of the Inupiat on a community engagement trip

-Oil and Gas development issues in ANWR will be discussed with the mayor, tribal, and village corporation leadership

-The Secretarial order for seismic in ANWR 1002 will be discussed

-Specific concerns with FWS& Arctic Refuge will be discussed

This will also give me an opportunity to do some critical advance work for Kate MacGregor's pending trip and visit to Kaktovik with BLM, FWS, and BOEM leadership

Costs for airfare are drastically reduced for this flight since the government would be purchasing a seat on an aircraft that is already chartered to go up to Kaktovik.

Thanks,

Steve

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To: Taing, John[John.Taing@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Rivas, Victoria[Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov]
From: Micah Chambers
Sent: 2017-07-24T10:20:58-04:00
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Subject: Re: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04
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Hi Victoria and John. Just wanted to let you know you've not been left out as your boss stated recently. I'm going to assume the best and assume that the message we sent that said we'd let you know as soon as we had a set schedule didn't make it to him before he said the following:

"At a press conference in Las Vegas on Friday, Rep. Ruben Kihuen called it "highly disrespectful" for Zinke not to tell him about his upcoming visit or respond to a letter the congressman sent to Zinke's office a week ago about the ongoing national monuments review."

We are still setting our schedule for Monday but we fully intend to keep your office in the loop as promised previously. And as done with all monument reviews, we intend to meet with all sides of monument debate, not just "who will tell him what he wants to hear."

Micah

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 18, 2017, at 3:18 PM, Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Awesome thanks Victoria!

John Taing

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From: Rivas, Victoria
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:52 AM
To: 'Micah Chambers' <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04

Thanks. I'm looping in John from our district office, who is helping to coordinate the Congressman's attendance.

From: Micah Chambers [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Rivas, Victoria <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04

As soon as I've got some details we'll get them

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On Jul 18, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Rivas, Victoria <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Micah,

Do you know if there are any events that Congressman Kihuen would be able to attend during Secretary Zinke's next visit to Nevada?

Thanks,

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- TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
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- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a proposal to approve the shot for hunting waterfowl and coots. FWS has concluded that this type of shot left in the terrestrial or aquatic environments is unlikely to adversely affect fish, wildlife, or their habitats. Approving this shot formulation would increase the nontoxic shot options for hunters. Interested stakeholders include the Flyway Councils, state wildlife agencies, non-governmental organizations and hunters.
- TBD: FWS Local Release: FWS plans to announce the notice of availability of the revised draft recovery plan for the giant garter snake in California. There may be some controversy with cost estimates associated with this plan.

Bureau of Land Management

- July 24: BLM-AZ will meet with young leaders from 19 African countries who are part of the State Department's Mandela Fellowship to discuss public land issues and challenges.
- Week of July 24: Local BLM Release: BLM-CO Little Snake Field Office will announce a 30-day public scoping period for an environmental assessment evaluating a coal Lease by Application (LBA) from Peabody Energy's Twentymile Coal Foidel Creek Mine near Hayden. The LBA is for 640 acres of federal coal underneath private surface. The coal would be mined by underground methods with no surface disturbance. The mine estimates it could recover 4.1 million tons of coal, generating approximately \$13 million in royalties, half of which would go to the state. The lease would help the mine continue to employ 365 people.
- July 25: Local BLM Release: BLM-Eastern States, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, will hold public meetings in St. Paul, MN, and Virginia, MN, to solicit comments regarding the proposed 20-year withdrawal of 234,328 acres of Federal minerals from national forest system lands on the Superior National Forest within the Rainy River Watershed. Public comments received during project scoping will inform development of an EIS to study the proposed mineral withdrawal.
- July 21 -26: The sage-grouse task force team comprised of BLM, USGS, USFWS, USFS, and Western Governors' offices will work in four subgroups to review a draft plan in response to S.O. 3353. The subgroups pertain to plan and policy review, fire and invasive species, data

and science and wildlife management.

- July 25-26: Local BLM Release: BLM-WY Pinedale and Rock Springs field offices will hold two open houses to discuss the Normally Pressured Lance Natural Gas Development Project with local communities. Public comments will be collected on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released last week.
- July 26: BLM acting Deputy Director for Operations John Ruhs will attend the Nevada Sheriffs' Association meeting and provide a "BLM 101" presentation.
- July 26: BLM-AK will participate in the annual Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) forum, focusing on issues that relate to potential sites within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and contaminated lands and mine sites in Alaska.
- July 26: BLM-CA Bishop Field Office will meet with representatives from Mono County, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and a private landowner to discuss riparian habitat improvement for bi-state sage-grouse through alterations in county road maintenance and installation of culverts and drainage dips.

Bureau of Reclamation

- July 24-25: Reclamation will meet with stakeholders in Klamath Falls, Oregon, to kick off the stakeholder engagement process on the reinitiated ESA consultation on Klamath Project Operations. Organizations expected to attend the meeting include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Yurok Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, The Klamath Tribes, Klamath Water Users Association, and PacifiCorps.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- July 26 (tent.): BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Notice to Stakeholders on the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Cape Wind Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.

Office of Insular Affairs

- July 25: Hearing before the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, regarding the LBJ Hospital in American Samoa.
- July 25 or 26: Local IA Release: Marshall Islands grants release announces Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for four Atolls (Sec 177) \$697,387.

CONGRESSIONAL

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

Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52

Richard "Rick" Goeken- (pronounced "Gaykin") as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife. Past experience: Smith Currie & Hancock LLP- Partner- (focusing on 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.

Blake Deeley as Advisor for the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Past experience:

Congressman David McKinley- Policy Advisor for Energy and Environmental, Subcommittees and staffer for House Congressional Coal Caucus.

5 nominated awaiting confirmation.

Deputy Secretary nominee David Bernhardt is expected to be voted on in the Senate on Monday.

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech participated in a Senate hearing on Thursday. Nominee Joe Balash to serve as the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced.

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

7/24 National Boy Scout Jamboree (Glen Jean, WV)

7/29 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico

8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/22 - 2017 Lake Tahoe Summit invited by Sen. Feinstein and Sen. Heller (Lake Tahoe, CA)
8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)
8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)
8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony General Welcome (Missoula, MT)
8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball (Whitefish/Kalispell)
8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)
8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)
8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

In California, the Detwiler Fire, located in Mariposa County (CAL FIRE), has burned 76,250 (+5,662) acres and is 45 (+35)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 5,043 (+1,306) personnel, including 113 (+45) DOI personnel. There are 1,500 (no change) residential structures threatened and 4,968 (no change) evacuees. State Routes 140 and 49 remain impacted by the fire and are impeding access to Yosemite National Park. Additionally, high power transmission lines, which supply power to Yosemite National Park, have been impacted by the fire. The USGS reports that the Detwiler Fire has also disrupted service for 19 seismic sensors in the Northern California Seismic Network. These sensors provide coverage over the western side of the southern San Joaquin Valley, from the San Luis Reservoir to Coalinga and from Copperopolis to Visalia in the Sierra foothills. Once access to the area is possible, a detailed assessment of impacts and projected timeline for service repairs will be performed by USGS and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) personnel. Impacts to the earthquake monitoring capabilities of the USGS include the loss of ability to detect and locate small earthquakes in the immediate vicinity, along with increased uncertainty in the initial location of larger earthquakes in the immediate vicinity. Full containment of the Detwiler Fire is expected on August 5.

In Montana, the Lodgepole Complex Fire, located in Garfield County (BLM), has burned 226,000 acres and is 5-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 215 personnel, including 26 DOI personnel. There are 145 residential structures threatened and 50 evacuees. Twelve residences have been destroyed and the fire is threatening Sage Grouse habitat. Three civilian and two responder injuries have been reported. Full containment is expected on August 2.

USGS crews continue to support flood response operations in northern Illinois and northeastern Iowa due to heavy rains that fell on July 21 and July 22. USGS crews deployed over the weekend and made 15 discharge measurements to validate stage-discharge relations, ensure proper streamgauge operation, and assist the National Weather Service (NWS) with forecast information. Overall, 22 USGS streamgages in northern Illinois are above the NWS

flood stage and six USGS streamgages in Iowa are above the NWS flood stage. All streamgages in the affected areas appear to be functioning properly, and the USGS continues to coordinate and share information with the NWS, USACE, and other local emergency managers.

Outside Media of Interest

U.S. National Monument in Colorado to Remain Intact.

Reuters (7/21, Coffman) reports Secretary Zinke on Friday said that Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients National Monument "is no longer on a list of more than two dozen national monuments under review by the Trump administration for possible reduction or elimination." He has recommended that it be kept "intact, with no modifications." The story also appears at the New York Times (7/21, Reuters), U.S. News & World Report (7/21, Coffman).

\$53M To Go To US National Park Maintenance, Infrastructure.

The AP (7/22) reports on Saturday, Secretary Zinke "announced more than \$50 million for maintenance and infrastructure work at national parks." He spoke at Rocky Mountain National Park, accompanied by US Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO). According to the department \$20 million will come from Congress and \$33 million from "outside organizations."

Zinke In Denver Makes A Case For Energy Production On Public Lands.

The Colorado Springs (CO) Gazette (7/22, Bunch) reports Secretary Zinke, speaking to the Western Conservative Summit on Friday in Denver, said that the US "should open up its public lands and shores for more energy production." He said, "I can tell ya, the war on American energy is over." One reason he gave is that US "national parks are about \$11.5 billion behind in maintenance and repairs, and public lands and wildlife refuges are about \$15 billion in need."

Climate Scientist Files Complaint On Trump Administration.

The AP (7/21) reported that Joel Clement, who until recently was director of the Department of Interior's Office of Policy Analysis, "says he was mistreated by officials in the administration of President Donald Trump for speaking about climate change." Clement was reassigned to a position in which he had no background, which he claims is a violation of his federal whistleblower protections. The story also appears at San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/21), U.S. News & World Report (7/21), Greeneville (TN) Sun (7/21, Fitzgerald), Washington (DC) Times (7/21), and KTOO-FM Juneau (AK) Juneau, AK (7/23, Rott).

Two Good Picks.

The Ketchikan (AK) Daily News (7/21, Picks) in an editorial praises the selection of Chris Oliver to be assistant administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and "Joe Balash as the U.S. Department of Interior's assistant secretary for land and mineral management." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in announcing the nomination said, "It's been a long time" since an assistant secretary in the Interior Department was from Alaska. The paper concludes, "it will be good to have people who already know Alaska in these positions."

Amarillo-area Helium Auction Brings In \$60M.

The Amarillo (TX) Globe News (7/23) reports, "The Bureau of Land Management sold nearly \$60 million in helium," in its "fourth annual Amarillo-area auction."

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Friday.

REG0007198 BIA Agency Information Collection Activities; Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Funding Solicitations and Reporting. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that BIA will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Funding Solicitation and Reporting. BIA is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007184 BLM Alaska Native Claims Selection. The BLM provides notice that it will issue an appealable decision approving conveyance of the surface estate in certain lands to the Alaska Native village corporation of Tulkisarmute Incorporated, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, as amended (ANCSA). As provided by ANCSA, the BLM simultaneously will convey the subsurface estate in the same lands to Calista Corporation. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007189 BLM Rescission of a 2015 Rule: Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands. The BLM is proposing to rescind a 2015 final rule, "Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands," because the BLM has concluded that it is unnecessarily duplicative of State and some tribal regulations and that it imposes burdensome reporting requirements and other unjustified costs on the oil and gas industry. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) has concluded E.O. 12866 review and the BLM seeks DOI approval to publish the proposed rule ahead of a July 27, 2017, oral argument on the 2015 rule in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Proposed Rule 07/21/2017.

REG0007201 BOE Final Supplemental EIS for the Cape Wind Energy Project. BOEM announces the availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Cape Wind Energy Project, which is located in Federal waters between Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Island. BOEM must issue the Final SEIS and publish this Notice as soon as possible to comply with a court order. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007119 FWS Lost Hills Solar Project, Kern County, California; Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Habitat Conservation Plan The proposed project includes the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a 20-megawatt solar photovoltaic power generating facility. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007199 NPS Agency Information Collection Activities: NPS Visitor Survey Card. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), announces that the NPS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection for the Visitor Survey Card (VSC). The NPS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 30 days. Notice 07/21/2017.

WOLF TRAP

Tickets in the Secretary's box available. Please share with WH staff.

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7-26-17	Regina Spektor/Ben Folds	8:00 PM
7-28-17	ORFF: Carmina Burana; Beethoven: Emporer Concerto	8:15 PM
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- July 25: Local NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce a 30-day public comment period on the Glacier National Park Lake McDonald Properties Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA). Following the public review and comment period, the park will prepare a formal decision document. The EA analyzes alternatives to manage NPS-owned properties, including buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, adjacent to Lake McDonald. The proposed alternative uses an adaptive approach that identifies a sequence of management options for each property, which for most properties begins with historic leasing, park or concessioner use, or stabilization of properties. The last option in the adaptive management approach would be removal of buildings. The management plan has garnered local media and public interest with little to no controversy and a lot of interest in leasing the properties.
- TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of

communities small and large across the country.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
- July TBD: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a final rule establishing the 2017-18 hunting seasons and bag limits for certain migratory game birds to fulfill our responsibilities to the four international conventions to protect and manage migratory game birds. A prepared statement will be provided on our website with a link to the proposed rule.
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- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a proposal to approve the shot for hunting waterfowl and coots. FWS has concluded that this type of shot left in the terrestrial or aquatic environments is unlikely to adversely affect fish, wildlife, or their habitats. Approving this shot formulation would increase the nontoxic shot options for hunters. Interested stakeholders include the Flyway Councils, state wildlife agencies, non-governmental organizations and hunters.
- TBD: FWS Local Release: FWS plans to announce the notice of availability of the revised draft recovery plan for the giant garter snake in California. There may be some controversy with cost estimates associated with this plan.

Bureau of Land Management

- July 24: BLM-AZ will meet with young leaders from 19 African countries who are part of the State Department's Mandela Fellowship to discuss public land issues and challenges.
- Week of July 24: Local BLM Release: BLM-CO Little Snake Field Office will announce a 30-day public scoping period for an environmental assessment evaluating a coal Lease by Application (LBA) from Peabody Energy's Twentymile Coal Foidel Creek Mine near Hayden. The LBA is for 640 acres of federal coal underneath private surface. The coal would be mined by underground methods with no surface disturbance. The mine estimates it could recover 4.1 million tons of coal, generating approximately \$13 million in royalties, half of which would go to the state. The lease would help the mine continue to employ 365 people.
- July 25: Local BLM Release: BLM-Eastern States, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, will hold public meetings in St. Paul, MN, and Virginia, MN, to solicit comments regarding the proposed 20-year withdrawal of 234,328 acres of Federal minerals from national forest system lands on the Superior National Forest within the Rainy River Watershed. Public comments received during project scoping will inform development of an EIS to study the proposed mineral withdrawal.

- July 21 -26: The sage-grouse task force team comprised of BLM, USGS, USFWS, USFS, and Western Governors’ offices will work in four subgroups to review a draft plan in response to S.O. 3353. The subgroups pertain to plan and policy review, fire and invasive species, data and science and wildlife management.
- July 25 26: Local BLM Release: BLM-WY Pinedale and Rock Springs field offices will hold two open houses to discuss the Normally Pressured Lance Natural Gas Development Project with local communities. Public comments will be collected on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released last week.
- July 26: BLM acting Deputy Director for Operations John Ruhs will attend the Nevada Sheriffs’ Association meeting and provide a “BLM 101” presentation.
- July 26: BLM-AK will participate in the annual Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) forum, focusing on issues that relate to potential sites within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and contaminated lands and mine sites in Alaska.
- July 26: BLM-CA Bishop Field Office will meet with representatives from Mono County, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and a private landowner to discuss riparian habitat improvement for bi-state sage-grouse through alterations in county road maintenance and installation of culverts and drainage dips.

Bureau of Reclamation

- July 24-25: Reclamation will meet with stakeholders in Klamath Falls, Oregon, to kick off the stakeholder engagement process on the reinitiated ESA consultation on Klamath Project Operations. Organizations expected to attend the meeting include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Yurok Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, The Klamath Tribes, Klamath Water Users Association, and PacifiCorps.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- July 26 (tent.): BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Notice to Stakeholders on the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Cape Wind Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.

Office of Insular Affairs

- July 25: Hearing before the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, regarding the LBJ Hospital in American Samoa.
- July 25 or 26: Local IA Release: Marshall Islands grants release announces Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for four Atolls (Sec 177) \$697,387.

CONGRESSIONAL

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

Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52

Richard "Rick" Goeken- (pronounced "Gaykin") as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife. Past experience: Smith Currie & Hancock LLP- Partner- (focusing on 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.

Blake Deeley as Advisor for the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Past experience:

Congressman David McKinley- Policy Advisor for Energy and Environmental, Subcommittees and staffer for House Congressional Coal Caucus.

5 nominated awaiting confirmation.

Deputy Secretary nominee David Bernhardt is expected to be voted on in the Senate on Monday.

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech participated in a Senate hearing on Thursday. Nominee Joe Balash to serve as the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced.

Speaking Invitations

Accepted

7/24 National Boy Scout Jamboree (Glen Jean, WV)

7/29 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico

8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/22 - 2017 Lake Tahoe Summit invited by Sen. Feinstein and Sen. Heller (Lake Tahoe, CA)

8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony General Welcome (Missoula, MT)

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball (Whitefish/Kalispell)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

In California, the Detwiler Fire, located in Mariposa County (CAL FIRE), has burned 76,250 (+5,662) acres and is 45 (+35)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 5,043 (+1,306) personnel, including 113 (+45) DOI personnel. There are 1,500 (no change) residential structures threatened and 4,968 (no change) evacuees. State Routes 140 and 49 remain impacted by the fire and are impeding access to Yosemite National Park. Additionally, high power transmission lines, which supply power to Yosemite National Park, have been impacted by the fire. The USGS reports that the Detwiler Fire has also disrupted service for 19 seismic sensors in the Northern California Seismic Network. These sensors provide coverage over the western side of the southern San Joaquin Valley, from the San Luis Reservoir to Coalinga and from Copperopolis to Visalia in the Sierra foothills. Once access to the area is possible, a detailed assessment of impacts and projected timeline for service repairs will be performed by USGS and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) personnel. Impacts to the earthquake monitoring capabilities of the USGS include the loss of ability to detect and locate small earthquakes in the immediate vicinity, along with increased uncertainty in the initial location of larger earthquakes in the immediate vicinity. Full containment of the Detwiler Fire is expected on August 5.

In Montana, the Lodgepole Complex Fire, located in Garfield County (BLM), has burned 226,000 acres and is 5-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 215 personnel, including 26 DOI personnel. There are 145 residential structures threatened and 50 evacuees. Twelve residences have been destroyed and the fire is threatening Sage Grouse habitat. Three civilian and two responder injuries have been reported. Full containment is expected on August 2.

USGS crews continue to support flood response operations in northern Illinois and northeastern Iowa due to heavy rains that fell on July 21 and July 22. USGS crews deployed

over the weekend and made 15 discharge measurements to validate stage-discharge relations, ensure proper streamgauge operation, and assist the National Weather Service (NWS) with forecast information. Overall, 22 USGS streamgages in northern Illinois are above the NWS flood stage and six USGS streamgages in Iowa are above the NWS flood stage. All streamgages in the affected areas appear to be functioning properly, and the USGS continues to coordinate and share information with the NWS, USACE, and other local emergency managers.

Outside Media of Interest

U.S. National Monument in Colorado to Remain Intact.

Reuters (7/21, Coffman) reports Secretary Zinke on Friday said that Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients National Monument "is no longer on a list of more than two dozen national monuments under review by the Trump administration for possible reduction or elimination." He has recommended that it be kept "intact, with no modifications." The story also appears at the New York Times (7/21, Reuters), U.S. News & World Report (7/21, Coffman).

\$53M To Go To US National Park Maintenance, Infrastructure.

The AP (7/22) reports on Saturday, Secretary Zinke "announced more than \$50 million for maintenance and infrastructure work at national parks." He spoke at Rocky Mountain National Park, accompanied by US Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO). According to the department \$20 million will come from Congress and \$33 million from "outside organizations."

Zinke In Denver Makes A Case For Energy Production On Public Lands.

The Colorado Springs (CO) Gazette (7/22, Bunch) reports Secretary Zinke, speaking to the Western Conservative Summit on Friday in Denver, said that the US "should open up its public lands and shores for more energy production." He said, "I can tell ya, the war on American energy is over." One reason he gave is that US "national parks are about \$11.5 billion behind in maintenance and repairs, and public lands and wildlife refuges are about \$15 billion in need."

Climate Scientist Files Complaint On Trump Administration.

The AP (7/21) reported that Joel Clement, who until recently was director of the Department of Interior's Office of Policy Analysis, "says he was mistreated by officials in the administration of President Donald Trump for speaking about climate change." Clement was reassigned to a position in which he had no background, which he claims is a violation of his federal whistleblower protections. The story also appears at San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/21), U.S. News & World Report (7/21), Greeneville (TN) Sun (7/21, Fitzgerald), Washington (DC) Times (7/21), and KTOO-FM Juneau (AK) Juneau, AK (7/23, Rott).

Two Good Picks.

The Ketchikan (AK) Daily News (7/21, Picks) in an editorial praises the selection of Chris Oliver to be assistant administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and "Joe Balash as the U.S. Department of Interior's assistant secretary for land and mineral management." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in announcing the nomination said, "It's been a long time" since an assistant secretary in the Interior Department was from Alaska. The paper concludes, "it will be good to have people who already know Alaska in these positions."

Amarillo-area Helium Auction Brings In \$60M.

The Amarillo (TX) Globe News (7/23) reports, "The Bureau of Land Management sold nearly \$60 million in helium," in its "fourth annual Amarillo-area auction."

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Friday.

REG0007198 BIA Agency Information Collection Activities; Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Funding Solicitations and Reporting. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that BIA will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Funding Solicitation and Reporting. BIA is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007184 BLM Alaska Native Claims Selection. The BLM provides notice that it will issue an appealable decision approving conveyance of the surface estate in certain lands to the Alaska Native village corporation of Tulkisarmute Incorporated, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, as amended (ANCSA). As provided by ANCSA, the BLM simultaneously will convey the subsurface estate in the same lands to Calista Corporation. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007189 BLM Rescission of a 2015 Rule: Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands. The BLM is proposing to rescind a 2015 final rule, "Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands," because the BLM has concluded that it is unnecessarily duplicative of State and some tribal regulations and that it imposes burdensome reporting requirements and other unjustified costs on the oil and gas industry. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) has concluded E.O. 12866 review and the BLM seeks DOI approval to publish the proposed rule ahead of a July 27, 2017, oral argument on the 2015 rule in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Proposed Rule 07/21/2017.

REG0007201 BOE Final Supplemental EIS for the Cape Wind Energy Project. BOEM announces the availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Cape Wind Energy Project, which is located in Federal waters between Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Island. BOEM must issue the Final SEIS and publish this Notice as soon as possible to comply with a court order. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007119 FWS Lost Hills Solar Project, Kern County, California; Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Habitat Conservation Plan The proposed project includes the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a 20-megawatt solar photovoltaic power generating facility. Notice 07/21/2017.

REG0007199 NPS Agency Information Collection Activities: NPS Visitor Survey Card. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), announces that the NPS will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of an information collection for the Visitor Survey Card (VSC). The NPS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 30 days. Notice 07/21/2017.

WOLF TRAP

Tickets in the Secretary's box available. Please share with WH staff.

7-25-17	Diana Ross	8:00 PM
7-26-17	Regina Spektor/Ben Folds	8:00 PM
7-28-17	ORFF: Carmina Burana; Beethoven: Emperor Concerto	8:15 PM
7-29-17	Aretha Franklin	8:00 PM
8-1-17	Nashville in Concert	8:00 PM
8-2-17	Punch Brothers	8:00 PM
8-3-17	Blondie & Garbage	7:30 PM
8-4-17	La La Land in Concert	8:30 PM

Doug Domenech
Senior Advisor
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NOTE: *Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.*

To: Wackowski, Stephen[stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Lesia Monson[lesia_monson@ios.doi.gov]
From: Magallanes, Downey
Sent: 2017-07-24T17:50:42-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: travel authorization request #1
Received: 2017-07-24T17:50:48-04:00

approved

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 2:29 PM, Wackowski, Stephen <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Downey-

My apologies, in the future I'll include exact estimates. Here you go:

Airfare: \$955 (although that may fluctuate +/- \$50 depending on passenger load)

Per diem: \$42 (partial rate--no overnight)

Est. Total: \$997

-Steve

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 8:06 AM, Magallanes, Downey <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks, usually people send a more exact estimate. Thanks.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 10:22 PM, Stephen Wackowski <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Less than \$1000. For a comparison it would cost about \$2000 and I would have to overnight in Barrow using commercial air service.

Just as an FYI, IOS Alaska has a separate budget than IOS DC office. We are funded through the Alaska working capital budget which is contributed to from all the AK agencies. There is room in my budget for this trip.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 5:23 PM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Can you please provide an estimate.

Thanks.

On Jul 20, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Wackowski, Stephen <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>

wrote:

Downey-

I have two travel authorization requests for you, I am told I have to send the authorizations separate so apologies in advance.

Travel to/from Kaktovik, AK, 25 July (day trip--no hotel needed)

I have been invited to accompany Voices of the Inupiat on a community engagement trip

-Oil and Gas development issues in ANWR will be discussed with the mayor, tribal, and village corporation leadership

-The Secretarial order for seismic in ANWR 1002 will be discussed

-Specific concerns with FWS& Arctic Refuge will be discussed

This will also give me an opportunity to do some critical advance work for Kate MacGregor's pending trip and visit to Kaktovik with BLM, FWS, and BOEM leadership

Costs for airfare are drastically reduced for this flight since the government would be purchasing a seat on an aircraft that is already chartered to go up to Kaktovik.

Thanks,

Steve

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From: Boulton, Caroline
Sent: 2017-07-24T18:44:14-04:00
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Subject: Fwd: Latest version of DOI monument visit: no media or senators, no Falling Man hike, Laxalt at City
Received: 2017-07-24T18:44:52-04:00
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From: **Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)** <revenson@blm.gov>
Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 7:16 PM
Subject: Latest version of DOI monument visit: no media or senators, no Falling Man hike, Laxalt at City
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>, Paul Petersen <ppeterse@blm.gov>, Timothy Smith <tsmith@blm.gov>, Michael Herder <mherder@blm.gov>, Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>, "Shaw, Steven" <srshaw@blm.gov>, "Goicoechea, Alec" <agoicoec@blm.gov>, Geoffrey Wallin <gwallin@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

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Subject: Re: Latest version of DOI monument visit: no media or senators, no Falling Man hike, Laxalt at City
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Hi all,

I'm adding/introducing Rusty Roddy, who is our Director of Scheduling & Advance. He will be advancing the Nevada portion of the Secretary's trip and will be the best POC moving forward!

Best,
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To: Willens, Todd[todd_willens@ios.doi.gov]
From: Downey Magallanes
Sent: 2017-07-25T10:06:41-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: The Washington Post: Interior to review rules against killing bear cubs and wolf pups with their mothers
Received: 2017-07-25T10:06:44-04:00

Can you task someone to write up a briefing memo on this and also how it relates to the rule that was CRAAd

On Jul 24, 2017, at 12:18 PM, Willens, Todd <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Downey, Please see Stephen's comments that sum this up very well. This may answer some of the Secretary's concerns.

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From: **Wackowski, Stephen** <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Sat, Jul 22, 2017 at 12:37 PM
Subject: Re: The Washington Post: Interior to review rules against killing bear cubs and wolf pups with their mothers
To: Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Aurelia Skipwith <aurelia_skipwith@ios.doi.gov>, "heather_swift@ios.doi.gov" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>

Just some points to consider if we talk about this in the future:

- In predator control measures are about meat for rural Alaskan residents
- Ground beef sells for well over \$15-\$20 a pound in stores in most Alaskan villiages (if they have a general store at all--many get basic foodstuffs through mail)
- We are mandated by several laws, including ANILCA, to manage game stocks in Alaska to provide maximum subsistence harvest for rural Alaskans
- Den culling and baiting are very rare in Alaska, most culling is done by Alaska Natives who have been doing predator control methods like this for thousands of years.
- There are several of studies that prove predator control does work to increase moose and caribou stocks

A retired Alaska reporter who runs a blog just posted a counterpoint to this story. It is well worth your time for a read (and he attributes Virginia correctly). <https://craigmedred.news/2017/07/22/the-killing-land/> Of note:

A bit of history

Before Alaska became a state, the federal government managed wildlife largely to feed the residents of the Alaska Territory.

Predator control was widespread and aggressive.

“Intensive wolf control by the FWS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) in Game Management Unit 13, initiated in 1948, had reduced the wolf population to an estimated 13 by 1953. An increase in the Nelchina caribou herd from 4,000 in 1948 to 40,000 in 1955 followed,” a panel of the National Academies of Science noted in an exhaustive review of Alaska predator control in 1997.

The federal program piggybacked on the beliefs of indigenous Alaskans.

“As recorded in their stories, the overriding objective of wildlife management of those people was to reduce predator populations to allow for growth or maintenance of strong prey populations,” the Academies report noted. “The advice that was transmitted from generation to generation about wolves, bears, eagles, and sea otters in the stories of many tribal groups was that ‘we always need to keep them down,’ and that ‘it’s important to stay ahead of them.’

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Almost all of this came to an end after Statehood. Alaska immediately stopped poisoning, the deadliest and most efficient means of killing predators, and limited the hunting of bears in an effort to create a large and healthy population valuable as a “trophy” species.

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Office of Insular Affairs

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- July 25 or 26: Local IA Release: Marshall Islands grants release announces Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for four Atolls (Sec 177) \$697,387.

CONGRESSIONAL

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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

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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

Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52

4 nominated awaiting confirmation.

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In Montana, the Lodgepole Complex Fire, located in Garfield County (BLM), has burned 250,000 (+24,000) acres and is 20 (+15)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 611 (+396) personnel, including 81 (+55) DOI personnel. There are 145 (no change) residential structures threatened and 50 (no change) evacuees. Sixteen (+4) residences have been destroyed and additional perimeter growth is expected over the next few days. Three (no change) civilian injuries and three (+1) responder injuries have been reported to date. Full containment is expected on August 2.

The Canyon Ferry and Helena Valley dams in Montana have been at an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Response Level 1 since July 6, when a magnitude 5.8 earthquake occurred near Lincoln, Montana. The Bureau of Reclamation has returned both dams to normal operations as they did not identify any damage or issues as a result of the earthquake.

Outside Media of Interest

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Trump's Interior Dept To Chop Months Off How Long It Takes To Get An Oil Drilling Permit.

The Daily Caller (7/24, Bastasch) reports that the Interior Department “plans on cutting wait times for oil and natural gas drilling permits on public lands to just 30 days, according to a senior agency official.” Vincent DeVito, energy policy adviser to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, said, “We do want to shrink it down to 30 days and to make all the processes as short as possible, but at the same time, making sure our environmental stewardship is not breached, all of which is completely doable.” DeVito said, “We intend to be a better business partner by harmonizing the environmental review process across the board, the one-stop-shopping type of model.”

Senate Democrats Call For An Investigation Of Climate Scientist Whistleblower Complaint.

The Washington Post (7/24, Eilperin) reports that “eight Democrats on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee asked the Interior Department’s deputy inspector general on Monday to investigate Secretary Ryan Zinke’s decision to reassign roughly 50 senior career officials last month, on the grounds that it could constitute an ‘abuse of authority.’” In the letter to Interior deputy IG Mary Kendall, which was “signed by all but three of the panel’s Democrats, the senators note that one of the reassigned Senior Executive Service officials Joel Clement, the department’s top climate change official has alleged he was punished for his work on the issue.” The senators wrote, “Any suggestion that the Department is reassigning SES employees to force them to resign, silence their voices, or to punish them for the conscientious performance of their public duties is extremely troubling and calls for the closest examination.” Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift “said in an email that the secretary makes no apologies for his decision to place a slew of experienced career officials in different posts.” Swift said, “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. Senior executives are the highest paid employees in the federal government and signed up for the SES knowing that they could be called upon to work in different positions at any time. Congress meant for the SES to be a mobile force that are capable of taking on different assignments to meet the needs of the agency.” In an email, Interior IG spokeswoman Nancy K. DiPaolo said that the office “just received the letter and will promptly access resources and methods to meet the request. We currently do not have any related work.”

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E&E Daily (7/24) reports that the House Natural Resources Committee will begin consideration of 21 bills on Tuesday, “including bipartisan legislation to promote renewable energy development on public lands and a measure that would develop a central database for federal land properties.” Among the bills highlighted by the article is the “Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2017” (H.R. 825), which “requires the Interior Department to identify ‘priority areas’ for wind and geothermal power development on federal lands.” The panel will “also take up H.R. 2199, sponsored by Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), which requires the Interior secretary to develop ‘a single, uniform database’ listing all ‘federal real property.’”

Interior Department Announces Plan To Gut Federal Fracking Regulations.

The Hill (7/24, Cama) reports the Trump administration seeks “to completely repeal Obama-era standards governing hydraulic fracturing on federal land.” The Bureau of Land

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No items cleared for the FR on Monday.

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In Montana, the Lodgepole Complex Fire, located in Garfield County (BLM), has burned 250,000 (+24,000) acres and is 20 (+15)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 611 (+396) personnel, including 81 (+55) DOI personnel. There are 145 (no change) residential structures threatened and 50 (no change) evacuees. Sixteen (+4) residences have been destroyed and additional perimeter growth is expected over the next few days. Three (no change) civilian injuries and three (+1) responder injuries have been reported to date. Full containment is expected on August 2.

The Canyon Ferry and Helena Valley dams in Montana have been at an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Response Level 1 since July 6, when a magnitude 5.8 earthquake occurred near Lincoln, Montana. The Bureau of Reclamation has returned both dams to normal operations as they did not identify any damage or issues as a result of the earthquake.

Outside Media of Interest

Senate Approves Nominee For No. 2 At Interior.

The AP (7/24) reports that the Senate in a vote of 53-43 on Monday confirmed David Bernhardt, a lawyer and former Interior Department official, as deputy Interior secretary. Democrats criticized Bernhardt "saying he continued to advise a California water district even after he withdrew his formal registration as a lobbyist last year." But Republicans "called Bernhardt a capable lawyer with vast experience in issues important to the West, including endangered species, water use and development of public lands."

Trump's Interior Dept To Chop Months Off How Long It Takes To Get An Oil Drilling Permit.

The Daily Caller (7/24, Bastasch) reports that the Interior Department “plans on cutting wait times for oil and natural gas drilling permits on public lands to just 30 days, according to a senior agency official.” Vincent DeVito, energy policy adviser to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, said, “We do want to shrink it down to 30 days and to make all the processes as short as possible, but at the same time, making sure our environmental stewardship is not breached, all of which is completely doable.” DeVito said, “We intend to be a better business partner by harmonizing the environmental review process across the board, the one-stop-shopping type of model.”

Senate Democrats Call For An Investigation Of Climate Scientist Whistleblower Complaint.

The Washington Post (7/24, Eilperin) reports that “eight Democrats on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee asked the Interior Department’s deputy inspector general on Monday to investigate Secretary Ryan Zinke’s decision to reassign roughly 50 senior career officials last month, on the grounds that it could constitute an ‘abuse of authority.’” In the letter to Interior deputy IG Mary Kendall, which was “signed by all but three of the panel’s Democrats, the senators note that one of the reassigned Senior Executive Service officials Joel Clement, the department’s top climate change official has alleged he was punished for his work on the issue.” The senators wrote, “Any suggestion that the Department is reassigning SES employees to force them to resign, silence their voices, or to punish them for the conscientious performance of their public duties is extremely troubling and calls for the closest examination.” Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift “said in an email that the secretary makes no apologies for his decision to place a slew of experienced career officials in different posts.” Swift said, “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. Senior executives are the highest paid employees in the federal government and signed up for the SES knowing that they could be called upon to work in different positions at any time. Congress meant for the SES to be a mobile force that are capable of taking on different assignments to meet the needs of the agency.” In an email, Interior IG spokeswoman Nancy K. DiPaolo said that the office “just received the letter and will promptly access resources and methods to meet the request. We currently do not have any related work.”

Marathon Markup To Tackle 21 Land, Renewable Energy Bills.

E&E Daily (7/24) reports that the House Natural Resources Committee will begin consideration of 21 bills on Tuesday, “including bipartisan legislation to promote renewable energy development on public lands and a measure that would develop a central database for federal land properties.” Among the bills highlighted by the article is the “Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2017” (H.R. 825), which “requires the Interior Department to identify ‘priority areas’ for wind and geothermal power development on federal lands.” The panel will “also take up H.R. 2199, sponsored by Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), which requires the Interior secretary to develop ‘a single, uniform database’ listing all ‘federal real property.’”

Interior Department Announces Plan To Gut Federal Fracking Regulations.

The Hill (7/24, Cama) reports the Trump administration seeks “to completely repeal Obama-era standards governing hydraulic fracturing on federal land.” The Bureau of Land Management’s proposal is expected to be published today in the Federal Register. The Obama-era rules “set standards in areas such as disclosure of fracking chemicals and integrity of well casing.” The 2015 regulation “was the Obama administration’s attempt to update decades-old regulations to account for the explosive growth in fracking for oil and natural gas in recent years.” The Hill adds “the repeal is the latest in a long string of environmental regulations from Obama that Trump is working to undo.”

Federal Register Listings

No items cleared for the FR on Monday.

WOLF TRAP

Tickets in the Secretary’s box available. Please share with WH staff.

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To: Stephen Wackowski[stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-25T15:39:13-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Itinerary
Received: 2017-07-25T15:40:02-04:00
Ethics Approved Western Caucus Foundation Alaska Agenda Only 7-25.pdf

Here's the itinerary. Can you have Lesia start looking at flight options. If it's a go, her and audrey can start booking.

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

From: Henry, Darrell <dhenry@roqstrategies.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 3:09 PM
Subject: RE: Itinerary
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, "Small, Jeff" <Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov>

Here ya go!

Thanks.

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From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Henry, Darrell; Small, Jeff
Subject: Itinerary

Thanks for chatting yesterday. If you have the more specific itinerary, it'd be appreciated so we can start looking into our logistics. I talked with our Alaska Adviser yesterday and we have some ideas for the visit. One would be a field trip Thursday afternoon to a joint DOD/NPS Nike Missile site that overlooks Anchorage. You may have done it already, but might be a good way to highlight NPS with a great view and get out a little. Thanks

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Cc: Rusty Roddy[russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov]
From: Boulton, Caroline
Sent: 2017-07-25T18:43:49-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Email Address
Received: 2017-07-25T18:44:26-04:00

Hi Greg,

Apologies for the delay. The Secretary's schedule is below on Sunday the 30th (apologies it doesn't copy/paste perfectly). I've highlighted the City tour as mentioned over the phone. It is the longest portion the Secretary is on the ground and would likely be the best place for AG Laxalt to meet up with the group. I've cc'ed Rusty Roddy, who will be advancing the trip and coordinating the Secretary's NV travel going forward.

Best,
Caroline

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12:15-12:45pm PDT: Wheels down White River Narrows in Basin and Range National Monument // Lunch Meeting with BLM Staff
12:45-1:00pm PDT: White River Narrows Rock Art Site Tour
1:00-1:45pm PDT: Wheels up White River Narrows for City
1:45-3:15pm PDT: Wheels down City // City Landscape Art Site Tour
Location: *City Site*
Participants: Michael Govan, LA County Museum of Art
Erin Wright, LA County Museum of Art
Note: Helicopter refuels during this time
3:15-4:00pm PDT: Wheels up City en route Shaman Knob / Mt. Irish
4:00-4:30pm PDT: Wheels down Shaman Knob // Tour of Mt. Irish Petroglyph Site
4:30-5:15pm PDT: Wheels up Mt. Irish en route North Las Vegas Airport

5:15-5:30pm PDT: Wheels Down North Las Vegas Airport

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Gregory L. Zunino <GZunino@ag.nv.gov> wrote:

Thanks Caroline for the info. You may reply to this address.

Greg Zunino

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To: Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)[revenson@blm.gov]
Cc: Rusty Roddy[russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov]
From: Caroline Boulton
Sent: 2017-07-25T20:20:57-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Gold Butte Tour Itinerary Update: Kirt's Grotto instead of Whitney Pocket
Received: 2017-07-25T20:21:05-04:00

Thanks Rudy!

Not entirely related: have you been able to connect with the Moapa tribe?

Thanks!
Caroline

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2017, at 5:10 PM, Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) <revenson@blm.gov> wrote:

Hey Rusty and Caroline,
Upon the recommendation of our Southern Nevada helicopter team, we suggest changing the landing site in Gold Butte National Monument from Whitney Pocket to Kirt's Grotto. Kirt's Grotto is cooler and shadier and also has examples of petroglyphs, whereas Whitney Pocket is exposed and the only cultural resources there relate to the Civilian Conservation Corps. Kirt's Grotto will not change any flight times, so for Plan A, there are no changes to the itinerary except to replace "Whitney Pocket" with "Kirt's Grotto." However, due to the extra drive time to reach Kirt's Grotto, the day gets somewhat longer in Plan B (ground transportation only.)

Please find attached an updated itinerary that reflects stopping at Kirt's Grotto in Gold Butte. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

PS Rusty if you can advise regarding who, if anyone, from BLM is invited to the meetings on Monday, we are still looking for that info. Thanks.

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Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor
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Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Washington and will travel to Texas.
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Travel to Las Cruces, NM
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HOLD: Media Availability
Driving Tour with BLM

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Friday, July 28, 2017

Hike with Vet Voice Foundation
Meeting with Fort Sill Apache Tribe
Meeting with Mescalero Apache
Meeting with All Pueblo Council of Governors tribes
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
Travel to Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge
Greet Senators and Rep. Lujan and Consolidate Vehicles.
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8/1 Day One Bernhardt.

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Media TODAY

SECRETARY ZINKE TO VISIT NEW MEXICO FOR MONUMENT REVIEW

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DOI COMMS REPORT

National Park Service

- Week of July 24: Local NPS Release: The Reconstruction Era National Monument

will hold three public listening sessions (not related to July 28 Reconstruction Era Theme Study) in Beaufort, Port Royal, and St. Helena Island, South Carolina, as part of the development of a foundation document for this new park. Targeted stakeholder meetings will also be held in the respective communities during the day to identify the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the National Park Service in setting up these new areas and also provide input into the development of the foundation document and interpretive themes.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Washington and will travel to Texas.
Meeting with the NSC.
Meeting with Mike Catanzaro.
Meeting with Bannon.
Tour with Mayor Bowser.
Meeting with Rep. Aderholt and James Swanson.
Travel to El Paso, TX for Border and Monuments Tour.

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Thursday, July 27, 2017

Arrive Fort Bliss
Helicopter Tour of Organ Mountains
Travel to Las Cruces, NM
Roundtable with Ranchers & Stakeholders
Roundtable on Border Security
Meeting with Northern Ranchers on Rio Grande del Norte NM
HOLD: Media Availability
Driving Tour with BLM

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Friday, July 28, 2017

Hike with Vet Voice Foundation
Meeting with Fort Sill Apache Tribe
Meeting with Mescalero Apache
Meeting with All Pueblo Council of Governors tribes
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
Travel to Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge

Greet Senators and Rep. Lujan and Consolidate Vehicles.
Hike to Canyon Bottom // Horseback Riding & Hiking
Travel to Albuquerque, NM
Dinner with Senators

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Travel to Las Vegas (LAS)
Travel to Kirt's Grotto
Meeting with BLM Support Staff
Fly Over Tour of Gold Butte National Monument
Helicopter Tour departs Gold Butte National Monument en route Basin and Range National Monument
Lunch Meeting with BLM Staff
White River Narrows Rock Art Site Tour
Shaman Knob / Mt. Irish
Tour of Mt. Irish Petroglyph Site
Travel to Las Vegas Airport

Monday, July 31, 2017

Travel to Mesquite, NV
Roundtable with Friends of Gold Butte
Depart Mesquite, NV en route Overton, NV
Roundtable with Local County, City, and State Officials
Depart Overton, NV en route Moapa Tribal Facility
Meeting with Moapa Band of Paiutes
Depart en route Las Vegas, NV
HOLD: potential other meeting
Wheels up Las Vegas, NV (LAS) en route Cincinnati, OH (CVG)
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8/1 Day One Bernhardt.

NOTE: the Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)

Media TODAY

SECRETARY ZINKE TO VISIT NEW MEXICO FOR MONUMENT REVIEW
(WASHINGTON) - On Thursday, July 27, 2017, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will travel to New Mexico as part of the April 26, 2017 executive order to review select national monuments. Secretary Zinke will tour the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument by air, car and foot. He will meet with local stakeholders and elected officials who represent all sides of the issue. A press conference for credentialed members of the news media will be held on Thursday, July 27. Members of the news media who wish to RSVP for the press conference must email Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov.

DOI COMMS REPORT

National Park Service

- Week of July 24: Local NPS Release: The Reconstruction Era National Monument will hold three public listening sessions (not related to July 28 Reconstruction Era Theme Study) in Beaufort, Port Royal, and St. Helena Island, South Carolina, as part of the development of a foundation document for this new park. Targeted stakeholder meetings will also be held in the respective communities during the day to identify the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the National Park Service in setting up these new areas and also provide input into the development of the foundation document and interpretive themes.
- TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
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- TBD: FWS Local Release: FWS plans to announce the notice of availability of the revised draft recovery plan for the giant garter snake in California. There may be some controversy with cost estimates associated with this plan.

Bureau of Land Management

- Week of July 24: Local BLM Release: BLM-CO Little Snake Field Office will announce a 30-day public scoping period for an environmental assessment evaluating a coal Lease by Application (LBA) from Peabody Energy's Twentymile Coal Foidel Creek

Mine near Hayden. The LBA is for 640 acres of federal coal underneath private surface. The coal would be mined by underground methods with no surface disturbance. The mine estimates it could recover 4.1 million tons of coal, generating approximately \$13 million in royalties, half of which would go to the state. The lease would help the mine continue to employ 365 people.

- July 25: Local BLM Release: BLM-Eastern States, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, will hold public meetings in St. Paul, MN, and Virginia, MN, to solicit comments regarding the proposed 20-year withdrawal of 234,328 acres of Federal minerals from national forest system lands on the Superior National Forest within the Rainy River Watershed. Public comments received during project scoping will inform development of an EIS to study the proposed mineral withdrawal.
- July 21 -26: The sage-grouse task force team comprised of BLM, USGS, USFWS, USFS, and Western Governors' offices will work in four subgroups to review a draft plan in response to S.O. 3353. The subgroups pertain to plan and policy review, fire and invasive species, data and science and wildlife management.
- July 26: BLM acting Deputy Director for Operations John Ruhs will attend the Nevada Sheriffs' Association meeting and provide a "BLM 101" presentation.
- July 26: BLM-AK will participate in the annual Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) forum, focusing on issues that relate to potential sites within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and contaminated lands and mine sites in Alaska.
- July 26: BLM-CA Bishop Field Office will meet with representatives from Mono County, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and a private landowner to discuss riparian habitat improvement for bi-state sage-grouse through alterations in county road maintenance and installation of culverts and drainage dips.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- July 26 (tent.): BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Notice to Stakeholders on the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Cape Wind Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.

Office of Insular Affairs

- July 25 or 26: Local IA Release: Marshall Islands grants release announces Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for four Atolls (Sec 177) \$697,387.

CONGRESSIONAL

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;

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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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Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52
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Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee vote scheduled Thursday.
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Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

7/27-31 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico

8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Declining

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On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 3:20 PM, Miller, Bruce <Bruce.Miller@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hey there - I wanted to reach out on the permit thing, some of the constituent companies have been really harassing mark on this issue for a while now. The have claimed Jason reached out in a few months ago as have heller and sandovols people.

We will see them again in the morning, and I know Mark is going to want a status update. So anything you can do to find out where exactly it is and when Newmont can expect a decision will be very helpful.

The alternative will likely be mark requesting a call with you since we haven't gotten an answer, and I obviously want to respect your time.

Thanks so much, sorry to be a bother on this issue!

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I am traveling to New Mexico and Nevada for final monuments trip. Need to do next week.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:44 PM, Stewart, Adam <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Downey,

Any chance we can talk BE before we recess this Friday?

Best,

Adam Stewart

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Got it. Thanks!

On Jul 26, 2017, at 10:22 PM, Nachmany, Eli <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Vincent,
Below and attached, please find remarks for tomorrow. Thank you for taking the time to discuss these with me, and please let me know if I can ever be of help with a speech in the future!
Sincerely,
Eli Nachmany
Writer, U.S. Department of the Interior
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Good morning, it's great to be with you all. My name is Vincent DeVito, and I am the Counselor to Secretary Ryan Zinke of the Department of the Interior for Energy Policy. Today's session is entitled "Energy Supply Policies in the New Administration," and I want to begin by giving you all an idea of how important this issue is to our President, Donald Trump.

Going into the administration, my position was established by Secretarial Order, with the stated objective of advancing the President's goal of American energy dominance. President Trump and Secretary Zinke are on a mission to responsibly unlock America's vast energy potential, and we at Interior have been making this happen day-by-day.

For too long, America has backed away from being proud of its powerful energy sector. Instead, our leaders retreated into a fortress of regulation, held together by mountains of red tape, and took a great deal of our American energy resources offline. No more. The Trump administration

is dismantling this regulatory state brick-by-bureaucratic-brick, helping our coal miners, oil drillers, and other energy producers get back to work.

Other nations like Mexico, Canada, and China aren't afraid of touting their energy sector. Far from it. These countries understand the benefits of producing energy at home, rather than having to go abroad to import it. An America-first energy policy means less reliance on foreign oil, from foreign countries who don't always have our best interests in mind. As Secretary Zinke said recently, "I do not want to send our children into battle for a resource we have here."

American energy dominance and independence is important for three big reasons. The first, as I just mentioned, is national security. We're in a better position when we don't have to depend on a foreign country to heat our homes and power our cars. I don't know about you, but I'm tired of being dependent on oil produced somewhere else, sold to us by someone else. It's in America's best interest to ramp up our own production here at home.

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Good timing-Was just about to email! Pretty good. One pesky climate question. A few on murkowski. I mentioned a potential press release from us on a small but important WV advance to - no details tho. Adding Jason who was there. Thanks for the write up!

On Jul 27, 2017, at 12:23 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

How did it go?

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Got it. Thanks!

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Sincerely,
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Policy. Today's session is entitled "Energy Supply Policies in the New Administration," and I want to begin by giving you all an idea of how important this issue is to our President, Donald Trump.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS –
7/27/17**

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor
Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

- NOTE: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has postponed their business meeting delaying the nominations of three Interior candidates.

- **Status of the Secretary**

TODAY: The Secretary is in Texas and New Mexico.
Arrive Fort Bliss
Helicopter Tour of Organ Mountains
Travel to Las Cruces, NM
Roundtable with Ranchers & Stakeholders
Roundtable on Border Security
Meeting with Northern Ranchers on Rio Grande del Norte NM
HOLD: Media Availability
Driving Tour with BLM

- **Friday, July 28, 2017**

Hike with Vet Voice Foundation
Meeting with Fort Sill Apache Tribe
Meeting with Mescalero Apache
Meeting with All Pueblo Council of Governors tribes
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
Travel to Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge
Greet Senators and Rep. Lujan and Consolidate Vehicles.
Hike to Canyon Bottom // Horseback Riding & Hiking
Travel to Albuquerque, NM
Dinner with Senators

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Travel to Las Vegas (LAS)
Travel to Kirt's Grotto

Meeting with BLM Support Staff
Fly Over Tour of Gold Butte National Monument
Helicopter Tour departs Gold Butte National Monument en route Basin and Range National Monument
Lunch Meeting with BLM Staff
White River Narrows Rock Art Site Tour
Shaman Knob / Mt. Irish
Tour of Mt. Irish Petroglyph Site
Travel to Las Vegas Airport

Monday, July 31, 2017

Travel to Mesquite, NV
Roundtable with Friends of Gold Butte
Depart Mesquite, NV en route Overton, NV
Roundtable with Local County, City, and State Officials
Depart Overton, NV en route Moapa Tribal Facility
Meeting with Moapa Band of Paiutes
Depart en route Las Vegas, NV
HOLD: potential other meeting
Wheels up Las Vegas, NV (LAS) en route Cincinnati, OH (CVG)
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8/1 Day One Bernhardt.

NOTE: the Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)

Media TODAY

SECRETARY ZINKE WELCOMES THREE TO INTERIOR

WASHINGTON Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke welcomed three new hires to the Department in the Office of the Solicitor, the Office of Communications, and the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. The new additions bring a combination of Congressional, Executive Branch, and private sector experience.

“I could not be happier with the way our Department has been staffing up in recent weeks. These new team members will help us more efficiently and effectively carryout the President's priorities on behalf of the American people,” Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said.

Richard Goeken has been hired as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife. Goeken has over 20 years of legal experience, beginning as an Associate and then a Partner at Saltman & Stevens, P.C. In 2012, Saltman & Stevens merged with Smith Currie & Hancock, L.L.P., where Goeken was a Partner for the last five years. His career has focused on environmental law and policy. Goeken is a graduate of the College of William & Mary’s Law School.

Russell Newell returns to Interior as the Deputy Director of Communications. For the last five years, Newell has served as Director of Executive & Corporate Communication at Disney/ABC

Television Group. Newell also served as Director of Communications and Media Relations for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, as Senior Media Advisor for Multi-National Forces-Iraq, and as a Public Affairs Officer and speechwriter at the Departments of State, Interior, and Homeland Security, as well as for Governor Jeb Bush.

Blake Deeley will serve as an Advisor in the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. He has extensive experience on Capitol Hill, and was most recently a Policy Advisor in the Office of Congressman David McKinley of West Virginia and served as the lead staffer for the Congressional Coal Caucus. Prior to this, he was a Manager of Public Affairs at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, a Legislative Correspondent for Senator Mitch McConnell, and a Staff Assistant for Senator Rand Paul.

WEEK AHEAD July 26 thru August 3, 2017
Announcements/Releases/Events

- This week the Secretary is traveling to New Mexico and then Nevada to tour Monuments under review. We issued a media advisory with some details of his trip.
- We continue to support the WH's "Hero's Week" through social media and a video from the Secretary to employees and stakeholders.

TBD: will send out a press release "Interior Secretary Zinke Applauds Mine Proposal to Create Jobs in Virginia and West Virginia"

AGENCY RELEASES

National Park Service

- July 27: National NPS Release: NPS release on 10 Parks Honoring American Heroes.
- July 28: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce the opening of a public comment period on an environmental assessment for proposed utility and roadway crossings and a visitor trail within Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument.
- July 28: National NPS Release: NPS will release a theme study focusing on significant historic properties of the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era.
- Week of July 24: Local NPS Release: The Reconstruction Era National Monument will hold three public listening sessions (not related to July 28 Reconstruction Era Theme Study) in Beaufort, Port Royal, and St. Helena Island, South Carolina, as part of the development of a foundation document for this new park. Targeted stakeholder meetings will also be held in the respective communities during the day to identify the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the National Park Service in setting up these new areas and also provide input into the development of the foundation document and interpretive themes.
- July 31: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce another round of \$1.189 million in American Battlefield Protection Grants (planning) to aid in the research, documentation, and/or interpretation of significant American battlefields. Releases will be done at the local level of NPS sites receiving funds.
- July TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

- July TBD: Denali National Park and Preserve will release a draft Long Range Transportation Plan for 30 days of public review and comment. The plan, developed over a three-year period, documents baseline conditions, examines funding options, and will help inform project priority setting. The plan focuses on the 90-mile-long park road and its importance to the visitor experience and resource protection, as well as its uses by concessionaire and in-holder buses, and private and administrative vehicles. Portions of the road, initially constructed nearly 100 years ago, have been subject to temporary closures in recent years, in part because slopes have become more unstable due to warming permafrost and other factors. Road use has increased as overall park visitation has grown to nearly 600,000 people per year.
- August 3: Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett will hold a public meeting with Regional Director Stan Austin in Saint John, Virgin Islands to update the community on the administrative realignment of national park superintendents in the Caribbean to now report to the Caribbean parks group superintendent.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July 31: National FWS Release: FWS release on proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.
- July 31 (tent.): Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input to identify potential issues, concerns, impacts and alternatives to be considered in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- July TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS and the State of Utah will issue a joint release regarding a court ruling putting the Utah Prairie Dog back under ESA protections.
- July TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
- July TBD: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a final rule establishing the 2017-18 hunting seasons and bag limits for certain migratory game birds to fulfill our responsibilities to the four international conventions to protect and manage migratory game birds. A prepared statement will be provided on our website with a link to the proposed rule.
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Bureau of Land Management

- July 31: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV will issue a Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the Burning Man event in Pershing County, NV, to begin set-up for the event which will begin on August 27. The closure will remain in place until September 20. The event entails the largest Special Recreation Permit managed by the BLM.

- August 1-2: BLM-MT/Dakotas State Office will lead tribal site visits in Sidney to help determine if Federal land parcels that have been identified in the State of Montana's Indemnity Selection application are suitable for conveyance to the State according to the Enabling Act of 1889. Specifically, the site visits will inform determination of eligibility of the cultural sites in the area and assist in environmental assessment. The BLM has been coordinating with the State of Montana since 2015 to determine appropriate parcels to transfer to the State. Other participants include district employees and MT Department of Natural Resources.
- August 2: The BLM-UT Moab Field Office intends to approve Dawson Geophysical Co.'s three-dimensional geophysical seismic survey project. The project is located 26 miles northwest of Moab and encompasses approximately 38,700 acres. Seismic surveys are used to determine the location and size of oil and gas reservoirs. The project is slated to begin in September.
- August 2: BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.
- August 2: BLM-CA's Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager Becca Brooke/staff will meet with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to discuss the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and study needs for the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project at Kerckhoff Dam, along the San Joaquin River, Fresno County, CA. PG&E is required to submit a Pre-Application for Development by November 2017 to begin a five-year re-licensing process. The 114-foot tall dam, built in 1920, is one of the primary features of the Kerckoff hydroelectric project. It has two powerhouses. It produces 579 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.
- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

- July 26: Local USGS Release: USGS will release a study of water contaminants in Congaree National Park.
- August 1: Three Regional USGS-University Press Releases will go out to announce new host and consortium university partners for the Department of the Interior Alaska, Southeast, and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (managed by USGS). These hosting agreements are made between universities and the USGS, and the press releases are joint between these entities.
- August 2: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 1: Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office with the parties of the Taos Indian Water Rights Settlement will meet in Taos to discuss the latest progress on implementing the settlement. Each party will report out on its part of the project. There is significant local public and media interest and both are expected to attend.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

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- July 28: National BSEE News Brief: American Hero Week - BSEE Inspectors Keep Energy Production Safe

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- August 1: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE expects to announce publication of notices of availability for draft Environmental Assessments and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for a federal mining plan modification at the Bridger Mine in Wyoming. OSMRE will accept comments for 30 days.
- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

Land Buy-Back Program

- July 31: National LBBP Release: LBBP will put out a release and related outreach announcing a new Land Buy-Back Program strategy for addressing fractionation on Indian trust lands.

Office of Insular Affairs

- July 26: Local IA Release: Marshall Islands grants release announces Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for four Atolls (Sec 177) \$697,387.

CONGRESSIONAL

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Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52
4 nominated awaiting confirmation.

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Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

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Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Texas and New Mexico.
Arrive Fort Bliss
Helicopter Tour of Organ Mountains
Travel to Las Cruces, NM
Roundtable with Ranchers & Stakeholders
Roundtable on Border Security
Meeting with Northern Ranchers on Rio Grande del Norte NM
HOLD: Media Availability
Driving Tour with BLM

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Friday, July 28, 2017

Hike with Vet Voice Foundation
Meeting with Fort Sill Apache Tribe
Meeting with Mescalero Apache
Meeting with All Pueblo Council of Governors tribes
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
Travel to Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge
Greet Senators and Rep. Lujan and Consolidate Vehicles.
Hike to Canyon Bottom // Horseback Riding & Hiking
Travel to Albuquerque, NM
Dinner with Senators

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Travel to Las Vegas (LAS)
Travel to Kirt's Grotto
Meeting with BLM Support Staff
Fly Over Tour of Gold Butte National Monument
Helicopter Tour departs Gold Butte National Monument en route Basin and Range National Monument
Lunch Meeting with BLM Staff
White River Narrows Rock Art Site Tour
Shaman Knob / Mt. Irish
Tour of Mt. Irish Petroglyph Site
Travel to Las Vegas Airport

Monday, July 31, 2017

Travel to Mesquite, NV
Roundtable with Friends of Gold Butte
Depart Mesquite, NV en route Overton, NV
Roundtable with Local County, City, and State Officials
Depart Overton, NV en route Moapa Tribal Facility
Meeting with Moapa Band of Paiutes
Depart en route Las Vegas, NV
HOLD: potential other meeting
Wheels up Las Vegas, NV (LAS) en route Cincinnati, OH (CVG)
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8/1 Day One Bernhardt.

NOTE: the Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)

Media TODAY

SECRETARY ZINKE WELCOMES THREE TO INTERIOR

WASHINGTON Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke welcomed three new hires to the Department in the Office of the Solicitor, the Office of Communications, and the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. The new additions bring a combination of Congressional, Executive Branch, and private sector experience.

"I could not be happier with the way our Department has been staffing up in recent weeks. These new team members will help us more efficiently and effectively carryout the President's priorities on behalf of the American people," Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said.

Richard Goeken has been hired as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife. Goeken has over 20 years of legal experience, beginning as an Associate and then a Partner at Saltman & Stevens, P.C. In 2012, Saltman & Stevens merged with Smith Currie & Hancock, L.L.P., where Goeken was a Partner for the last five years. His career has focused on environmental law and policy. Goeken is a graduate of the College of William & Mary's Law School.

Russell Newell returns to Interior as the Deputy Director of Communications. For the last five years, Newell has served as Director of Executive & Corporate Communication at Disney/ABC Television Group. Newell also served as Director of Communications and Media Relations for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, as Senior Media Advisor for Multi-National Forces-Iraq, and as a Public Affairs Officer and speechwriter at the Departments of State, Interior, and Homeland Security, as well as for Governor Jeb Bush.

Blake Deeley will serve as an Advisor in the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. He has extensive experience on Capitol Hill, and was most recently a Policy Advisor in the Office of Congressman David McKinley of West Virginia and served as the lead staffer for the Congressional Coal Caucus. Prior to this, he was a Manager of Public Affairs at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, a Legislative Correspondent for Senator Mitch McConnell, and a Staff Assistant for Senator Rand Paul.

WEEK AHEAD July 26 thru August 3, 2017

Announcements/Releases/Events

- This week the Secretary is traveling to New Mexico and then Nevada to tour Monuments under review. We issued a media advisory with some details of his trip.
- We continue to support the WH's "Hero's Week" through social media and a video from the Secretary to employees and stakeholders.

TBD: will send out a press release "Interior Secretary Zinke Applauds Mine Proposal to Create Jobs in Virginia and West Virginia"

AGENCY RELEASES

National Park Service

- July 27: National NPS Release: NPS release on 10 Parks Honoring American Heroes.
- July 28: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce the opening of a public comment period on an environmental assessment for proposed utility and roadway crossings and a visitor trail within Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument.
- July 28: National NPS Release: NPS will release a theme study focusing on significant historic properties of the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era.
- Week of July 24: Local NPS Release: The Reconstruction Era National Monument will hold three public listening sessions (not related to July 28 Reconstruction Era Theme Study) in Beaufort, Port Royal, and St. Helena Island, South Carolina, as part of the development of a foundation document for this new park. Targeted stakeholder meetings will also be held in the respective communities during the day to identify the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the National Park Service in setting up these new areas and also provide input into the development of the foundation document and interpretive themes.
- July 31: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce another round of \$1.189 million in American Battlefield Protection Grants (planning) to aid in the research, documentation, and/or interpretation of significant American battlefields. Releases will be done at the local level of NPS sites receiving funds.
- July TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic

preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

- July TBD: Denali National Park and Preserve will release a draft Long Range Transportation Plan for 30 days of public review and comment. The plan, developed over a three-year period, documents baseline conditions, examines funding options, and will help inform project priority setting. The plan focuses on the 90-mile-long park road and its importance to the visitor experience and resource protection, as well as its uses by concessionaire and in-holder buses, and private and administrative vehicles. Portions of the road, initially constructed nearly 100 years ago, have been subject to temporary closures in recent years, in part because slopes have become more unstable due to warming permafrost and other factors. Road use has increased as overall park visitation has grown to nearly 600,000 people per year.
- August 3: Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett will hold a public meeting with Regional Director Stan Austin in Saint John, Virgin Islands to update the community on the administrative realignment of national park superintendents in the Caribbean to now report to the Caribbean parks group superintendent.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July 31: National FWS Release: FWS release on proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.
- July 31 (tent.): Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input to identify potential issues, concerns, impacts and alternatives to be considered in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- July TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS and the State of Utah will issue a joint release regarding a court ruling putting the Utah Prairie Dog back under ESA protections.
- July TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
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Bureau of Land Management

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place until September 20. The event entails the largest Special Recreation Permit managed by the BLM.

- August 1-2: BLM-MT/Dakotas State Office will lead tribal site visits in Sidney to help determine if Federal land parcels that have been identified in the State of Montana's Indemnity Selection application are suitable for conveyance to the State according to the Enabling Act of 1889. Specifically, the site visits will inform determination of eligibility of the cultural sites in the area and assist in environmental assessment. The BLM has been coordinating with the State of Montana since 2015 to determine appropriate parcels to transfer to the State. Other participants include district employees and MT Department of Natural Resources.
- August 2: The BLM-UT Moab Field Office intends to approve Dawson Geophysical Co.'s three-dimensional geophysical seismic survey project. The project is located 26 miles northwest of Moab and encompasses approximately 38,700 acres. Seismic surveys are used to determine the location and size of oil and gas reservoirs. The project is slated to begin in September.
- August 2: BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.
- August 2: BLM-CA's Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager Becca Brooke/staff will meet with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to discuss the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and study needs for the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project at Kerckhoff Dam, along the San Joaquin River, Fresno County, CA. PG&E is required to submit a Pre-Application for Development by November 2017 to begin a five-year re-licensing process. The 114-foot tall dam, built in 1920, is one of the primary features of the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project. It has two powerhouses. It produces 579 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.
- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

- July 26: Local USGS Release: USGS will release a study of water contaminants in Congaree National Park.
- August 1: Three Regional USGS-University Press Releases will go out to announce new host and consortium university partners for the Department of the Interior Alaska, Southeast, and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (managed by USGS). These hosting agreements are made between universities and the USGS, and the press releases are joint between these entities.
- August 2: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 1: Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office with the parties of the Taos Indian Water Rights Settlement will meet in Taos to discuss the latest progress on implementing the

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- July 28: National BSEE News Brief: American Hero Week - BSEE Inspectors Keep Energy Production Safe

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Land Buy-Back Program

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Office of Insular Affairs

- July 26: Local IA Release: Marshall Islands grants release announces Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for four Atolls (Sec 177) \$697,387.

CONGRESSIONAL

N/A

Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52
4 nominated awaiting confirmation.

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Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

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8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony
General Welcome (Missoula, MT)

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"I could not be happier with the way our Department has been staffing up in recent weeks. These new team members will help us more efficiently and effectively carryout the President's priorities on behalf of the American people," Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said.

Richard Goeken has been hired as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife. Goeken has over 20 years of legal experience, beginning as an Associate and then a Partner at Saltman & Stevens, P.C. In 2012, Saltman & Stevens merged with Smith Currie & Hancock, L.L.P., where Goeken was a Partner for the last five years. His career has focused on environmental law and policy. Goeken is a graduate of the College of William & Mary's Law School.

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Blake Deeley will serve as an Advisor in the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. He has extensive experience on Capitol Hill, and was most recently a Policy Advisor in the Office of Congressman David McKinley of West Virginia and served as the lead staffer for the Congressional Coal Caucus. Prior to this, he was a Manager of Public Affairs at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, a Legislative Correspondent for Senator Mitch McConnell, and a Staff Assistant for Senator Rand Paul.

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- July 28: National NPS Release: NPS will release a theme study focusing on significant historic properties of the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era.
- Week of July 24: Local NPS Release: The Reconstruction Era National Monument will hold three public listening sessions (not related to July 28 Reconstruction Era Theme Study) in Beaufort, Port Royal, and St. Helena Island, South Carolina, as part of the development of a foundation document for this new park. Targeted stakeholder meetings will also be held in the respective communities during the day to identify the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the National Park Service in setting up these new areas and also provide input into the development of the foundation document and interpretive themes.
- July 31: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce another round of \$1.189 million in American Battlefield Protection Grants (planning) to aid in the research, documentation, and/or interpretation of significant American battlefields. Releases will be done at the local level of NPS sites receiving funds.
- July TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic

preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

- July TBD: Denali National Park and Preserve will release a draft Long Range Transportation Plan for 30 days of public review and comment. The plan, developed over a three-year period, documents baseline conditions, examines funding options, and will help inform project priority setting. The plan focuses on the 90-mile-long park road and its importance to the visitor experience and resource protection, as well as its uses by concessionaire and in-holder buses, and private and administrative vehicles. Portions of the road, initially constructed nearly 100 years ago, have been subject to temporary closures in recent years, in part because slopes have become more unstable due to warming permafrost and other factors. Road use has increased as overall park visitation has grown to nearly 600,000 people per year.
- August 3: Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett will hold a public meeting with Regional Director Stan Austin in Saint John, Virgin Islands to update the community on the administrative realignment of national park superintendents in the Caribbean to now report to the Caribbean parks group superintendent.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July 31: National FWS Release: FWS release on proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.
- July 31 (tent.): Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input to identify potential issues, concerns, impacts and alternatives to be considered in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- July TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS and the State of Utah will issue a joint release regarding a court ruling putting the Utah Prairie Dog back under ESA protections.
- July TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
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- July 31: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV will issue a Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the Burning Man event in Pershing County, NV, to begin set-up for the event which will begin on August 27. The closure will remain in

place until September 20. The event entails the largest Special Recreation Permit managed by the BLM.

- August 1-2: BLM-MT/Dakotas State Office will lead tribal site visits in Sidney to help determine if Federal land parcels that have been identified in the State of Montana's Indemnity Selection application are suitable for conveyance to the State according to the Enabling Act of 1889. Specifically, the site visits will inform determination of eligibility of the cultural sites in the area and assist in environmental assessment. The BLM has been coordinating with the State of Montana since 2015 to determine appropriate parcels to transfer to the State. Other participants include district employees and MT Department of Natural Resources.
- August 2: The BLM-UT Moab Field Office intends to approve Dawson Geophysical Co.'s three-dimensional geophysical seismic survey project. The project is located 26 miles northwest of Moab and encompasses approximately 38,700 acres. Seismic surveys are used to determine the location and size of oil and gas reservoirs. The project is slated to begin in September.
- August 2: BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.
- August 2: BLM-CA's Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager Becca Brooke/staff will meet with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to discuss the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and study needs for the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project at Kerckhoff Dam, along the San Joaquin River, Fresno County, CA. PG&E is required to submit a Pre-Application for Development by November 2017 to begin a five-year re-licensing process. The 114-foot tall dam, built in 1920, is one of the primary features of the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project. It has two powerhouses. It produces 579 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.
- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

- July 26: Local USGS Release: USGS will release a study of water contaminants in Congaree National Park.
- August 1: Three Regional USGS-University Press Releases will go out to announce new host and consortium university partners for the Department of the Interior Alaska, Southeast, and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (managed by USGS). These hosting agreements are made between universities and the USGS, and the press releases are joint between these entities.
- August 2: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 1: Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office with the parties of the Taos Indian Water Rights Settlement will meet in Taos to discuss the latest progress on implementing the

settlement. Each party will report out on its part of the project. There is significant local public and media interest and both are expected to attend.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- July 27: Director Angelle attends API Upstream Committee meeting with Acting ASLM MacGregor
- July 28: National BSEE News Brief: American Hero Week - BSEE Inspectors Keep Energy Production Safe

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- August 1: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE expects to announce publication of notices of availability for draft Environmental Assessments and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for a federal mining plan modification at the Bridger Mine in Wyoming. OSMRE will accept comments for 30 days.
- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

Land Buy-Back Program

- July 31: National LBBP Release: LBBP will put out a release and related outreach announcing a new Land Buy-Back Program strategy for addressing fractionation on Indian trust lands.

Office of Insular Affairs

- July 26: Local IA Release: Marshall Islands grants release announces Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for four Atolls (Sec 177) \$697,387.

CONGRESSIONAL

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Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52
4 nominated awaiting confirmation.

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee vote scheduled Thursday.
Nominee Joe Balash as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

7/27-31 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico

8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony
General Welcome (Missoula, MT)

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball
(Whitefish/Kalispell)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

In California, the Detwiler Fire, located in Mariposa County (CAL FIRE), has burned 81,250 (+1,250) acres and is 70 (+5)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 4,279 (-216) personnel, including 122 (-1) DOI personnel. There are 1,500 (no change) residential structures threatened and 4,968 (no change) evacuees. Communities, transportation routes, and power infrastructure continue to be threatened, including transmission lines that supply Yosemite National Park with power. Full containment of the Detwiler Fire expected on August 5.

In Montana, the Lodgepole Complex Fire, located in Garfield County (BLM), has burned 270,200 (+200) acres and is 62 (+28)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 598 (-58) personnel, including 81 (-15) DOI personnel. There are 145 (no change) residential structures threatened and 50 (no change) evacuees. Sixteen (no change) residences have been destroyed. Weather conditions today include 8 to 12 mile per hour winds, and Critical Fire Weather is expected in the area tomorrow. The need for additional resources is not anticipated at this time, and full containment is expected on August 2.

In Oregon, the Upper Mine Fire, located in Harney County (BLM), has burned 4,100 (-700) acres and is 40 (+40)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 187 (no change) personnel, including 69 (no change) DOI personnel. Three (+3) residences, Sage Grouse Habitat, overhead power lines, and infrastructure are currently threatened by this fire. Outflow winds may result in some additional perimeter growth; however, full containment of this fire is expected on July 31.

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Trump Interior Nominee Has A History Of Contempt For The Agency She’s About To Lead.

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8/5-20 Personal

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Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Declining

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8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

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Outside Media of Interest

Report: Interior Chief Warns Alaska Senators On Health Care.

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The U.S. Interior Department Has A New Mission: To Make Money.

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Interior Provides Palau \$5.4M Under Compact, Other Grants.

Marianas Variety (7/27) reports that Interior Acting Assistant Secretary Nikolao Pula “made available \$5,463,578 to the Republic of Palau, most of which is the balance of remaining Compact grant assistance for fiscal year 2017.” Pula said, “We are honored to provide assistance to Palau President Tommy Remengesau, Jr., on behalf of the U.S. under the Compact of Free Association. Furthermore, we are pleased to support proper land planning and management, as well as training in maintenance and infrastructure-upkeep. Both are critical to Palau as an island nation.”

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

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Tickets in the Secretary's box available. Please share with WH staff.

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Travel to Santa Fe, NM

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge
Greet Senators and Rep. Lujan and Consolidate Vehicles.
Hike to Canyon Bottom // Horseback Riding & Hiking
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Sunday, July 30, 2017

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Monday, July 31, 2017

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Roundtable with Friends of Gold Butte
Depart Mesquite, NV en route Overton, NV
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Depart Overton, NV en route Moapa Tribal Facility
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HOLD: potential other meeting
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Media TODAY

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Emergency Management

The National Park Service (NPS) is reporting a partial closure at Cape Hatteras National Seashore due to a power outage. Officials from Hyde County say that on July 27, at 4:30 a.m. EDT, power went out to Ocracoke and Hatteras islands after a contractor drove a piling through the underground cable between the southern end of Bonner Bridge and the first riser pole on Hatteras Island. Due to current power restrictions, the Frisco Campground is closed through Friday, and due to mandatory evacuations of non-residents of Ocracoke Island, the Ocracoke Campground will be closed until the evacuation is lifted. The Ocracoke Visitor Center and Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Permit Office will remain open unless excessive heat necessitates a closure. All other seashore facilities are open as scheduled.

In California, the Detwiler Fire, located in Mariposa County (CAL FIRE), has burned 81,550 (+300) acres and is 75 (+5)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 3,700 (-579) personnel, including 102 (-20) DOI personnel. There are 30 (-1,470) residential structures threatened and 4,968 (no change) evacuees. Communities, transportation routes, and power infrastructure continue to be threatened, including transmission lines that supply Yosemite National Park with power. Full containment of the Detwiler Fire expected on August 5.

In Montana, the Lodgepole Complex Fire, located in Garfield County (BLM), has burned 270,200 (no change) acres and is 80 (+18)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 553 (-45) personnel, including 67 (-14) DOI personnel. There are 145 (no change) residential structures threatened and 50 (no change) evacuees. Sixteen (no change) residences have been destroyed. The need for additional resources is not anticipated at this time, and full containment is expected on August 2.

In Montana, the Buffalo Fire, located in Powder River County (BLM), has burned 3,104 (no change) acres and is 80 (no change)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 IMT with 354 (+86) personnel, including 69 (+24) DOI personnel. Significant resource demobilization is expected to start tomorrow, and full containment of this fire is expected on July 30.

In Nevada, the Preacher Fire, located in Douglas County (BLM), has burned 5,353 (-33) acres and is 72 (+52)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 521 (+9) personnel, including 82 (+10) DOI personnel. Numerous single family structures, developed subdivision properties, significant out buildings and structures, and local power transmission lines are threatened. Significant resource demobilization is expected to today, and full containment of this fire is expected on July 29.

In Nevada, the Mahogany Fire, located in Humboldt County (BLM), has burned 5,121 (+121) acres and is 45 (+20)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 311 (+12) personnel, including 65 (-4) DOI personnel. There are 50 (no change) residences threatened; however, no evacuations are currently in place. Continued fire spread is expected due to outflow winds from passing thunderstorms during the next 48 hours. Full containment of this fire is expected on July 29.

Outside Media of Interest

Report: Interior Chief Warns Alaska Senators On Health Care.

The AP (7/27, Daly) reports that the Alaska Dispatch News reported early Thursday that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “called Alaska’s two Republican senators to warn them of repercussions for the nation’s largest state if they failed to toe the Trump administration line on healthcare.” Sen. Dan Sullivan, who has supported repeal efforts, “told the newspaper that the call from Zinke heralded a ‘troubling message,’” but Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who has opposed several key GOP measures, “confirmed that she received a call from Zinke, but said she did not perceive the call as a threat against her or Alaska.”

Murkowski’s Committee Postponed Confirmation Vote For Trump Nominees. The Hill (7/27, Cama) reports Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski “postponed a vote on six Trump administration nominees on Wednesday,” the “same day” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “allegedly threatened retribution against the Alaska Republican over her healthcare vote.” Zinke “called Murkowski and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) that afternoon, saying that her vote against debate on the ObamaCare repeal might steer the administration away from policies that benefit her state.” Murkowski’s staff didn’t “return requests for comment on whether the developments are linked, and the committee has not said why the meeting was postponed.” The article notes that six nominees include “Brenda Burman to be commissioner of reclamation at Interior; Susan Combs to be assistant secretary of the Interior for policy, management and budget; Doug Domenech to be assistant secretary of the Interior for insular affairs; Paul Dabbar to be undersecretary for science of the Department of Energy (DOE); David Jonas to be general counsel of the DOE; and Mark Wesley Menezes to be undersecretary of the DOE.”

The U.S. Interior Department Has A New Mission: To Make Money.

Bloomberg News (7/27, Traywick) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “aims to retool” his department “into a federal profit center focused on increasing energy production, according to a plan laid out by his special adviser, Vincent DeVito.” During an event in Washington on Thursday, DeVito stressed that the government must be run as if it were a business. He said that “the agency needs to offer federal leaseholders, whom he calls ‘investors,’ a reason to partner with the government, which hasn’t been a particularly good business partner in the past.” And “that means opening up more resources, making permitting easier and ‘aggressively’ cutting regulations on private industry.”

Interior Provides Palau \$5.4M Under Compact, Other Grants.

Marianas Variety (7/27) reports that Interior Acting Assistant Secretary Nikolao Pula “made available \$5,463,578 to the Republic of Palau, most of which is the balance of remaining Compact grant assistance for fiscal year 2017.” Pula said, “We are honored to provide assistance to Palau President Tommy Remengesau, Jr., on behalf of the U.S. under the Compact of Free Association. Furthermore, we are pleased to support proper land planning and management, as well as training in maintenance and infrastructure-upkeep. Both are critical to Palau as an island nation.”

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

REG0007146 BIA Indian Gaming; Approval of a Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact in the State of South Dakota. This Notice announces the approval of a Proposed Gaming Compact Between the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation and the State of South Dakota governing Class III gaming. Notice 07/27/2017.

WOLF TRAP

Tickets in the Secretary's box available. Please share with WH staff.

7-29-17	Aretha Franklin	8:00 PM
8-1-17	Nashville in Concert	8:00 PM
8-2-17	Punch Brothers	8:00 PM
8-3-17	Blondie & Garbage	7:30 PM
8-4-17	La La Land in Concert	8:30 PM

Doug Domenech
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NOTE: *Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.*

To: Darrell Henry[dhenry@roqstrategies.com]; Small, Jeff[Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Stephen Wackowski[stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-28T13:55:16-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: FW: Updated Trip Info & Action Items -- AK Flights & Ground Transportation
Received: 2017-07-28T13:56:07-04:00
[Ethics Approved Western Caucus Foundation Alaska Agenda 7-27.pdf](#)

Darrell and Jeff. I've cc'd Steve on this email. He's our Alaska Affairs Adviser based out of Anchorage. I can no longer travel on this trip unfortunately but Steve is still going to be coordinating with you all to make sure DOI has a presence. Steve the updated itinerary is attached that Darrell sent out today. Hope you all can get everything coordinated.

Micah

From: Western Caucus Foundation [mailto:info@westerncaucusfoundation.org]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Western Caucus Foundation
Subject: Updated Trip Info & Action Items -- AK Flights & Ground Transportation

Attached is the updated trip schedule, including intra Alaska flights (includes booking code) and ground transportation. Please read all the way through for complete details.

We request that you please finalize all plane reservations to and within Alaska.

Your share of ground transportation costs will be billed directly to you by the transportation company (via credit card or invoice). For those of you on the optional trip to Seward, we'll coordinate with you on the two return transportation options.

By now you should have completed arrangements for your hotel and r/t flights to and from Anchorage.

PLEASE provide us with your flight information to and from Anchorage Airport – including arrival and departure times if you have not done so.

A final update will be sent out prior to the trip during the week of August 7.

If you have questions, please e mail info@westerncaucusfoundation.org and either Erica or I will respond directly to you.

We're excited to have you all on this amazing trip. Happy weekend!

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Acting Director
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From: Caroline Boulton
Sent: 2017-07-28T16:40:15-04:00
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Subject: Fwd: Sunday/Monday
Received: 2017-07-28T16:40:23-04:00

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From: Domenech, Douglas
Sent: 2017-07-31T13:35:24-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 7/31/17
Received: 2017-07-31T13:36:48-04:00
DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS 7-31-17.docx

Attached and copied below.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS –
7/31/17**

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor
Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

NOTE: The Secretary cancelled his monument tour in Nevada in order to return to DC for the Cabinet meeting.

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Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Washington, DC.

Monday, July 31, 2017

Overnight travel to Washington, DC
Cabinet Meeting.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 8/1: Swearing In David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary; meeting at the White House.; Meeting with Douglas Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army; Meeting with Sen. Merkley and Sen. Wyden; Bernhardt reception.

Wednesday 8/2: Sportsmen Roundtable; NEC Principals Meeting: Infrastructure; Tentative USGS Tour;

Thursday 8/3: Meet and Greet with Chase Spano and Steve Armentrout; Remarks at 40th Anniversary Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA); Meeting with Tom Spoehr, Director, Center for National Defense, Heritage Foundation; Meeting with David Lasar

Friday 8/4: office

NEXT WEEK:

The Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)

Media TODAY

(Sent Saturday) **SECRETARY ZINKE OPENS UP CHARLES M. RUSSELL WILDLIFE REFUGE FOR EMERGENCY PRESCRIBED GRAZING**

Cattle to arrive on Refuge in coming days

JORDAN, MT Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will open the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (CMR) for

emergency grazing relief. Allotments will be made immediately available for ranchers who lost grazing land in the Lodgepole Complex fires.

"We have a saying that Montana is one small town with really long roads, and as a neighbor in that small town, the Department is dedicated to providing disaster relief and resources where possible," said Secretary Zinke. "When I talk about restoring trust between local communities and the federal government, and being a good neighbor, this is exactly what I mean. My staff and I heard from ranchers, equipment dealers, and other concerned citizens, and we all got to work. I applaud the quick work and flexibility of the team at the CMR for getting this done for the community."

(Sent Saturday) **SECRETARY ZINKE TO HOLD MEDIA AVAILABILITY IN BUNKERVILLE, NEVADA**

WASHINGTON On Sunday, July 30, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will hold a media availability to discuss the ongoing National Monument review of both the Gold Butte and the Basin and Range National Monuments, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017 Executive Order 13792.

Secretary Zinke is in the midst of a multi-day swing through the Western United States, which will conclude Sunday. To date, he has met with advocacy groups, state and local officials, and Tribal leaders. The Secretary will be meeting with federal representatives and their staff over the course of the trip as well.

(Sent Friday) **READOUT OF SECRETARY RYAN ZINKE'S TRIP TO THE WEST (DAY TWO)**

Secretary hikes with veterans, continues his meetings with Tribal leaders and local stakeholders

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico Friday, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke participated in Day Two of his five-day trip to the Western United States. Secretary Zinke began the day hiking with members of both the Vet Voice Foundation, a veterans group, and the Sierra Club Military Outdoors; they traversed the Broad Canyon in New Mexico.

AGENCY RELEASES

National Park Service

- July 31: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce another round of \$1.189 million in American Battlefield Protection Grants (planning) to aid in the research, documentation, and/or interpretation of significant American battlefields. Releases will be done at the local level of NPS sites receiving funds.
- July TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- July TBD: Denali National Park and Preserve will release a draft Long Range Transportation Plan for 30 days of public review and comment. The plan, developed over a three-year period, documents baseline conditions, examines funding options, and will help inform

project priority setting. The plan focuses on the 90-mile-long park road and its importance to the visitor experience and resource protection, as well as its uses by concessionaire and in-holder buses, and private and administrative vehicles. Portions of the road, initially constructed nearly 100 years ago, have been subject to temporary closures in recent years, in part because slopes have become more unstable due to warming permafrost and other factors. Road use has increased as overall park visitation has grown to nearly 600,000 people per year.

- August 3: Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett will hold a public meeting with Regional Director Stan Austin in Saint John, Virgin Islands to update the community on the administrative realignment of national park superintendents in the Caribbean to now report to the Caribbean parks group superintendent.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July 31: National FWS Release: FWS release on proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.
- July 31 (tent.): Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input to identify potential issues, concerns, impacts and alternatives to be considered in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- July TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS and the State of Utah will issue a joint release regarding a court ruling putting the Utah Prairie Dog back under ESA protections.
- July TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
- July TBD: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a final rule establishing the 2017-18 hunting seasons and bag limits for certain migratory game birds to fulfill our responsibilities to the four international conventions to protect and manage migratory game birds. A prepared statement will be provided on our website with a link to the proposed rule.
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Bureau of Land Management

- July 31: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV will issue a Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the Burning Man event in Pershing County, NV, to begin set-up for the event which will begin on August 27. The closure will remain in place until September 20. The event entails the largest Special Recreation Permit managed by the BLM.
- August 1-2: BLM-MT/Dakotas State Office will lead tribal site visits in Sidney to help determine if Federal land parcels that have been identified in the State of Montana's Indemnity Selection application are suitable for conveyance to the State according to the Enabling Act of

1889. Specifically, the site visits will inform determination of eligibility of the cultural sites in the area and assist in environmental assessment. The BLM has been coordinating with the State of Montana since 2015 to determine appropriate parcels to transfer to the State. Other participants include district employees and MT Department of Natural Resources.

- August 2: The BLM-UT Moab Field Office intends to approve Dawson Geophysical Co.'s three-dimensional geophysical seismic survey project. The project is located 26 miles northwest of Moab and encompasses approximately 38,700 acres. Seismic surveys are used to determine the location and size of oil and gas reservoirs. The project is slated to begin in September.
- August 2: BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.
- August 2: BLM-CA's Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager Becca Brooke/staff will meet with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to discuss the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and study needs for the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project at Kerckhoff Dam, along the San Joaquin River, Fresno County, CA. PG&E is required to submit a Pre-Application for Development by November 2017 to begin a five-year re-licensing process. The 114-foot tall dam, built in 1920, is one of the primary features of the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project. It has two powerhouses. It produces 579 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.
- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

- August 1: Three Regional USGS-University Press Releases will go out to announce new host and consortium university partners for the Department of the Interior Alaska, Southeast, and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (managed by USGS). These hosting agreements are made between universities and the USGS, and the press releases are joint between these entities.
- August 2: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 1: Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office with the parties of the Taos Indian Water Rights Settlement will meet in Taos to discuss the latest progress on implementing the settlement. Each party will report out on its part of the project. There is significant local public and media interest and both are expected to attend.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- August 2: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Notice to Stakeholders on the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Cape Wind Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- August 1: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE expects to announce publication of notices of availability for draft Environmental Assessments and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for a federal mining plan modification at the Bridger Mine in Wyoming. OSMRE will accept comments for 30 days.
- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

Land Buy-Back Program

- July 31: National LBBP Release: LBBP will put out a release and related outreach announcing a new Land Buy-Back Program strategy for addressing fractionation on Indian trust lands.

CONGRESSIONAL

August 3, 2017

10:00am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Hearing to examine federal and nonfederal collaboration, including through the use of technology, to reduce wildland fire risk to communities and enhance firefighting safety and effectiveness.

Witness: Bryan Rice, Director, Office of Wildland Fire

Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52

4 nominated awaiting confirmation.

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"We have a saying that Montana is one small town with really long roads, and as a neighbor in that small town, the Department is dedicated to providing disaster relief and resources where possible," said Secretary Zinke. "When I talk about restoring trust between local communities and the federal government, and being a good neighbor, this is exactly what I mean. My staff and I heard from ranchers, equipment dealers, and other concerned citizens, and we all got to work. I applaud the quick work and flexibility of the team at the CMR for getting this done for the community."

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Secretary Zinke is in the midst of a multi-day swing through the Western United States, which will conclude Sunday. To date, he has met with advocacy groups, state and local officials, and Tribal leaders. The Secretary will be meeting with federal representatives and their staff over the course of the trip as well.

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Secretary hikes with veterans, continues his meetings with Tribal leaders and local stakeholders

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico Friday, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke participated in Day Two of his five-day trip to the Western United States. Secretary Zinke began the day hiking with members of both the Vet Voice Foundation, a veterans group, and the Sierra Club Military Outdoors; they traversed the Broad Canyon in New Mexico.

AGENCY RELEASES

National Park Service

- July 31: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce another round of \$1.189 million in American Battlefield Protection Grants (planning) to aid in the research, documentation, and/or interpretation of significant American battlefields. Releases will be done at the local level of NPS sites receiving funds.
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- July TBD: Denali National Park and Preserve will release a draft Long Range

Transportation Plan for 30 days of public review and comment. The plan, developed over a three-year period, documents baseline conditions, examines funding options, and will help inform project priority setting. The plan focuses on the 90-mile-long park road and its importance to the visitor experience and resource protection, as well as its uses by concessionaire and in-holder buses, and private and administrative vehicles. Portions of the road, initially constructed nearly 100 years ago, have been subject to temporary closures in recent years, in part because slopes have become more unstable due to warming permafrost and other factors. Road use has increased as overall park visitation has grown to nearly 600,000 people per year.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July 31: National FWS Release: FWS release on proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.
- July 31 (tent.): Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input to identify potential issues, concerns, impacts and alternatives to be considered in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- July TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS and the State of Utah will issue a joint release regarding a court ruling putting the Utah Prairie Dog back under ESA protections.
- July TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
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Bureau of Land Management

- July 31: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV will issue a Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the Burning Man event in Pershing County, NV, to begin set-up for the event which will begin on August 27. The closure will remain in place until September 20. The event entails the largest Special Recreation Permit managed by the BLM.
- August 1-2: BLM-MT/Dakotas State Office will lead tribal site visits in Sidney to help

determine if Federal land parcels that have been identified in the State of Montana's Indemnity Selection application are suitable for conveyance to the State according to the Enabling Act of 1889. Specifically, the site visits will inform determination of eligibility of the cultural sites in the area and assist in environmental assessment. The BLM has been coordinating with the State of Montana since 2015 to determine appropriate parcels to transfer to the State. Other participants include district employees and MT Department of Natural Resources.

- August 2: The BLM-UT Moab Field Office intends to approve Dawson Geophysical Co.'s three-dimensional geophysical seismic survey project. The project is located 26 miles northwest of Moab and encompasses approximately 38,700 acres. Seismic surveys are used to determine the location and size of oil and gas reservoirs. The project is slated to begin in September.
- August 2: BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.
- August 2: BLM-CA's Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager Becca Brooke/staff will meet with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to discuss the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and study needs for the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project at Kerckhoff Dam, along the San Joaquin River, Fresno County, CA. PG&E is required to submit a Pre-Application for Development by November 2017 to begin a five-year re-licensing process. The 114-foot tall dam, built in 1920, is one of the primary features of the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project. It has two powerhouses. It produces 579 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.
- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

- August 1: Three Regional USGS-University Press Releases will go out to announce new host and consortium university partners for the Department of the Interior Alaska, Southeast, and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (managed by USGS). These hosting agreements are made between universities and the USGS, and the press releases are joint between these entities.
- August 2: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 1: Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office with the parties of the Taos Indian Water Rights Settlement will meet in Taos to discuss the latest progress on implementing the settlement. Each party will report out on its part of the project. There is significant local public and media interest and both are expected to attend.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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- August 1: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE expects to announce publication of notices of availability for draft Environmental Assessments and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for a federal mining plan modification at the Bridger Mine in Wyoming. OSMRE will accept comments for 30 days.
- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

Land Buy-Back Program

- July 31: National LBBP Release: LBBP will put out a release and related outreach announcing a new Land Buy-Back Program strategy for addressing fractionation on Indian trust lands.

CONGRESSIONAL

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10:00am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Hearing to examine federal and nonfederal collaboration, including through the use of technology, to reduce wildland fire risk to communities and enhance firefighting safety and effectiveness.

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Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52

4 nominated awaiting confirmation.

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee delayed their vote indefinitely.

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Accepted

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Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

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General Welcome (Missoula, MT)

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(Sent Saturday) **SECRETARY ZINKE OPENS UP CHARLES M. RUSSELL WILDLIFE REFUGE FOR EMERGENCY PRESCRIBED GRAZING**

Cattle to arrive on Refuge in coming days

JORDAN, MT Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will open the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (CMR) for emergency grazing relief. Allotments will be made immediately available for ranchers who lost grazing land in the Lodgepole Complex fires.

"We have a saying that Montana is one small town with really long roads, and as a neighbor in that small town, the Department is dedicated to providing disaster relief and resources where possible," said Secretary Zinke. "When I talk about restoring trust between local communities and the federal government, and being a good neighbor, this is exactly what I mean. My staff and I heard from ranchers, equipment dealers, and other concerned citizens, and we all got to work. I applaud the quick work and flexibility of the team at the CMR for getting this done for the community."

(Sent Saturday) **SECRETARY ZINKE TO HOLD MEDIA AVAILABILITY IN BUNKERVILLE, NEVADA**

WASHINGTON On Sunday, July 30, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will hold a media availability to discuss the ongoing National Monument review of both the Gold Butte and the Basin and Range National Monuments, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017 Executive Order 13792.

Secretary Zinke is in the midst of a multi-day swing through the Western United States, which will conclude Sunday. To date, he has met with advocacy groups, state and local officials, and Tribal leaders. The Secretary will be meeting with federal representatives and their staff over the course of the trip as well.

(Sent Friday) **READOUT OF SECRETARY RYAN ZINKE'S TRIP TO THE WEST (DAY TWO)**

Secretary hikes with veterans, continues his meetings with Tribal leaders and local stakeholders

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico Friday, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke participated in Day Two of his five-day trip to the Western United States. Secretary Zinke began the day hiking with members of both the Vet Voice Foundation, a veterans group, and the Sierra Club Military Outdoors; they traversed the Broad Canyon in New Mexico.

AGENCY RELEASES

National Park Service

- July 31: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce another round of \$1.189 million in American Battlefield Protection Grants (planning) to aid in the research, documentation, and/or interpretation of significant American battlefields. Releases will be done at the local level of NPS sites receiving funds.
- July TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- July TBD: Denali National Park and Preserve will release a draft Long Range

Transportation Plan for 30 days of public review and comment. The plan, developed over a three-year period, documents baseline conditions, examines funding options, and will help inform project priority setting. The plan focuses on the 90-mile-long park road and its importance to the visitor experience and resource protection, as well as its uses by concessionaire and in-holder buses, and private and administrative vehicles. Portions of the road, initially constructed nearly 100 years ago, have been subject to temporary closures in recent years, in part because slopes have become more unstable due to warming permafrost and other factors. Road use has increased as overall park visitation has grown to nearly 600,000 people per year.

- August 3: Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett will hold a public meeting with Regional Director Stan Austin in Saint John, Virgin Islands to update the community on the administrative realignment of national park superintendents in the Caribbean to now report to the Caribbean parks group superintendent.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- July 31: National FWS Release: FWS release on proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.
- July 31 (tent.): Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input to identify potential issues, concerns, impacts and alternatives to be considered in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- July TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS and the State of Utah will issue a joint release regarding a court ruling putting the Utah Prairie Dog back under ESA protections.
- July TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- July TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce it has apportioned \$50 million to state fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. The funding is provided through the FWS's State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program and is distributed through an apportionment formula in accordance with the Appropriations Act.
- July TBD: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a final rule establishing the 2017-18 hunting seasons and bag limits for certain migratory game birds to fulfill our responsibilities to the four international conventions to protect and manage migratory game birds. A prepared statement will be provided on our website with a link to the proposed rule.
- July TBD: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a proposal to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2018-19 hunting season to fulfill our responsibilities to the four international conventions to protect and manage migratory game birds. A prepared statement will be provided on our website with a link to the proposed rule.

Bureau of Land Management

- July 31: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV will issue a Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the Burning Man event in Pershing County, NV, to begin set-up for the event which will begin on August 27. The closure will remain in place until September 20. The event entails the largest Special Recreation Permit managed by the BLM.
- August 1-2: BLM-MT/Dakotas State Office will lead tribal site visits in Sidney to help

determine if Federal land parcels that have been identified in the State of Montana's Indemnity Selection application are suitable for conveyance to the State according to the Enabling Act of 1889. Specifically, the site visits will inform determination of eligibility of the cultural sites in the area and assist in environmental assessment. The BLM has been coordinating with the State of Montana since 2015 to determine appropriate parcels to transfer to the State. Other participants include district employees and MT Department of Natural Resources.

- August 2: The BLM-UT Moab Field Office intends to approve Dawson Geophysical Co.'s three-dimensional geophysical seismic survey project. The project is located 26 miles northwest of Moab and encompasses approximately 38,700 acres. Seismic surveys are used to determine the location and size of oil and gas reservoirs. The project is slated to begin in September.
- August 2: BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.
- August 2: BLM-CA's Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager Becca Brooke/staff will meet with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to discuss the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and study needs for the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project at Kerckhoff Dam, along the San Joaquin River, Fresno County, CA. PG&E is required to submit a Pre-Application for Development by November 2017 to begin a five-year re-licensing process. The 114-foot tall dam, built in 1920, is one of the primary features of the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project. It has two powerhouses. It produces 579 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.
- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

- August 1: Three Regional USGS-University Press Releases will go out to announce new host and consortium university partners for the Department of the Interior Alaska, Southeast, and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (managed by USGS). These hosting agreements are made between universities and the USGS, and the press releases are joint between these entities.
- August 2: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 1: Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office with the parties of the Taos Indian Water Rights Settlement will meet in Taos to discuss the latest progress on implementing the settlement. Each party will report out on its part of the project. There is significant local public and media interest and both are expected to attend.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- August 2: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Notice to Stakeholders on the Notice of

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- August 2: Local BOEM Release: Alaska Press Release on Draft EIS for Liberty DPP.
- August 2: Local BOEM Release: BOEM announces Gulf G&G PEIS, which is expected to publish in Federal Register on Aug. 4.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders to specific groups for educational outreach on the New National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program inviting them to participate in an informational call.
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- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- August 1: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE expects to announce publication of notices of availability for draft Environmental Assessments and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for a federal mining plan modification at the Bridger Mine in Wyoming. OSMRE will accept comments for 30 days.
- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

Land Buy-Back Program

- July 31: National LBBP Release: LBBP will put out a release and related outreach announcing a new Land Buy-Back Program strategy for addressing fractionation on Indian trust lands.

CONGRESSIONAL

August 3, 2017

10:00am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Hearing to examine federal and nonfederal collaboration, including through the use of technology, to reduce wildland fire risk to communities and enhance firefighting safety and effectiveness.

Witness: Bryan Rice, Director, Office of Wildland Fire

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Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 52

4 nominated awaiting confirmation.

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee delayed their vote indefinitely.

Nominee Joe Balash as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

7/27-31 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico

8/1 - Deputy Secretary Swearing-In

8/2 - (T) Secretary to visit USGS (Reston, VA)

8/2 - Sportsman Round table Access Event hosted at DOI

8/3 - DOI event - 40th Anniversary Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act

8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony
General Welcome (Missoula, MT)

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball
(Whitefish/Kalispell)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma,
WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

On July 27, PCL Construction inadvertently drove a steel casing into a Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative underground transmission cable while building the new Bonner Bridge at the Oregon Inlet in North Carolina. This caused a loss of power for all of Hatteras Island and Ocracoke Island. Because of the power loss, local authorities issued a mandatory evacuation order for all visitors until further notice, which includes the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. The National Park Service reports Hatteras and Ocracoke islands closed for visitor entry. Areas north of the Oregon Inlet remain open, as they have not been impacted by the power outage. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, which is located on Hatteras Island, is closed. The refuge will remain open to birders, anglers, and other personnel involved in outdoor recreation.

In California, the Detwiler Fire, located in Mariposa County (CAL FIRE), has burned 81,826 (+276) acres and is 90 (+15)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 2,390 (-1,310) personnel, including 19 (-83) DOI personnel. There are no (-30) residential structures threatened, and all evacuation orders have been lifted. Full containment of the Detwiler Fire is expected on August 7.

In Montana, the Lodgepole Complex Fire, located in Garfield County (BLM), has burned 270,723 (+523) acres and is 93 (+13)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 221 (-332) personnel, including 33 (-34) DOI personnel. There are 145 (no change) residential structures threatened and 50 (no change) evacuees. Six (+3) responder injuries have been reported. Demobilization is under way. Full containment is expected on August 2.

In Nevada, the Mahogany Fire, located in Humboldt County (BLM), has burned 5,121 (no change) acres and is 99 (+54)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 111 (-200) personnel, including 37 (-28) DOI personnel. There are no (-50) residences threatened. Two (+2) responder injuries have been reported. Further perimeter growth is not expected. Full containment of this fire is expected on August 1.

Outside Media of Interest

Interior Chief Ends Nevada Trip For Monday Cabinet Meeting.

The AP (7/30, RITTER, SONNER) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke toured two national monuments in Nevada on Sunday and canceled plans for meetings Monday in the Las Vegas area in order to head back to Washington, D.C., for what he said will be a Cabinet meeting involving President Donald Trump's top appointees." Zinke toured the Gold Butte and Basin and Range national monuments, "but he didn't say he's made any decisions about whether to downsize the two monuments created last year by President Barack Obama before he left office." Zinke said, "Monuments have been adjusted ...18 times before, Zinke said. "So I don't think there's too much question that a monument can be adjusted. Whether a monument can be rescinded or not, that is a question for the courts."

By Helicopter And On Horseback, Zinke Reviews Monuments.

The AP (7/28, Lee) reports that "ranchers who want to scale back two national monuments in New Mexico competed for attention with the outdoor recreation industry as U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke conducted a series of private stakeholder meetings linked to a nationwide review of 27 monuments approved by past presidents." Zinke "skipped a heavily attended public forum about the future of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in southern New Mexico organized largely by monument supporters, amid a series of private meetings with ranchers, electric utility executives, irrigation district officials and some defenders of the monuments." The article says that Zinke's "tightly controlled visit, mostly away from the public's eye, is stirring concern among business owners from fishing guides to local homebuilders who say they increasingly depend on the flow of tourists and outdoor enthusiasts to the monuments."

Montana Refuge Opened To Ranchers Who Lost Grass To Fires.

The AP (7/29) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is "opening the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge to grazing for ranchers who lost rangeland in a large wildfire in eastern Montana." Refuge manager Paul Santavy "says the fire left some ranchers with no rangeland for cattle to graze." According to the article, "individual agreements will need to be negotiated, but refuge managers plan to allow ranchers to move cows onto the refuge and complete the paperwork later."

Zinke Denies Threats In Calls.

The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (7/29, Oswald) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “said Saturday that there was no threat in his calls to Alaska’s two Republican U.S. senators last week after one of them broke ranks with the GOP on a health care vote.” Zinke dismissed speculation in the media that the calls were “threatening.” He said, “That’s ridiculous. ... Quite frankly, it’s laughable.”

Federal Ranger To Testify In San Francisco Murder Trial.

The AP (7/28, Thanawala) reports that “a federal agency has agreed to allow a ranger to testify at a trial over a fatal San Francisco shooting with the ranger’s gun that became a flashpoint in the national immigration debate, a judge in San Francisco said Friday.” According to the article, “the scope of the ranger’s testimony will be determined by the judge who presides over Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez’s trial in the 2015 shooting of Kate Steinle, Judge Richard Loftus said.” Federal officials “had previously resisted efforts” to have Bureau of Land Management ranger John Woychowski “testify about his stolen gun, but Loftus said the parties reached an agreement to produce the ranger as a witness.”

Energy Company Applies To Mine 4.1M Tons Of Coal In Colorado.

The AP (7/28) reports that the Bureau of Land Management “has to decide if it will allow an energy company to mine up to 4.1 million more tons of coal in northwest Colorado.” Peabody Energy has “applied to lease 1 more square mile (2.6 square kilometers) of federal coal west of Steamboat Springs as part of an ongoing mining operation.” The BLM “says it will make the decision under the President Donald Trump administration’s energy policies.”

Oil Group Fights Enviro’s Challenge To Offshore Drilling Order.

Law360 (7/28, Phillis) reported that the API asked an Alaska federal court to dismiss a complaint filed by environmental organizations challenging President Trump’s executive order looking to review drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic, arguing it was brought in the wrong court.

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Friday.

REG0007202 BOE Final Programmatic EIS for Geological & Geophysical Activities on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf. BOEM is announcing the availability of a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for evaluating potential environmental effects of geological and geophysical (G&G) activities in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) waters of the Gulf of Mexico. BOEM has a September 25, 2017, settlement agreement deadline for issuing a Record of Decision (ROD) based on the Final Programmatic EIS. Notice 07/28/2017.

REG0007193 FWS 2017-2018 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations. This rulemaking will provide the annual update to the existing refuge-specific regulations. Proposed Rule 07/28/2017.

WOLF TRAP

Tickets in the Secretary’s box available. Please share with WH staff.

8-1-17	Nashville in Concert	8:00 PM
8-2-17	Punch Brothers	8:00 PM
8-3-17	Blondie & Garbage	7:30 PM
8-4-17	La La Land in Concert	8:30 PM

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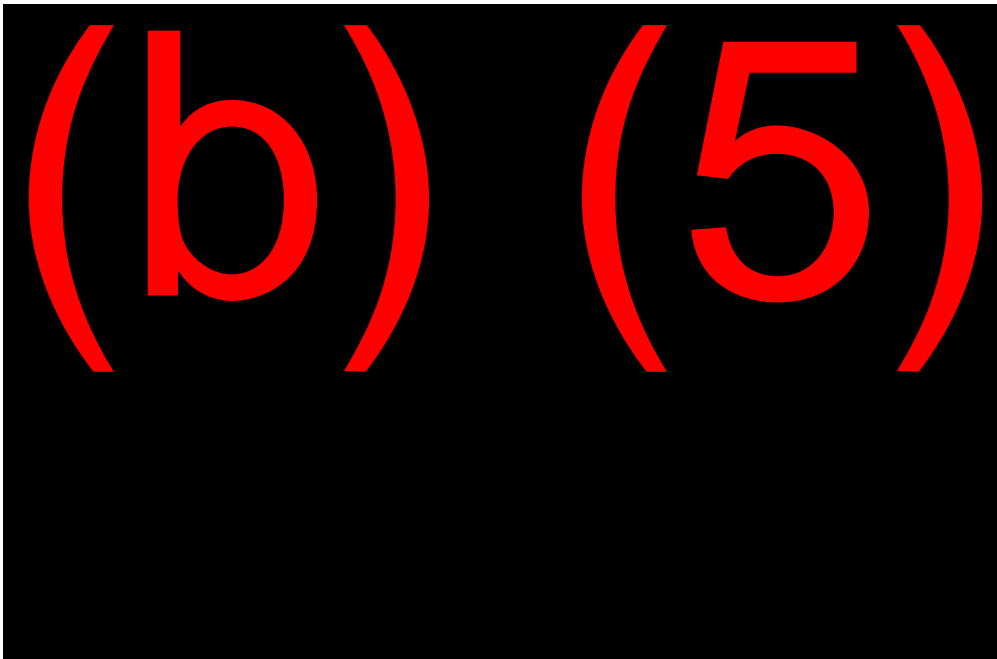
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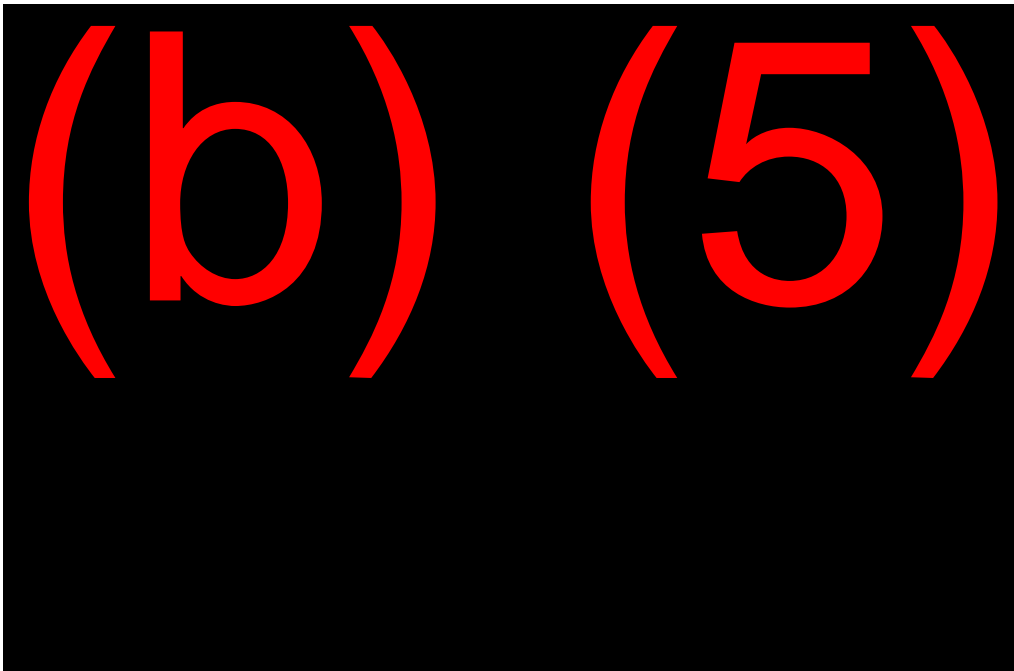
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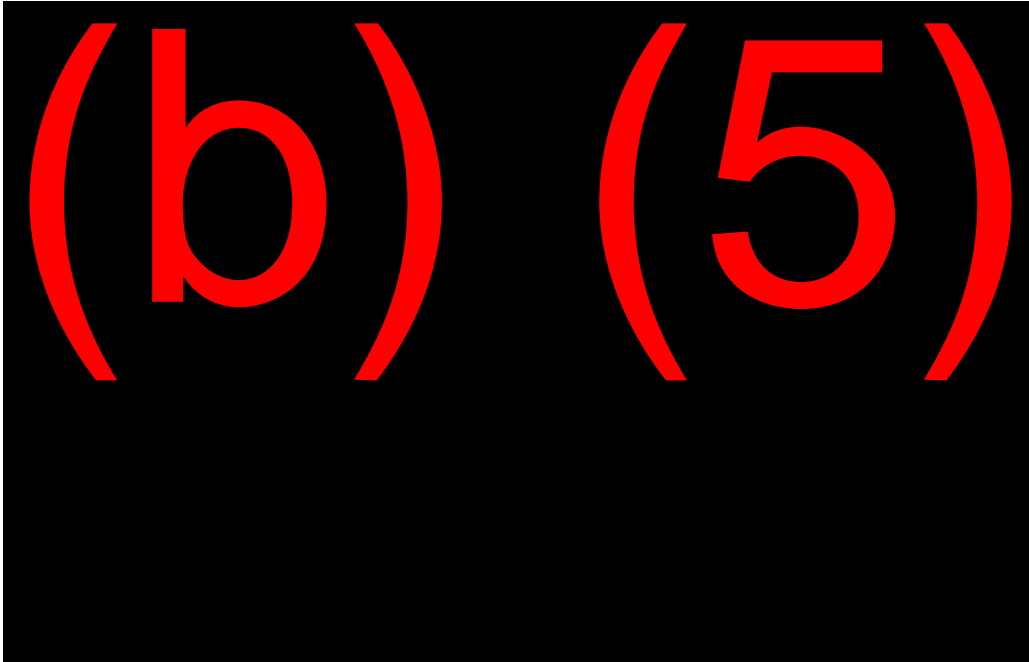
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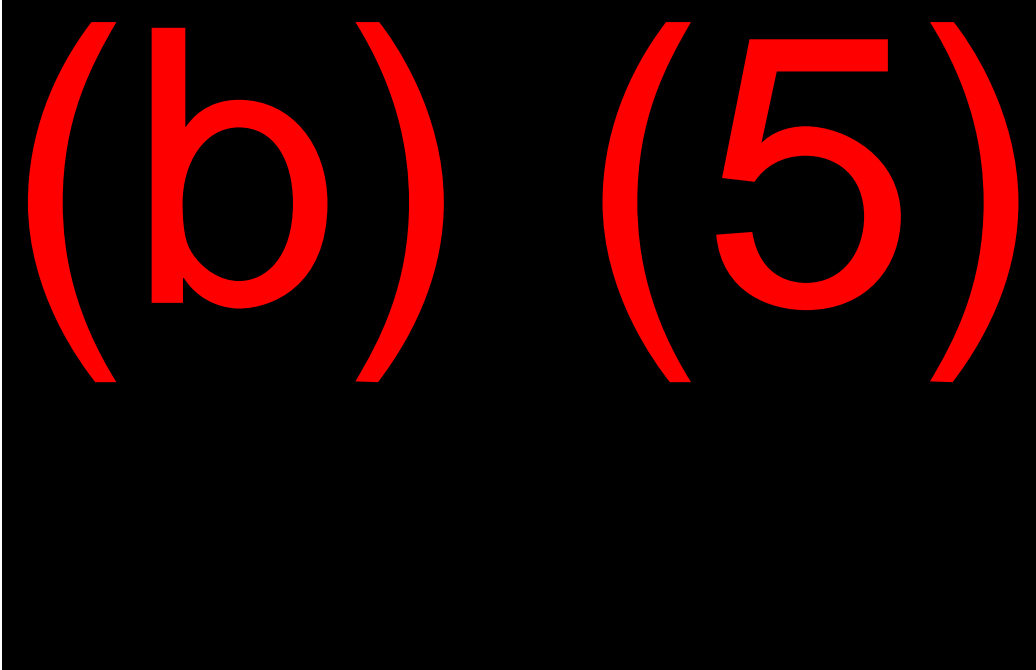
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Sent: 2017-07-31T16:12:29-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: SHORT FUSE: AP inquiry
Received: 2017-07-31T16:13:16-04:00

I stand corrected and have edited. Might be too wordy, but (b) (5)

On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 4:06 PM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 4:00 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

LAST CHANCE

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On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 3:50 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 3:49 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Let's also not say lies. This is what "they felt."

Laura Keehner Rigas
Communications Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 897-7022 cell
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On Jul 31, 2017, at 3:47 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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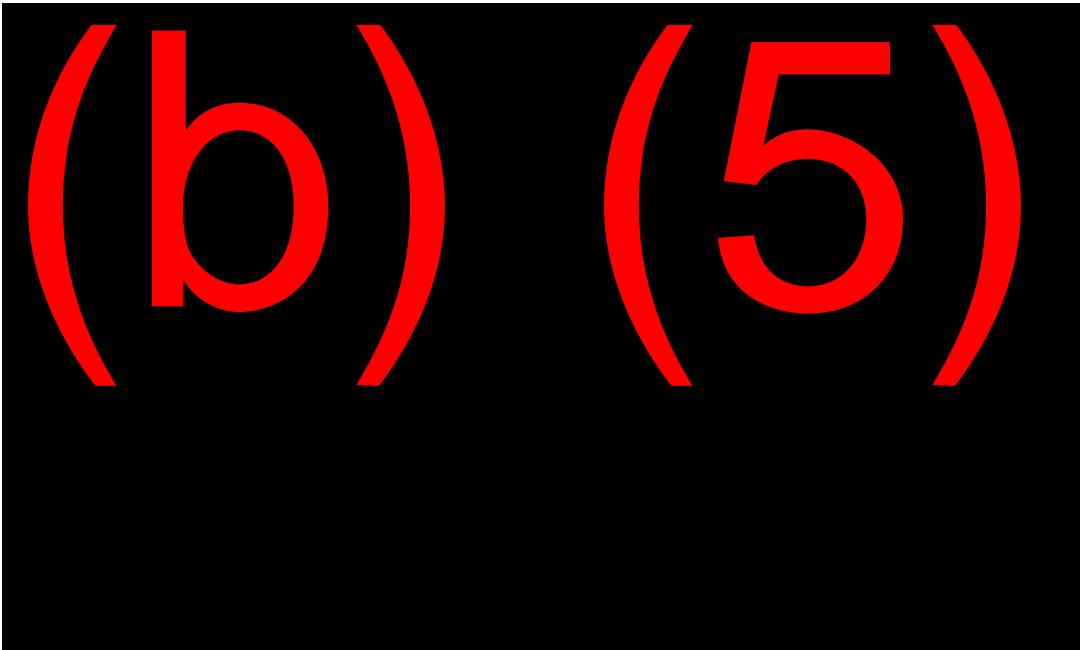
On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 3:20 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi-- we are responding to an AP query:

"Nevada Democratic US Rep Dina Titus, Clark County commissioners

Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Chris Giunchigliani (joon-kihl-ee-AH'-nee), a Friends of Gold Butte member Terri Rylander, UNLV professor Patrick Naranjo (who Mr Zinke met at Basin & Range) and Darren Daboda, chairman of the Moapa Band of Paiutes, said this morning that they don't feel the Secretary made time to meet with them or hear from advocates and supporters of the Nevada national monuments."

Here's a start at a response:



What else is missing? Heather can wordsmith. Just wanted to get a start.

Thanks,

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Micah Chambers
Acting Director
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Sent: 2017-07-31T23:31:16-04:00
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FYI. The official announcement on Nelson went out.

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To: "lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov" <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>
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Thanks. His press release has been ready for weeks haha

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From: Domenech, Douglas
Sent: 2017-08-01T10:02:13-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Any updates to this?
Received: 2017-08-01T10:02:40-04:00

Accepted

7/27-31 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico

8/1 - Deputy Secretary Swearing-In

8/2 - (T) Secretary to visit USGS (Reston, VA)

8/2 - Sportsman Round table Access Event hosted at DOI

8/3 - DOI event - 40th Anniversary Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act

8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony General Welcome (Missoula, MT)

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball (Whitefish/Kalispell)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Doug Domenech
Senior Advisor
US Department of the Interior

NOTE: Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.

To: Nachmany, Eli[eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Rigas, Laura[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]; Newell, Russell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]; Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Downey Magallanes
Sent: 2017-08-01T13:44:31-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Speechwriting Request
Received: 2017-08-01T13:44:39-04:00

V good

On Aug 1, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Nachmany, Eli <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Version re-ordered with Laura's edits is attached

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Sincerely,
Eli Nachmany
Writer, U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Communications

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 1:34 PM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

FYI, I had him re-order a few items. Just gave Eli a few of my edits and he's sending around shortly. Pls review that one. Thanks!

*Laura Keehner Rigas
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On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 1:15 PM, Nachmany, Eli <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Updated the formatting, added some of the points from our 100-day review where relevant.

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Sincerely,
Eli Nachmany
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On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 12:49 PM, Nachmany, Eli <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

White House Speechwriting Research

Major Accomplishments at DOI, 01/20/2017 to 08/01/2017

Deregulation

- Semi-annual regulatory agenda reduction
 - At Interior, we've reduced the semi-annual regulatory agenda by over 50-percent to 133, with 152 withdrawn.
- High-level actions identified (excerpted from the Federal Register)
 - The Bureau of Land Management “will proceed expeditiously with a proposed rule to rescind the final rule entitled “Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands.”
 - The rule exacts an undue burden on those energy producers who aspire to use fracking in the way of development on federal and Indian lands.
 - The Office of Natural Resources Revenue has “published a proposed rule to repeal the “Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Rule.”
 - The rule raised serious concerns about its negative impact on the coal industry, its governmental overreach, and its costly burden of implementation.

Energy

- Lease sales
 - We've already held more lease sales in the past six months than in the previous year. For context, from January to June of 2016, we did \$11.5 million in total receipts for onshore oil and gas. In the same time period this year, we've done \$146 million.
 - Finally, we opened Cook Inlet, AK up for business again, with the first leases awarded in over a decade on June 21.
 - Interior put up 76 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico for oil

and gas exploration and development.

□ Reviews

○ We have taken the first steps in launching our five-year plan to make more areas on the Outer Continental Shelf available for offshore oil and gas development, in accordance with the President's Executive Order on *Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy*.

▪ 94-percent of the Outer Continental Shelf has been off-limits for energy producers, which is stunting growth in the energy sector.

○ In May, Secretary Zinke signed a Secretarial Order to look into a plan for the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), in the interest of striking a balance between **development** and conservation.

Monument Review

□ Curbing abuses of the Antiquities Act

○ Secretary Zinke has toured monuments under review, and is on track to deliver his recommendations to the President by August 24, as prescribed by Executive Order.

○ We've received over 2.1 million public comments on the matter, in addition to many written notes at the Department.

○ In recommending modifications to Bears Ears National Monument, Secretary Zinke is listening to Tribal voices and promoting co-management.

Reorganization

□ Meeting the needs of a modern Interior Department

○ We are beginning the process of reorganizing the Department to be better equipped for the 21st century. The Secretary has drawn a distinction between the last 100 years of the Department, under a structure envisioned by Teddy Roosevelt, and the next 100 years, under a path being presently charted.

- We plan to empower our employees by moving them out of Washington, D.C. and Denver, and into the field.
- We want to give more clear guidance to younger employees on how they can advance their careers at DOI.
- We have to prepare our staff to leverage new technologies and implement them in our parks and on our land.

Miscellaneous

Good neighbor

- The Lodgepole Complex Fire recently ripped through Montana, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service worked to open the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge for Emergency Cattle Grazing the moves got very favorable coverage in Montana, and pleased farmers and ranchers previously faced with the grim reality of dead cattle en masse.

Coal is back

- Secretary Zinke recently celebrated the initial construction of the Berwind Mine on the border of Virginia and West Virginia, set to create 50 good-paying jobs in places like McDowell County.
- Secretary Zinke also ended the moratorium on coal-leasing for federal lands, giving the coal industry a much-needed shot in the arm.

Outdoor recreation

- During “Made in America” Week, the Secretary highlighted the American outdoor recreation industry, showcasing “Made in America” products like boats and RVs.
 - Substantively, the day was marked by the Secretary convening an advisory panel on public-private partnerships for federal land.
- The Secretary ended the ban on lead ammo and tackle, so hunting and fishing can again be a sport for all Americans (not just the elite).

□ Conservation

- Throughout his career, the Secretary has continued to advocate against the sale or transfer of any public lands, and he has followed through on this promise. The President made this promise on the campaign trail.
- Secretary Zinke signed a Secretarial Order on Sage-Grouse conservation, strengthening collaboration between the federal government and states.

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Eli Nachmany
Writer, U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Communications

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 11:33 AM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Eli -- can you please take the lead on drafting these? I know we have some started. I will reach out to Liz and connect about length, format, etc.
Thanks,
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From: **Scott Hommel** <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 11:10 AM
Subject: Fwd: Speechwriting Request
To: [Laura Rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Laura_Rigas@ios.doi.gov)

Please connect on this. Thanks.

Scott C. Hommel
Chief of Staff
Department of the Interior

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Date: August 1, 2017 at 10:41:16 AM EDT
To: "Hale, Michelle" <hale.michelle@epa.gov>, (b) (6) Ashley Gunn

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<Brian.Mccormack@hq.doe.gov>, "Jackson, Ryan"
<jackson.ryan@epa.gov>, Scott Hommel
<scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: RE: Speechwriting Request

Hi Ashley Happy pull together some talking points for you and send it over to you and Patrick by 1 p.m. today.

Thanks Liz Bowman, EPA

From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 10:28 AM
To: (b) (6) Ashley Gunn Brian McCormack <Brian.Mccormack@hq.doe.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Speechwriting Request
Importance: High

Liz Bowman will be in touch.

Michelle

From: (b) (6) Ashley Gunn
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Brian McCormack <Brian.Mccormack@hq.doe.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Speechwriting Request

Before 1pm. Pls direct me to the correct poc for Patrick.

Many thanks

Ashley Gunn

Senior Director

Cabinet Affairs

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From: (b) (6) Patrick MacDonnell

Date: August 1, 2017 at 9:40:31 AM EDT

To: (b) (6) Ashley Gunn

Subject: Speechwriting Request

Hi Ashley,

I was hoping you or someone in cabinet affairs could reach out to the Comms shops of the Department of Interior, Department of Energy, and EPA. Research for White House Speechwriting is looking for a list of what they consider their greatest accomplishments in the past 6 months. In particular for the EPA, if they could supply us good figures for our record on Clean Air and Clean Water the past six months we would greatly appreciate it in addition to their general list of accomplishments. Also, I was told there was a renewed push regarding superfund sites, if you could inquire if they know anything about that as well.

If it is at all possible we would like this info by 1:00PM today, do you think you would be able to assist with that? Thanks!

Best,

Patrick

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To: Scott Hommel[scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov]; Magallanes, Downey[downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov]; Laura Rigas[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]; Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]; James Cason[james_cason@ios.doi.gov]; Micah Chambers[micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]; Daniel Jorjani[daniel_jorjani@ios.doi.gov]; Mashburn, Lori[lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov]; Bauserman, Christine[christine_bauserman@ios.doi.gov]; Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]; Thiele, Aaron[aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov]; Willens, Todd[todd_willens@ios.doi.gov]; Getto, Leila[leila_getto@ios.doi.gov]; (b) (6) Bernhardt

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Subject: Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 8/1/17
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 8/1/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor
Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

NOTE: David Bernhardt sworn in as Deputy Secretary.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Washington, DC.
Swearing In David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary.
Meeting at the White House. Lunch with POTUS.
Meeting with Douglas Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army.
Meeting with Sen. Merkley and Sen. Wyden.
Bernhardt reception.
Meeting with Sebastian Gorka.

THIS WEEK:

- Wednesday 8/2: Sportsmen Roundtable; NEC Principals Meeting: Infrastructure; Tentative USGS Tour;
- Thursday 8/3: Meet and Greet with Chase Spano and Steve Armentrout; Remarks at 40th Anniversary Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA); Meeting with Tom Spoehr, Director, Center for National Defense, Heritage Foundation; Meeting with David Lasar
- Friday 8/4: office

NEXT WEEK:

The Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)

Media TODAY

SECRETARY ZINKE SWEARS IN DAVID BERNHARDT AS DEPUTY SECRETARY

WASHINGTON This morning U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke swore in David Bernhardt as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. It was witnessed by members of his family and DOI staff.

"I'm excited to have David Bernhardt here to help me lead the Department of the Interior," said Secretary Zinke. "His extensive experience serving under two secretaries of the Interior and his legal expertise is exactly what we need to make government work more efficiently and effectively and help us expand access to public lands while continuing to protect them for future generations."

ZINKE APPLAUDS NOMINATION OF IDAHO'S RYAN NELSON TO SERVE AS INTERIOR SOLICITOR

WASHINGTON President Donald Trump announced today the nomination of Ryan Nelson of Idaho to serve as the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior.

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Federal Register Listings

No items cleared for the FR on Monday.

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In California, the Detwiler Fire, located in Mariposa County (CAL FIRE), has burned 81,826 (no change) acres and is 90 (no change)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 1,635 (-755) personnel, including 13 (-6) DOI personnel. Full containment of the Detwiler Fire is expected on August 7.

Outside Media of Interest

RYAN ZINKE, TRUMP'S COWBOY ENFORCER, IS READY FOR HIS CLOSEUP.

GQ (7/31, Platt) published a profile on Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who the article calls "a big player in Donald Trump's Washington." According to the piece, "if Zinke's track record is any indication, he has every intention of leveraging his new post on Team Trump into something much bigger." However, Zinke "waved off questions about the White House." He said, "I think the president is going to serve two terms." And "if that does indeed happen, he knows it'll be Pence's turn afterward, and he'll be supporting him."

Nevada Democrats Fault Interior Chief Over Canceled Meetings.

The AP (7/31, Ritter) reports that "elected Democrats and an Indian tribal leader in Nevada

criticized Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday for canceling meetings with advocates after his tour of two national monuments on a list of sites the Trump administration is considering cutting in size.” Chris Giunchigliani, a Clark County commissioner, “said during a demonstration at the Las Vegas offices of several political advocacy groups that she felt Nevada had been ‘disrespected.’” Also, Rep. Dina Titus “said she believed Zinke never wanted to meet with advocates.” However, the Interior Department “fired back with a statement calling the critics’ claims ‘patently false.’” A statement provided by Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift “said Zinke did all he could after arriving in Nevada from New Mexico over the weekend to tour the monuments and meet with people on Sunday.”

Zinke: ‘Laughable’ To Suggest He Threatened Alaska Senators.

The AP (7/31) reports Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke responded to reports that he had threatened Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK), saying, “Ah, you know, the moon has been characterized as other things, too. So, I think it’s laughable.” The article explains that “the Alaska Dispatch News reported last week that Zinke called Murkowski and Sullivan and said Murkowski’s vote against proceeding to debate on legislation to overhaul the federal health care law put Alaska’s future with the administration in jeopardy.”

Zinke Applauds Berwind Mine Operation.

West Virginia MetroNews (7/31, Jenkins) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “released a statement Monday remarking his approval of the “initial construction” of the Berwind coal property.” According to the statement, “the site’s developers, Ramaco Resources, expect the McDowell County mine to create 50 ‘good-paying’ jobs and employ around 200 coal miners when operations reach the projected production level.” The Berwind Mine will “produce 800,000 tons of coal a year and create jobs near the West Virginia-Virginia border.” Zinke said, “Under President Trump’s leadership, the Department of the Interior is dedicated to being a good partner with local communities. This administration is dedicated to streamlining permitting and approval processes, and empowering local employees to get work done on the front lines. The Berwind Mine is the first of many projects that demonstrate the Trump Administration’s commitment to coal country and to good government.”

O&C Commissioners Met With Interior Secretary.

The Coos Bay (OR) World (7/31, Harrell) reports that “while Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke was in Oregon earlier last month, he met with O&C county commissioners to discuss the expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and the loss of timber revenue.” The Association of O&C counties “spoke out against the expansion, arguing it would further restrict logging on lands that provide revenue for the cash-strapped counties.” Tim Freeman, President of the Association of O&C counties, “said he was encouraged that the Trump administration is interested in rural Oregon.”

Montana Rep: Time To Retire The Ridiculous Designation Of Wilderness Study Areas.

In an op-ed for the Fairfield (MT) Sun Times (7/31, Harris), Montana state Rep. Bill Harris urges Rep. Greg Gianforte and Sens. Steve Daines and Jon Tester to “retire the ridiculous designation of Wilderness Study Areas.” Harris argues that “the designation serves no purpose and has contributed a great deal to” the recent fire in Sandage Coulee. Harris thinks “the most effective way to make the changes needed is to flood Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke with our concerns. and urge a change in federal lands management.”

Trump Administration Moves In New Direction With Cobell Buy-back Program.

The Nation Sun News (7/31) reports that “with just \$540 million left to spend, the Trump administration is changing course when it comes to the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations.” In an announcement on Monday, the Interior Department “dramatically cut back the number of reservations where landowners can expect to receive offers for their fractional interests.” According to the article, “instead of the 70 or so that were on the list toward the end of the Obama administration, only 20 remain on the implementation schedule.” Jim Cason, the Associate Deputy Secretary at Interior, said in the announcement, “The revised strategy announced today maximizes the remaining dollars left for the implementation of the Buy-Back Program and seeks to achieve the greatest reduction of fractional interests, the largest number possible of landowners able to participate, and the most effective use of the department’s resources.”

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No items cleared for the FR on Monday.

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DOI In The News

David Bernhardt Is Sworn Into Post As Deputy Interior Secretary.

The [Denver Post](#) (8/1, Paul) reports that David Bernhardt was “sworn in to office Tuesday morning as deputy secretary of the Interior Department following his contentious nomination to the position.” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted in a picture showing Bernhardt being sworn in: “Exciting day! Dave is a seasoned Interior veteran and will be a huge asset.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Politico Morning Energy](#) (8/1, GUILLÉN).

Trump Names Ex-DOJ, Sidley Austin Attorney As DOI Solicitor.

[Law360](#) (8/1, Phillis) reports that President Trump “said on Monday he intended to nominate a former associate at Sidley Austin LLP with experience working in all three branches of government who currently serves as general counsel to a major wellness shopping company to be solicitor at the Department of the Interior.” Ryan Douglas Nelson, “who is based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, currently serves as general counsel for Melaleuca Inc., where he oversees the company’s consumer and policy departments managing compliance and litigation issues, among other tasks.”

The [East Idaho News](#) (8/1) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said, “Ryan Nelson is coming to the Department of the Interior with a strong background in natural resources policy and law, stretching many years in both the public and private sector. Having a seasoned legal expert like Ryan, who is also a son of the West, will benefit the entire Department. I look forward to his speedy confirmation by the Senate.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (8/1, Brown), the [Idaho Statesman](#) (8/1, Brown), and [Federal News Radio \(DC\)](#) (8/1, White).

Is Susan Combs' Path To Washington Delayed By Politics?

The [Austin \(TX\) American Statesman](#) (8/1, Recio) reports that former Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, "nominated to be an assistant secretary at the Interior Department, was up for a vote by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last Thursday when the meeting was abruptly canceled less than 24 hours before it was to be held." The postponement occurred in the midst of "a high-stakes battle over health care." Sen. Lisa Murkowski "denied that the postponement was payback and told CNN that there was a 'blip' in the nominations and that it would be cleared up." However, "a Republican staffer familiar with Murkowski told the Statesman that the hearing cancellation was a power move in response to threats against her state." Also, a Democratic staffer said, "It seems pretty clear that the interior secretary threatening the chairman did not end well for him."

Missouri Valley Native Receives Valor Award.

The [Missouri Valley \(IA\) Times](#) (8/1) reports that "Kane Seitz, Supervisory Law Enforcement Park Ranger at Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, Okla., received the Valor Award on July 4 in a ceremony at the Interior Building in Washington DC." On June 18, 2015, during a flooding event at Chickasaw National Recreation Area, National Park Service Chief Ranger Aaron W. Shandor, "along with Supervisory Park Ranger Kane I. Seitz, put the safety of others ahead of their own and voluntarily put themselves in danger by deploying a rescue operation that successfully rescued a local family from certain peril." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke presented awards to Seitz and Shando for their actions.

Dolores BLM Staffers Recognized For Lifesaving Actions.

The [Southwest Colorado Journal](#) (8/1, Mimiaga) reports that "three staff members of the Bureau of Land Management's Tres Rios office in Dolores received a Valor Award for their efforts to save a co-workers' life last year." In August 2016, BLM geologist Jamie Blair "collapsed at his desk and went into cardiac arrest." David Sanders, Derrick Baldwin, and Robert Garrigues "quickly administered lifesaving actions to revive Blair, who has since made a full recovery and is back at work." The Valor Award was "presented to the staff members by Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke at a July 4 ceremony in Washington, D.C."

Trump's Interior Secretary May Be The Key To Opening Yucca Mountain.

The [Daily Caller](#) (8/1, Follett) reports that a decision by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "to shrink two Nevada national monuments could remove a significant hurdle to storing nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, experts say." Some nuclear energy experts believe "one reason former President Barack Obama designated" the Basin and Range National Monument "in 2015 was to block any chance of Yucca Mountain being used to store spent nuclear

fuel.”

Amid Monument Review, A Pro-energy Interior Emerges.

The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (8/1, Wiles) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s review of national monuments “comes as he continues to fill his department with pro-industry officials and amid a broader push at the Interior Department for increased energy development on public lands—something monument designations can work against.” According to the article, “a new report released Tuesday describes an Interior Department now mainly led by employees from extractive-industry backgrounds, marking clear priorities for Zinke that do not bode well for greater public land protections.” The report, issued by the Western Values Project, “a progressive organization, shows close ties between high-ranking staffers and industry.”

The Antiquities Act Of 1906: No President Is Licensed To Revoke National Monuments.

In his column for the [Washington Times](#) (8/1, Fein), Bruce Fein writes that “the text, spirit, and 111-year history of the Antiquities Act of 1906 militate against presidential power to revoke a national monument proclamation made by a predecessor president.” For a president to unilaterally revoke by a proclamation would “require new revocation legislation passed by Congress and signed by the new president,” Fein argues. He also asserts that “interpreting the Antiquities Act according to its plain language to prohibit presidential revocations of national monument designations of predecessors raises no separation of powers concerns.”

Obama Wasn’t King, And His Laws Aren’t Set In Stone.

In an op-ed for the [Washington Examiner](#) (8/1, Pendley), William Perry Pendley, president of the Mountain States Legal Foundation, writes that “although no president has ever revoked a national monument designation, the power to diminish or even revoke a national monument is inherent in the powers granted by the Antiquities Act; in fact, many presidents have diminished the size of national monuments established by their predecessors.” He argues that “each branch of the federal government can undo its earlier decisions; the executive branch is no different.” Pendley says that “just as no Congress can bind a future Congress, so can no president bind the nation in perpetuity.”

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

DOI Narrows Scope Of Tribal Land Buyback Program.

[Law360](#) (8/1, Westney) reports that the Interior Department “plans to target a smaller number of tribes to take part in a massive land buyback program as the department looks to spend the \$540 million remaining for the program under the landmark Cobell settlement, according to a DOI

statement Monday." The [Los Alamos \(NM\) Daily Post](#) (8/1) reports that Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason said, "The revised strategy announced today maximizes the remaining dollars left for the implementation of the Buy-Back Program and seeks to achieve the greatest reduction of fractional interests, the largest number possible of landowners able to participate, and the most effective use of the Department's resources. However, while the Department is doing what it can to improve the Program, it is clear Congress has a role as well. We continue to look to congressional leaders for long-term solutions to address the problem of fractionated lands."

Additional coverage was provided by the [AP](#) (8/1).

DOI Fights Damages After Navajo's Judiciary Funding Win.

[Law360](#) (8/1, Powell) reports that the Interior Department "conceded defeat Monday after the D.C. Circuit held that the Navajo Nation's judiciary funding request had to be approved because the agency missed a deadline to respond to it, but argued against awarding the tribe "unreasonable" damages." In a memorandum, the Interior Department "said the Navajo Nation should be granted summary judgment in light of a recent D.C. Circuit ruling that the tribe's funding proposal for the operation of the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch for 2014 was automatically approved."

Retired Oil Lease Funds Donated To Environmental, Health Causes.

The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (8/1, Puckett) reports that Devon Energy is "using refunds it received from the government for cancelling oil and gas leases in the Badger-Two Medicine area of Montana to support land conservation and tribal efforts in Oklahoma." The energy company signed the agreement with the Interior Department "Interior last year to cancel 15 undeveloped leases covering 130,000 acres." On Monday, the firm "announced it donated \$100,000 of the rebates for retiring the leases to The Nature Conservancy, \$40,000 to the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic and \$25,000 to the American Indian College Fund."

Bureau Of Land Management

Burning Man Receives Permit, Flooded Venue Dries Up.

The [AP](#) (8/1) reports that "the annual Burning Man event is still on for 2017 despite concern about its traditional homeland being flooded." The Bureau of Land Management "issued Burning Man its permit to operate on Sunday." According to the article, "the desert playa where the event takes place was partially underwater due to flooding from this winter's heavy precipitation, but has dried out in recent weeks."

Feds Look To Relinquish Mineral Rich Interior Lands To The State.

The [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (8/1, Bross) reports that "a tract of potentially mineral rich land northeast of Fairbanks is recommended for

transfer from federal to state hands." According to the article, "the 709-acre parcel near Fox and the Ft. Knox Gold Mine is being relinquished by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, near where the agency operates a satellite downlink facility." The Bureau of Land Management "recently completed an environmental assessment of impacts of relinquishing the property." The BLM's Valerie Baxter said, "We have found no potential for significant impacts from the relinquishment and transfer to the state."

BLM, Rancher, County Work Out Teaters Road Access Hours.

KTVZ-TV Bend, OR (8/1) reports that "saying they wish to be 'a good neighbor in the communities we serve,' the Prineville District Bureau of Land Management said Tuesday it has responded to a request from Waibel Ranches, LLC and Crook County to modify the existing agreement that would have opened Teaters Road to public travel on Tuesday." BLM officials "said the change was based on public safety due to construction vehicles on the road, and the need for an emergency access route to the Ochoco National Forest during the period around the solar eclipse." Starting Tuesday, Teaters Road "will be open Mondays through Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. to allow evening and early morning public access during road construction."

Why Won't Congress Fight Against Slaughtering Wild Horses?

For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (8/1, Roy, Contributor), Suzanne Roy, executive director of the American Wild Horse Campaign, questions why the government "keep pursuing efforts to eradicate" wild horses in face of widespread public support for the protection of wild horses. Roy writes that "the latest death threat against these icons of the American West came earlier this year from the U.S. Department of the Interior, which has proposed budget language that would undo a ban on killing wild horses or shipping them to foreign slaughterhouses — all in the name of providing federal wildlife managers 'more flexibility' in managing horse numbers on the range." Roy argues that "rather than implement a one-size-kills-all solution," the Interior Department "should scientifically study how many wild horses and burros should roam the range, firmly keeping in mind that the American public wants them on public lands." She also urges Congress to "call on the department and bureau to make increased use of fertility control to manage horses humanely on the range."

U.S .Rep. Tom Emmer: Why I'm Pushing To Preserve Mining In Northern Minnesota.

In an op-ed for the Minneapolis Star Tribune (8/1, Emmer), Rep. Tom Emmer, writes that "last December, after the election and before the new administration took office, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management unexpectedly refused to renew Minnesota's mineral leases and started the process of withdrawing more than 400,000 acres from

resource exploration." But "thankfully," Emmer writes, "my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Trump administration are committed to reversing this haphazard, overly expansive ban on development." Emmer asserts that his "actions on this issue will not only protect the potential of thousands of jobs as well as the local economies of many small towns on the Iron Range, but also will leave intact an extensive environmental process that will protect and preserve our beloved Boundary Waters."

Bureau Of Reclamation

Fishing Event Serves Special Needs Kids.

The [Wenatchee \(WA\) World](#) (8/1, Francis) reports that "the Bureau of Reclamation's Ephrata Field Office will host its annual C.A.S.T. for Kids event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Potholes Reservoir." The article adds that "the morning fishing event will be followed by a picnic lunch."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Gray Wolves Just Won Another Battle To Stay On The Endangered Species List.

The [Washington Post](#) (8/1, Fears) reports that the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit on Tuesday ruled against the Interior Department's decision "to strip protections" from regional populations of gray wolves and to "allow states to openly hunt them," instead upholding a lower court's decision that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the authority to group Great Lakes region gray wolves but not to remove them from the endangered species list "without considering the move's impact on the entire species of gray wolves in their range."

The [AP](#) (8/1, Flesher) reports that the court "upheld a district judge's 2014 ruling that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had acted prematurely by removing federal protections from wolves in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin." The court "said the government hadn't reasonably considered factors including loss of the wolf's historical range."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (8/1, Flesher), the [Milwaukee \(WI\) Journal Sentinel](#) (8/1), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (8/1, Flesher), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (8/1, Flesher), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (8/1, Flesher), [Business Insider](#) (8/1, Flesher), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (8/1, Flesher), the [Daily Mail](#) (8/1, Flesher), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (8/1, Flesher), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (8/1, Flesher), the [Wisconsin State Journal](#) (8/1, Flesher), [WWJ-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (8/1, Flesher), and [WXYZ-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (8/1).

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (8/1, Henry), the [Washington \(DC\) Examiner](#) (8/1, Siciliano), the [Huffington Post](#) (8/1, D'angelo), [NBC News](#) (8/1, Rainey), [CBS News](#) (8/1), [NPR](#) (8/1, Held), the [Brainerd \(MN\) Daily Dispatch](#) (8/1, Myers), the [Duluth \(MN\) News Tribune](#) (8/1, Myers), [UPI](#) (8/1, Pestano), [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) (8/1, Kaeding),

[OutdoorHub](#) (8/1), and [WDAY-TV Fargo \(ND\)](#) Fargo, ND (8/1, Myers).

Homeland Security To Bypass Environmental Laws In Border Wall Work.

The [New York Times](#) (8/1, Nixon) reports that DHS said Tuesday "that it would use its authority to exempt the agency from having to comply with environmental and other laws in its efforts to build border walls and access roads in the San Diego area." DHS spokesman David Lapan "said the waiver would also apply to replacement fencing and roads the agency plans to build in the San Diego area." [Breitbart](#) (8/1, Price) reports that DHS said it "has the authority to waive these requirements under laws passed by Congress to enable securing the border with Mexico." The [Washington Times](#) (8/1, Dinan) reports that the Bush Administration "repeatedly used the waivers during the last major round of fence-building from 2005 to 2008."

[CNN](#) (8/1, Kopan, Marsh, Wallace) reports DHS's decision "clears an important hurdle to construction of the wall, and signals an approach the administration could take in the future when it seeks to build additional sections of wall or fence." CNN adds that the "15-mile stretch identified in the waiver also includes 14 miles of replacement secondary fencing, for which Customs and Border Protection has requested funding from Congress." Despite issues a waiver to some environmental laws and regulations, DHS said it "remains committed to environmental stewardship with respect to these projects." Similar coverage is provided by [NPR](#) (8/1), [Fox News](#) (8/1, Pappas), the [Wall Street Journal](#) (8/1, Carlton), [The Hill](#) (8/1, Cama), and the [Daily Caller](#) (8/1).

In a column for the [Daily Beast](#) (8/2, Navarrette), Ruben Navarrette Jr. argues DHS "exempt[ing] itself from having to comply with environmental and other laws" is "par for the course for this administration." Navarrette opines that the wall construction will "almost surely be reduced to a mixture of fencing and 'virtual wall' electronic sensors." He concludes that it is "time to call the Trump Wall what it is, and always has been: the president's top domestic policy distraction."

Ranchers Sue Feds After 1.8M Acre Grab.

The [Daily Caller](#) (8/1, Pearce) reports that "three state agriculture associations filed a lawsuit Monday against the federal government for not considering how listing almost two million acres in California as 'critical habitat' could affect small business, agriculture, and local government, according to a Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) press release." The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service "declared 1.8 million acres in central and northern California as 'critical habitat' in 2016 to protect two species of frog and one species of toad listed under the Endangered Species Act."

National Park Service

Opening National Park In Gloucester Will Take Years.

The [Newport News \(VA\) Daily Press](#) (8/1) reports that "it will take years before the planned park at the historic Werowocomoco site will open for visitors, according to the National Park Service." In a presentations to the Gloucester Board of Supervisors on Tuesday night, Chuck Hunt, park service superintendent, said, "It takes a while for parks to come online. We need more knowledge about the site so we know what we can and cannot do there." Hunt, "along with Bob Campbell, chief of planning and development, and Gloucester Parks and Recreation Director Carol Steele, presented a progress report on the master planning for the park."

Residents Share Ideas For Reconstruction Monument.

The [Bluffton \(SC\) Today](#) (8/1, Murdaugh) reports that "to ensure they have a solid foundation document for the planned Reconstruction Era National Monument in Beaufort County, National Park Service officials received feedback from the public last week." The park service held three public meetings last week in northern Beaufort County. The agency's Ben West "said the park service will put together a foundation document over the next 12 months."

Sabino, A National Historic Landmark Vessel, Is Ready To Steam Down Mystic River Again.

The [Westerly \(RI\) Sun](#) (8/1, Hewitt) reports that "the historic steamboat Sabino is back on the water and ready for public cruises on the Mystic River" Tuesday. The boat has "been under restoration for more than two years in Mystic Seaport's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard." The article notes that "financial support for the project was provided by a combination of private philanthropy and public grants, including \$172,125 from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, \$149,318 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and a National Maritime Heritage Grant of \$199,806 administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the U.S. Maritime Administration."

Cape Symphony To Return To Cape Cod National Seashore.

The [Cape Cod \(MA\) News](#) (8/1) reports that "the Cape Symphony will perform for the second straight summer at the Cape Cod National Seashore." According to the article, "a free multimedia performance will feature the Symphony's principal musicians and a community choral group, along with special guests." The concert will "celebrate the nature, history and sense of community of the Outer Cape on August 25 at the Salt Pond Visitor Center Amphitheater in Eastham at 6:30 p.m."

A Plant-friendly Flyover.

The [Daily Astorian \(OR\)](#) (8/1, Heffernan) reports that "researchers with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spent much of last week operating two drones in an effort to map out plant species" at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park's Colewort Creek. The drones were "mounted

with a hyperspectral scanner, which uses the electromagnetic spectrum to identify plant species," which "helped researchers monitor the progress of an area that has undergone numerous restoration projects since 2007." Natural Resources Program Manager Carla Cole said, "Our extensive plant community and elevational data from our ongoing monitoring efforts will assist the NOAA researchers in ground-truthing their data for this study. We expect the results of this study to have useful and immediate management implications and to also be transferable to our partners throughout the Lower Columbia estuary."

Hikers Missing In Joshua Tree Park Amid Soaring Temperatures.

NPR (8/1, Held) reports that rescuers are searching for two hikers reported missing Friday in Joshua Tree National Park. According to Joshua Tree National Park Public Information Officer George Land, "Rachel Nguyen, 20, of Westminster, Calif., and Joseph Orbeso, 21, of Lakewood, Calif., set out for a hike on Thursday." The article says that "two airplanes, two helicopters, six canine tracking teams and up to 100 ground searchers are all being used to try to locate the couple."

Office Of Insular Affairs

Feds Offer An Additional \$3 Million To Help Ease Impact Of Micronesian Migration.

Honolulu Civil Beat (HI) (8/1, Blair) reports that the Interior Department "announced Tuesday that it will provide more money to places like Hawaii that have growing Micronesian populations, on top of the \$30 million already allotted annually." However, "the additional \$3 million in what's known as "compact impact" aid is a fraction of the funding the state and other islands say they need to provide educational, health care and social service support to the recent arrivals." Acting Interior Assistant Secretary Nikolao Pula said, "The governors of the affected jurisdictions have reported that the federal government is not providing sufficient funds to cover the costs they bear for the impact of migrants from the freely associated states on social services. Both Guam and Hawaii have each reported costs exceeding \$100 million a year."

US Geological Survey

Scientists Turn To Big Data In Hunt For Minerals, Oil And Gas.

Reuters (8/1, Doyle) reports that "scientists searching for everything from oil and gas to copper and gold are adopting techniques used by companies such as Netflix or Amazon to sift through vast amounts of data, a study showed on Tuesday." In the journal *American Mineralogist*, they wrote that "the method has already helped to discover 10 carbon-bearing minerals and could be widely applied to exploration." Gilpin Robinson, of the U.S. Geological Survey, "who was not involved in the study, said the USGS had started to collaborate with the big data project." He said, "The use of large

data sets and analytical tools is very important in our studies of mineral and energy resources.”

Top National News

White House Defends Trump’s Role In Crafting Son’s Statement On Meeting With Russian Lawyer.

In the wake of a Washington Post [report](#) that said President Trump “dictated” his son’s statement regarding his meeting with a Russian lawyer during the 2016 campaign, the White House is described in media reports as defending the President’s role in crafting the statement. The tone of the coverage, which includes seven-and-a-half minutes of reporting on Tuesday’s network news broadcasts – two of which led with the story – is generally negative, indicating that White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders’ claim that the President “weighed in” on the statement contradicts Trump attorney Jay Sekulow’s denial that Trump was involved at all. Reports also described her claim that Donald Trump’s Jr.’s statement included “no inaccuracy” as misleading.

[Bloomberg News](#) (8/1, Pettypiece), for example, reports that Sanders provided “an account that conflicts with assertions made by the president’s own lawyer two weeks ago.” Asked about a report that Trump “dictated” the statement, Sanders said that Trump “weighed in, as any father would, based on the limited information that he had. ... He certainly didn’t dictate. But, you know, he – like I said, he weighed in, offered a suggestion.” Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway made a similar argument on [Fox News’ Special Report](#) (8/1), saying, “The President said he weighed in the way any father would on the statement. He wasn’t part of the email chain. He wasn’t part of the meeting, certainly.”

However, the [Washington Post](#) (8/1, Phillip) reports that Sanders’ comments “seem to confirm that Trump participated in the drafting of the statement on Air Force One and contradict past statements from Trump’s attorneys denying that he had any involvement.” Sekulow told [NBC’s Meet the Press](#) (7/16) on July 16, “The president was not — did not — draft the response. ... The response came from Donald Trump Jr. and — I’m sure — in consultation with his lawyer.” The [Los Angeles Times](#) (8/1, Bierman) says Sanders’ “acknowledgment” appeared to “confirm the gist” of the Washington Post story, and “in effect refuted” Sekulow’s comments.

Hallie Jackson said in the lead story for [NBC Nightly News](#) (8/1, lead story, 2:40, Holt) that there are “new questions of credibility and contradictions” as Sekulow “sounded definitive” three weeks ago but the White House said Tuesday that Trump “actually was involved.” Jackson added that “the conflicting comments are raising questions about why the President got involved at all, what the special counsel will make of this, and whether the President’s push to control the message is hurting him with his party.” Cecilia Vega said on the lead story for [ABC World News Tonight](#) (8/1, lead story, 2:40, Muir) that Trump’s “legal team went on the offensive, saying he had nothing to do with Don Jr.’s original statement,”

but Tuesday “we learn[ed] that’s not true” and Trump is “now facing tough questions about whether he intentionally misled the American public.”

USA Today (8/1, Jackson, Johnson) says that although Trump Jr. “released email correspondence showing that he arranged the meeting in the hopes of obtaining potentially damaging information about Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton – even after he was told it would be provided by the Russian government,” Sanders “said ‘the statement that Don Jr. issued is true, there’s no inaccuracy in the statement’ – even though it omitted those facts.”

Reacting to Sanders’ claim that Trump Jr.’s statement was true and contained no inaccuracy, Jake Tapper said on CNN’s The Lead (8/1), “As a citizen, you should expect a much higher standard of truth than the one that the White House press secretary just enunciated. If a meeting takes place so campaign officials can get dirt on a political rival from the Russian government, describing that meeting as being about adoption and not mentioning the purpose of the meeting, it’s not true. It’s inaccurate. It’s so misleading as to be a lie.” Anderson Cooper said on CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360 (8/1), “To say Donald Trump, Jr.’s statement was true is just not true. If I said ‘Jaws’ is a movie about going to the beach on the Fourth of July weekend – I guess that is in the movie somewhere, but is that an accurate statement of what ‘Jaws’ is actually about? It has a big gaping hole where the main point is supposed to be. It doesn’t tell the whole story.”

CNN political director David Chalian said on CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360 (8/1), “Team Trump took a credibility hit today in the face of Jay Sekulow, and it came from the White House podium. Sarah Huckabee Sanders went out today and basically conceded that the Trump team and his lawyer didn’t have the truth in the initial telling of this.” Gloria Borger said on CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360 (8/1), “I think the President has a problem here. I think the statement was misleading at the very best. ... I think there are questions now that will be raised about whether what the President knew and when he knew it to use an old phrase. And did the President lie to his lawyer?”

The Washington Times (8/1, Noble) cites analysts who point to the report that Trump dictated the statement as evidence of his “inclination to take matters into his own hands...causing him unnecessary legal headaches.” The Times says “legal experts” who said that while Trump’s actions, “if true, wouldn’t constitute a crime, they add fuel to the fire of the ongoing special counsel investigation...and give him room to interview additional White House officials about possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russian efforts to interfere in the presidential election.” Abby Phillip of the Washington Post said on CNN’s The Lead (8/1), “I would suggest that Trump was the person who wanted to pull back from full transparency. You know, our reporting basically states that there were other lawyers and advisers involved who knew that more information would come out that would make a less than fulsome

statement seem invasive and like an effort to cover something up. So they wanted to put it out there. The President was the one who overruled them."

Jonah Goldberg of National Review said on Fox News' Special Report (8/1) that although "it is not against the law to lie to the press," it "undermines the credibility of the Administration and it probably wets the whistle of the [special counsel Robert] Mueller investigation in new and interesting ways in part because it shows or it may show a certain state of mind of the President at that time."

Jeff Pegues said on the CBS Evening News (8/1, story 3, 2:15, Mason) that former federal prosecutor Bill Mateja "says the President's involvement in crafting the statement may raise a red flag" for Mueller. Likewise, CNN Justice correspondent Pamela Brown said on CNN's Situation Room (8/1), "It certainly could be problematic," for Trump "because as we previously reported," Mueller "is looking at the obstruction of justice angle of this. Of course, if the President was involved in potentially crafting a misleading statement, what Robert Mueller would want to find out is, was this a cover-up? Was this an obstruction of justice aspect of the investigation?"

Politico (8/1, Dawsey, Gold) publishes the full transcript of President Trump's July 26 Oval Office interview with the Wall Street Journal, during which he "engag[ed] in a familiar back and forth" with editor-in-chief Gerard Baker, who "according to the transcript, asked many of the questions" and who "took the lead byline on the main piece about the interview as well, an unusual step for the editor in chief of a paper with a large White House reporting staff."

Both, the Washington Post (8/1, Phillip) and the New York Post (8/1, Moore) say the White House "defended" Trump, while the AP (8/1, Thomas) describes the White House as "pushing back" on the Washington Post report that the President "dictated" the statement. Reuters (8/1), meanwhile, says the White House said Trump "had a role" in crafting the statement.

Sanders: Media Should Examine Clintons' Ties To Russia. The Washington Times (8/1, Boyer) says Sanders "also blasted the media for being 'obsessed' with the Russia story while ignoring the Clintons' connections to Russia." Breitbart (8/1, Moons) says Sanders "slammed media questions aimed at showing that there were any 'misleading' actions by the Trump campaign or Trump Administration with regards to Russia," saying, "The thing I see misleading is a year's worth of stories that have been fueling a false narrative about this Russia collusion. And a phony scandal based on anonymous sources." She argued, "Look no further than the Clintons," for a ties to Russia, and cited "the \$500,000 former President Bill Clinton accepted to give a speech to a Russian bank," as well as "the one-fifth of United States' uranium that then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton allowed to be sold to a Russian firm," whose "investors included Clinton Foundation donors."

Graham, Flake Express Concern About Trump's Role In Crafting Statement. Asked on [NBC's Today Show](#) (8/1) about Trump's reported role in crafting the statement, Sen. Lindsey Graham said, "It bothers me a lot. He put his son in jeopardy. Now, we have to wonder about what Don Jr.'s team will tell you about what he actually did. If he didn't know about the e-mail, the statement may have fooled you. If you know about the e-mail with Don Jr. it's a misleading statement." Asked if it appears that "the President himself tried to cover up the truth about that meeting," Graham said, "If that's true, that was a bad decision by the President that will make us ask more questions. If you get caught in a lie, in one thing, it makes it hard to let other stuff go." Sen. Jeff Flake said on [CNN's The Lead](#) (8/1), "I would agree with Lindsey in that regard. It's tough to tell people not to look elsewhere if they don't believe that you're giving the full story. But we'll leave it to the committees of jurisdiction."

Correspondent Ryan Nobles said on [CNN's Situation Room](#) (8/1) that Senate Intelligence Committee ranking Democrat Mark Warner told him that "if the President played any role in crafting a statement that turned out to be purposely misleading, it is a serious problem." Sen. Chris Murphy said on [CNN's Situation Room](#) (8/1) that it is "hard to keep track of this ever-widening web of lies," adding that the White House "for a very long time" has gone to "great lengths to try to cover...up" contacts between "the highest levels of the [Trump] campaign and the Russian government."

Sen. Jim Risch was more reserved in his comments, repeatedly saying on [CNN's Situation Room](#) (8/1) that he wants to let the investigations play out before he makes any judgment.

Kushner: Trump Campaign Too Dysfunctional, Disorganized To Collude With Russia. The [AP](#) (8/1, Lardner) reports that in remarks to a group of congressional interns Monday, Jared Kushner said that "the Trump campaign couldn't have colluded with Russia because the team was too dysfunctional and disorganized to coordinate with a foreign government." According to [ForeignPolicy.com](#), in response to a question about the Mueller investigation, Kushner said, "They thought we colluded, but we couldn't even collude with our local offices."

Conway also [argued](#) (8/1) that "if she needed harmful information about...Clinton, she would turn to Clinton rather than Russia," [The Hill](#) (8/1, Shelbourne) reports. Conway said, "Look, I was the campaign manager for the winning part of the campaign and if I needed negative information about Hillary Clinton, I look no further than Hillary Clinton. ... You certainly didn't need to go to Moscow. You could just see what she was saying everyday. No optimistic economic message for America."

Citing Friendship With Comey, Franks Says Mueller Must Resign. Rep. Trent Franks, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, called Tuesday for Mueller to resign, citing his friendship with former FBI Director Comey, the [Washington Times](#) (7/31, Noble) reports. Franks argued that the friendship should make Mueller ineligible to lead the investigation, saying

in a statement, "Those who worked under them have attested he and Jim Comey possess a close friendship, and they have delivered on-the-record statements effusing praise of one another." The Daily Caller (8/1) reports that Franks' statement said that Mueller is "in 'clear violation' of federal law prohibiting a special counsel from having a conflict of interest." Franks said, "No one knows Mr. Mueller's true intentions, but neither can anyone dispute that he now clearly appears to be a partisan arbiter of justice. Accordingly, the law is also explicitly clear: he must step down based on this conflict of interest."

The Washington Post (8/1, Demirjian) says Franks' comments follow a similar call from freshman Rep. Andy Biggs. The Post adds that the lawmakers' arguments are "largely an echo of complaints Trump himself has made about Mueller as he also downplays the seriousness or merit of the Russia probe."

Congressional Probe Of Wasserman Schultz Aides Advancing. The Washington Free Beacon (8/1, Kredo) reports that a congressional investigation "into a growing scandal surrounding IT staffers working for Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D., Fla.), who are accused of stealing sensitive computer equipment from House lawmakers' offices," is moving forward, "according to senior congressional sources who told the Washington Free Beacon the Democratic leader's refusal to answer questions could 'merit resignation.'" Congressional leaders have "requested a formal briefing by Capitol Police into its investigation of several Pakistani House IT staffers," one of whom, Imran Awan, "was arrested this week when trying to travel to Pakistan and charged with bank fraud after a months-long investigation that found he wired nearly \$300,000 to that country." The Free Beacon cites "multiple sources" who said the "leading members of Congress are growing frustrated with the pace of the criminal investigation and have moved to conduct their own independent probe into the scandal."

Citing the Free Beacon story, the Daily Caller (8/1, Hasson) reports that Rep. Ron Desantis called the "growing IT scandal" one of "the all-time congressional scandals in the last 30 years." Desantis, who chairs the national security subcommittee of the House Oversight Committee, said, "I'm pushing very hard to get a full briefing from Capitol Police as soon as possible. ... There's clearly criminal elements to this and I think there will be more going on. There's probably going to be ethics issues on why these [taxpayer] funds were spent that [Wasserman Schultz] and others will have to deal with."

Lawsuit Claims White House Role In Fox News Story On Murdered DNC Aide. ABC World News Tonight (8/1, story 7, 3:35, Muir) reported that a new lawsuit makes a "bombshell accusation" that "the White House worked with Fox News to spread a false story about a Democratic staffer who was murdered." The AP (8/1, Bauder, Colvin) says that the lawsuit filed Tuesday by investigator Rod Wheeler, "lays out an explosive tale of Trump allies, the White House and Fox News Channel conspiring to push a false

story about Democratic leaks and an unsolved killing in order to distract attention from the Russia investigation that has been swirling around the president." Wheeler, "who had been looking into the killing of Seth Rich, a former Democratic National Committee staff member killed in 2016 in what police say was a botched robbery," alleges in the suit that "Fox quoted him as saying things he never said and was willing to show President Donald Trump its story before it was posted online."

The Washington Post (8/1, Bump) cites an NPR report which said that Wheeler's suit "makes a remarkable claim: The Trump White House — or President Trump personally — may have been aware of or involved" in the now-discredited Fox News story. The CBS Evening News (8/1, story 4, 2:25, Mason) reports that the lawsuit says Trump's goal "was to help lift the cloud of the Russia investigation." The New York Times (8/1, Steel) reports that according to Wheeler's suit, "the network fabricated quotations from him in an article about Mr. Rich on FoxNews.com." He "states that the network was aware that he had not said the statements yet it published them 'with reckless disregard for their truth.'" Wheeler "asserts that he was a pawn in a broader plan by the White House, a Trump supporter named Ed Butowsky and Fox News to 'shift the blame from Russia and help put to bed speculation that President Trump colluded with Russia in an attempt to influence the outcome of the presidential election.'"

Politico (8/1, Conway) reports that White House press secretary Sarah Sanders denied the allegations, telling reporters, "The president had no knowledge of the story, and it's completely untrue that he or the White House [had] involvement in the story. ... Beyond that, this is ongoing litigation, and I would refer you to the actual parties involved, which aren't the White House." USA Today (8/1, Snider) reports that Fox News president Jay Wallace said in a statement, "The accusation that FoxNews.com published Malia Zimmerman's story to help detract from coverage of the Russia collusion issue is completely erroneous. The retraction of this story is still being investigated internally and we have no evidence that Rod Wheeler was misquoted by Zimmerman."

Margaret Sullivan writes in her Washington Post (8/1) column that due to "Wheeler's mutating role throughout this ugly saga, he cannot be considered a reliable narrator," and "you can't believe everything his suit says." But "some of it is now undeniable: An outrageously bogus news story was known about, and apparently not discouraged, within the West Wing well before it was published. And once it was published, it become endless fodder for the president's staunchest defenders." Sullivan argues that the White House may have "cheered on" one of "the ugliest falsehoods of the current political era," and "at the very least" it gave "tacit approval. And that's bad enough."

North Korean Hackers Sought To Breach Hillary Clinton's Campaign. CyberScoop (8/1) reports that North Korean hackers, as part of a cyber-espionage campaign against Hillary Clinton's campaign, "compromised email accounts belonging to individuals involved with an East Asia-focused

foreign policy advisory group." According to "multiple people familiar with the incident told CyberScoop," the North Koreans were seeking "policy documents and other relevant information that may have affected the regime if Clinton were to become president." They "were able to break into the email accounts of employees of at least one prominent D.C.-based think tank." Some of these individuals were sometimes in communication with the Hillary for America campaign, and the hackers "used their access to apparently draft convincing spearphishing emails that were then sent to other associates of the campaign." CyberScoop adds that no internal Clinton campaign email accounts "were breached as part of this specific North Korean phishing activity, according to multiple people familiar with the matter."

Senate Confirms Wray As FBI Director In 92-5 Vote.

The Senate voted 92-5 Tuesday to confirm Christopher Wray as FBI Director. Coverage of Wray's confirmation is generally similar across media outlets, describing the vote as overwhelming, and highlighting that Wray said during his confirmation that he does not regard special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation as a "witch hunt" and that he would resign if the President were to ask him to do anything unethical or illegal.

Lester Holt said on [NBC Nightly News](#) (8/1, story 4, 0:25) that Wray "takes over the bureau following President Trump's abrupt firing of James Comey, who was leading the investigation into possible connections between the Trump campaign and Russia during the 2016 election." Similarly, Anthony Mason said in a brief report on the [CBS Evening News](#) (8/1, story 2, 0:15) that Wray succeeds Comey, "who was fired by President Trump because of the Russia investigation."

The [New York Times](#) (8/1, Goldman), [Politico](#) (8/1, Kim), and the [AP](#) (8/1, Cassata) say the Senate "overwhelmingly" confirmed Wray, while the [Los Angeles Times](#) (8/1, Mascaro) calls the vote "a reflection of the Senate's confidence in Wray's credentials as a Yale-educated former Justice Department official and as a top cop who vowed to maintain the bureau's independence, resisting interference even from the president."

[USA Today](#) (8/1, Kelly) reports that senators from both sides of the aisle "said they were impressed that Wray testified that he did not consider Mueller's investigation to be 'a witch hunt,' as Trump has described it." Cecilia Vega reported on [ABC World News Tonight](#) (8/1, story 2, 0:35, Muir) that during his confirmation hearing, Wray testified that "he would resign if he was ever asked by President Trump to do any unethical or illegal." [Reuters](#) (8/1, Ainsley), the [Washington Times](#) (8/1, Noble), the [New York Post](#) (8/1, Fredericks), the [Washington Post](#) (8/1, Demirjian), [The Hill](#) (8/1, Carney), the [Washington Examiner](#) (8/1, Cohen), and the [Wall Street Journal](#) (8/1, Viswanatha, Wilber) also report on Wray's confirmation.

WPost A1: Congress May Not Be Able To Act On Trump Tax Cuts This

Year.

The Washington Post (8/1, A1, Paletta, Snell) reports on its front page, "The White House's push to quickly pass a major package of tax cuts through Congress is facing a fall calendar full of legislative land mines, potentially delaying a key part of President Trump's agenda into at least 2018." The President touted the proposal Tuesday, but congressional GOP leaders face deadlines on the budget and debt ceiling that must take precedence.

Trump Seeks Corporate Tax Cut, Touts Corporate Profits. Reuters (8/1, Morgan) reports that President Trump in Tuesday issued "a Twitter message bragging about corporate America's high profits under his presidency," leading "critics to say he was undercutting Republican arguments in favor of a tax cut for corporations." Trump is quoted as tweeting, "Corporations have NEVER made as much money as they are making now." Reuters adds that Trump's "tweet 'takes the edge of urgency off the plea to reduce the burden on corporations,' said William Galston, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution think tank." And in response to Trump's tweet, Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) said on Twitter, "This is a weird way to launch their proposal to cut corporate taxes."

McConnell Says GOP Will Use Reconciliation For Tax Code Overhaul.

Politico (8/1, Schor) reports, "Senate Republicans are sticking to their plans to pass a tax bill with 50 Republican votes, despite Democratic pleas not to be sidelined as they were" on healthcare reform. On Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader McConnell "reaffirmed the GOP's long-standing intention to shield any tax overhaul from a likely Democratic filibuster" by using the reconciliation process.

The Washington Times (8/1, Sherfinski) reports that McConnell told reporters, "We will need to use reconciliation, because we have been informed by a majority of the Democrats in a letter I just received today that most of the principles that would get the country growing again – they're not interested in addressing. So I don't think this is going to be 1986, when you had a bipartisan effort to scrub the code."

Democrats Seek Bipartisan Talks. The Washington Post (8/1, Snell, Paletta) reports that 45 of the 48 members of the Democratic caucus signed a letter calling for bipartisan talks "amid growing pressure from the White House for Republicans to implement aggressive tax cuts before year's end." The three who did not sign – Sens. Joe Donnelly, Heidi Heitkamp, and Joe Manchin – are centrists facing "difficult reelection prospects" in states that President Trump won by large margins.

The New York Times (8/1, Rappeport) says bipartisanship "will not come easy." Democrats "are insisting that changes to tax laws not increase the tax burden on the middle class and that the wealthiest 1 percent of taxpayers not see their tax bills shrink," and also insist that the GOP return to regular order and not use reconciliation.

"Conservative And Business-Aligned" Groups To Press For Tax Reform.

Politico (8/1, Cook) reports that “conservative and business-aligned advocacy groups” including the American Action Network, Americans For Prosperity, and the Business Roundtable “plan to spend millions of dollars boosting tax reform in August, part of a coordinated effort with the White House and lawmakers to avoid the mistakes made during the bruising attempt to repeal” the Affordable Care Act. Advertising “will focus on how tax reform will hit consumers’ pocketbooks, boost American jobs and help economic growth broadly, not on the benefits for the big businesses helping to fund the campaign.”

Mnuchin’s Debt Ceiling Talks With McConnell And Schumer Make No Progress.

The Washington Post (8/1, Paletta) reports that debt ceiling talks between Treasury Secretary Mnuchin, Senate Majority Leader McConnell, and Senate Minority Leader Schumer “broke up Tuesday with no progress.” USA Today (8/1, Kelly) reports that Mnuchin “has warned congressional leaders that the government will run out of money to pay its bills by Sept. 29 unless lawmakers vote to raise the debt limit.” The House and Senate are scheduled for just 12 working days between now and then. Reuters (8/1) reports that McConnell said senators “are looking for a way forward’ to pass a debt limit increase sometime in the next month or so.”

Politico (8/1, Bresnahan, Kim) reports that Mnuchin is seeking a clean debt ceiling increase, but “conservative Republicans frequently tried to use the debt ceiling increase during the Obama era to push for other spending cuts,” and “a number of House Democrats are uneasy on voting to increase the debt ceiling at the same time that Republicans will be trying to push through a tax cut package.”

The Washington Post (8/1) says in an editorial that while Mnuchin has been “sensible” about the debt ceiling, he “is getting no help” from OMB Director Mulvaney, “who hails from the wing of the GOP that believes in playing political games with this issue.” The Post calls on Chief of Staff Kelly to bring “everyone in the administration into line, starting with the man at the top, behind Mr. Mnuchin’s position.”

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

“Whose Message To Believe On Russia?” The New York Times (8/2, Board) says in an editorial that Vice President Pence “has been delivering a remarkably consistent message on a trip to Eastern Europe this week,” but his sentiments have not been “eagerly embraced and celebrated by” President Trump. The Times says Pence’s “blunt analysis of the problem and robust alliance commitments reflect fairly traditional American thinking on Russia,” and most Administration security officials similarly “view Russia as a leading adversary.” For the US “to have any real hope of managing this complex and delicate relationship” with Russia, the Times concludes, the President “will have to put together a firm, consistent and credible

approach that can persuade Mr. Putin, the allies and Americans that he knows what he is doing and that his team is on the same page.”

“Cubs Fan Gets A Ring, And Forgiveness.” A [New York Times](#) (8/1, Board) editorial discusses the “reconciliation between the Chicago Cubs and Steve Bartman,” a fan who may have prevented the team from breaking its World Series losing streak when he “reached for a foul ball at Wrigley Field and thus possibly prevented his team’s left fielder from catching it for a crucial out.”

Washington Post.

“Time For The Trump Administration To Speak With One voice On The Debt Limit.” The [Washington Post](#) (8/1) says in an editorial that while Treasury Secretary Mnuchin has been “sensible” about the debt ceiling, he “is getting no help” from OMS Director Mulvaney, “who hails from the wing of the GOP that believes in playing political games with this issue.” The Post calls on Chief of Staff Kelly to bring “everyone in the administration into line, starting with the man at the top, behind Mr. Mnuchin’s position.”

“How America Can Honor A Chinese Dissident – And Help Protect His Widow.” A [Washington Post](#) (8/1) editorial commends Sen. Ted Cruz for introducing “a bill to rename the street in front of the Chinese Embassy ‘Liu Xiaobo Plaza’” in honor of the late dissident. The Post argues that the move “would not only be a tribute to his life and achievements but also tell Beijing that its crackdown on human rights has not gone unnoticed,” specifically in the case of Liu Xia, Liu’s widow, who “has been kept under house arrest by the Chinese government though she has never been charged with a crime.”

“Sobering News For \$15 Minimum-Wage Boosters.” In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (8/1) writes that the results of Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett’s request for an objective economic study to be conducted on the consequences of raising the county’s minimum wage to \$15 show the importance of evidence-based policymaking, as opposed to legislation based upon popular approval. The Post argues that the study, which showed that the minimum wage hike would cost 47,000 jobs, should give minimum wage supporters pause, and concludes that “\$15-an-hour advocates owe the new report...a respectful response.”

Wall Street Journal.

“ObamaCare For Congress.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (8/1) says in an editorial that getting rid of the ACA’s dispensation for members of Congress and congressional staff would force legislators to live under the same law as everyone else, which might make them more willing to fix it.

“A Trump Card In Ukraine.” A [Wall Street Journal](#) (8/1) editorial urges the President to approve a plan from the Pentagon and State Department to supply Ukraine with arms, arguing that it would send a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that he wants to negotiate from a position

of strength. The Journal argues that it could also help the US position in Syria, where Russia is seeking to gain a foothold.

“The Body Count At The Border.” In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/1) highlights the rising death rate along the US-Mexico border even as the number of apprehensions of attempted illegal crossers declines. The number of deaths rose by about 80 percent between 1999 and 2012, while apprehensions were down by more than 75 percent during the same period. The Journal says this will continue until the US reforms its immigration system.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:

Some Insurers Seek ACA Premium Increases Of 30% And Higher
Inside Goldman’s Struggle To Climb Out Of Last Place In Trading
VW’s CEO Knows The Future Is Electric—His Company Isn’t So Sure
Apple Sales Rise On Revived iPad, Mac Sales

New York Times:

Justice Dept. To Take On Affirmative Action In College Admissions
Trump Loyalist Mixes Businesses And Access At ‘Advisory’ Firm
Republicans In Congress Bypass Trump To Shore Up Health Law
Jailings Raise Fears Of Dictatorship In Venezuela
Decades Of Questions Get Chilling Answer: He Was John Wayne Gacy’s Victim

Washington Post:

In Libya, Fear That The Worst Is Yet To Come
GOP Tax Package May Be Delayed
Opposition Leaders Seized In Venezuela
Low Supplies, Price Spikes Limit Cost Savings Of Generic Drugs
In Minn., A Different Police Shooting
Senate GOP’s Frustrations With Trump Bubbling Up

Washington Times:

Trump Seeks Credit As Stock Market Soars, Economy Strengthens
As Homeland Security Secretary, Kelly Waived Dozens Of Laws To Allow For Trump’s Border Wall
Retired Generals, Admirals Thank Trump For Announcing Ban On Transgender Troops
Republican Incumbents In Swing Districts Try To Find Right Distance From Trump
Atheists In Muslim World: Silent, Resentful And Growing In Number

Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:

ABC: Trump-Don Jr Russia Meeting; New FBI Director; California-Officers Shot; Baltimore-Police Bodycam; North Korea-Missile Test; New Russia

Sanctions; WH-False Democratic Staffer Story; Princess Diana-Personal Video; Wall Street-New High; Maryland-Mystery Vacationer Death; Lightning Struck Man; Severe Weather; Joshua Tree National Park-Missing Couple; Sleep-Health; Teacher's Wedding.

CBS: Wall Street-New High; New FBI Director; Trump-Don Jr Russia Meeting; WH-False Democratic Staffer Story; Missouri-Jim Crow Bill; North Korea-Missile Test; Venezuela-Political Turmoil; Teen Drivers-Risks; Cyber Bullying; Severe Weather; Shark Week; Apollo Mission Control Preservation.

NBC: Trump-Don Jr Russia Meeting; New Russia Sanctions; Trump-Police Violence Comment; New FBI Director; Tillerson-State Dept Briefing; Hot Car-Child Deaths; Cyber Bullying; Venezuela-Political Turmoil; Wall Street-New High; Implanted Employee ID; Sleep-Health; Police-Community Outreach; Board Game Sales Increase; Airplane Passenger Kindness.

Network TV At A Glance:

Trump-Don Jr Russia Meeting – 7 minutes, 35 seconds

WH-False Democratic Staffer Story – 6 minutes

Wall Street-New High – 3 minutes

North Korea-Missile Test – 2 minutes, 20 seconds

Venezuela-Political Turmoil – 2 minutes, 15 seconds

Severe Weather – 1 minute, 55 seconds

New FBI Director – 1 minutes, 15 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:

ABC: New Russia Sanctions; Trump-Don Jr Russia Meeting; California Bus Crash Trial; Aircraft Passenger Jumps Out; Wall Street News.

CBS: Tax Reform Plan; New FBI Director; Wall Street-New High; North Carolina Islands Outages; Severe Weather.

FOX: New FBI Director; Congressman-Special Counsel Resign Call; Sessions-Gov Leaks; Tax Reform Plan.

NPR: New FBI Director; Gov Housing Program-Accountability; WH-False Democratic Staffer Story; New Russia Sanctions.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:

PRESIDENT TRUMP — Makes an announcement with Senator Tom Cotton and Senator David Perdue; meets with Senator Rob Portman.

VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Participates in a meeting with Prime Minister Duško Marković of Montenegro; delivers remarks at the Adriatic Charter Summit; participates in formal greetings with leaders from across the Western Balkans at the Adriatic Charter Summit.

US Senate: 10:00 AM Senate Public Works Committee on FBI HQ consolidation project – Hearing on 'FBI Headquarters Consolidation Project – What Happened and What's Next', with testimony from General Services

Administration Public Buildings Service Acting Commissioner Michael Gelber; FBI Finance Division Assistant Director/CFO Richard Haley II; and Government Accountability Office Physical Infrastructure Team Director David Wise * GSA was originally looking to exchange the J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington, DC, for a new facility that could accommodate FBI headquarters operations and allow it to consolidate into one location. However, last month, the GSA and FBI canceled the procurement, citing 'an \$882 million funding gap' while saying the cancellation 'does not lessen the need for a new FBI headquarters' and that they would 'continue to work together to address the space requirements of the FBI' Location: Rm 406, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC
<http://epw.senate.gov/public/>

10:00 AM Senate Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee Executive Session – Executive Session, to consider legislation including 'S. 374, Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2017', 'S. 1322, American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act', 'S. 1536, Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act', and nominations of Ajit Varadaraj Pai (reappointment), Jessica Rosenworcel (reappointment), and Brendan Carr to be Federal Communications Commission members, David Redl to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, Peter Davidson to be Department of Commerce General Counsel, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Elizabeth Erin Walsh to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service Director General, Steven Gill Bradbury to be Department of Transportation General Counsel, Mark Buzby to be Maritime Administration Administrator, Ronald Batory to be Federal Railroad Administration Administrator, and Robert Sumwalt III to be National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Location: Hart Senate Office Building, Rm 216, Washington, DC
<http://commerce.senate.gov> <https://twitter.com/SenateCommerce>

10:00 AM Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on U.S.-Colombia relations, nominations hearing – Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee hearing on 'Assessing the Colombia Peace Process: The Way Forward in U.S.-Colombia Relations', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs William Brownfield, and Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Francisco Palmieri; former USAID Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Jose Cardenas; and The Cohen Group Associate Vice President Juan Gonzalez * Immediately followed by nominations hearing, considering Doug Manchester to be U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rm 419, Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>

10:00 AM Senate Natural Resources subcommittee hearing on water security and drought preparedness – Water and Power Subcommittee hearing on increasing water security and drought preparedness through

infrastructure, management, and innovation, with testimony from Arizona Department of Water Resources Director Tom Buschatzke; GE Power – Water & Process Technologies President and CEO Heiner Markhoff; Poseidon Water President and CEO Carlos Riva; University of Southern Maine New England Environmental Finance Center Director Martha Sheils; and Sonoma County Water Agency Chairwoman of the Board Shirlee Zane Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rm 366, Washington, DC www.energy.senate.gov

2:00 PM Secretaries Tillerson and Mattis brief Senate Foreign Relations Committee on AUMF – Closed / Top Secret briefing on ‘The Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Administration Perspective’, given by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson; and Secretary of Defense James Mattis Location: U.S. Capitol, SVC-217, Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>

Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Business Meeting – Business Meeting, to consider ‘S. 154, Small Business Relief from Disease Induced Economic Hardship Act’, ‘S. 650, Support Small Business R&D Act of 2017’, ‘S. 690, HUBZone Investment Protection Act’, ‘S. 929, Invest in Rural Small Business Act of 2017’, ‘S. 1038, A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the utilization of small businesses with respect to certain Federal contracts’, and ‘S. 1428, Small Business Cyber Training Act of 2017’ Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://sbc.senate.gov/>

Senate HELP Committee Executive Session – Executive Session, to consider nominations of Dr Jerome Adams to be Surgeon General; Dr Brett Giroir to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; Dr Robert Kadlec to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response; Dr Elinore McCance-Katz to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Mental Health and Substance Use; Lance Robertson to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Aging; Patrick Pizzella to be Deputy Secretary of Labor; and Heather MacDougall and James Sullivan to be OSHRC members Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://help.senate.gov/>

US House: On recess until 5 September.

Other: 8:30 AM Department of the Treasury quarterly refunding announcement – Department of the Treasury makes quarterly refunding announcement, outlining its funding needs for the next two quarters, including which securities will be offered and the dates of their announcement, auction, and settlement Location: TBD

<http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/quarterly-refunding/Pages/default.aspx> <https://twitter.com/USTreasury>

10:00 AM Democratic Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton hosts annual Job Fair Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon PI NW, Washington, DC www.norton.house.gov <https://twitter.com/EleanorNorton>

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "We have the Olympics in 2028. Only 11 more years, and then volleyball. I feel like between climate change and Kim Jong-Un, it's optimistic to think we'll still have a Los Angeles in 2028. But if we do, game's on."

Stephen Colbert: "For Donald Trump, it's been a rough couple of, his entire presidency."

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Trevor Noah: "Fun fact for you, the last time the Olympics were held in LA was in 1984. That was at the height of the Cold War, and Russia boycotted those games. Good news, it may happen again."

Trevor Noah: "Not only did the sanctions pass the Senate by 98 to 2, in the House the vote was 419 to 3. That is insane. Everyone in Congress went up against Russia like it was Ted Cruz."

Jimmy Fallon: "Well, yesterday was White House Chief of Staff John Kelly's first day on the job. It got awkward when he showed up and said, 'Why are you writing my name on the door in dry erase marker?'"

Jimmy Fallon: "As of today, 12 top government or White House officials have been fired or resigned since Trump took office. And Trump was like, 'Just five more eliminations until I announce the winner.'"

Seth Meyers: "After President Trump removed White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci yesterday, he tweeted, 'Great day at the White House.' Coincidentally, a great day at the White House is the average length of employment there."

Seth Meyers: "Former White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci was reportedly seen yesterday, eating dinner at the Trump Hotel after being removed from his position. And apparently he was very rude to the waiter."

Seth Meyers: "According to Foreign Policy Magazine, President Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner told a group of congressional interns that Trump's campaign was too disorganized to collude with Russia. Said the interns, 'We're a tour group.'"

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I haven't been tracking invites due to the travel schedule so I don't know what updates to give.

On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 11:06 AM, Roddy, Russell <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hey...Did anyone reply to Doug per this yesterday?

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Rusty - I send an email like this every other day or so. I would appreciate a response of some kind even if it is "no updates". Silence is really not acceptable. Thanks.

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- August 2: BLM-CA's Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager Becca Brooke/staff will meet with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to discuss the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and study needs for the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project at Kerckhoff Dam, along the San Joaquin River, Fresno County, CA. PG&E is required to submit a Pre-Application for Development by November 2017 to begin a five-year re-licensing process. The 114-foot tall dam, built in 1920, is one of the primary features of the Kerckhoff hydroelectric project. It has two powerhouses. It produces 579 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.
- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

- August 2: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

CONGRESSIONAL

August 3, 2017

10:00am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Hearing to examine federal and nonfederal collaboration, including through the use of technology, to reduce wildland fire risk to communities and enhance firefighting safety and effectiveness.

Witness: Bryan Rice, Director, Office of Wildland Fire

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Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 53

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee delayed their vote indefinitely.

Nominee Joe Balash as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced.

Nominee Ryan Douglas Nelson of Idaho to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

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Emergency Management

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In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire began on July 29 in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) and has burned 1,200 acres. The fire is 5-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 118 personnel assigned, including 19 DOI personnel. One responder injury has been reported. Significant perimeter growth is expected, which could eventually threaten the Park's Visitor Center, the Crater Lake community, habitat of the northern spotted owl, and sensitive aquatic, plant, and animal species. Full containment is expected on August 14.

Outside Media of Interest

David Bernhardt Is Sworn Into Post As Deputy Interior Secretary.

The Denver Post (8/1, Paul) reports that David Bernhardt was “sworn in to office Tuesday morning as deputy secretary of the Interior Department following his contentious nomination to the position.” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted in a picture showing Bernhardt being sworn in: “Exciting day! Dave is a seasoned Interior veteran and will be a huge asset.”

Trump Names Ex-DOJ, Sidley Austin Attorney As DOI Solicitor.

Law360 (8/1, Phillis) reports that President Trump “said on Monday he intended to nominate a former associate at Sidley Austin LLP with experience working in all three branches of government who currently serves as general counsel to a major wellness shopping company to be solicitor at the Department of the Interior.” Ryan Douglas Nelson, “who is based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, currently serves as general counsel for Melaleuca Inc., where he oversees the company’s consumer and policy departments managing compliance and litigation issues, among other tasks.”

Trump’s Interior Secretary May Be The Key To Opening Yucca Mountain.

The Daily Caller (8/1, Follett) reports that a decision by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “to shrink two Nevada national monuments could remove a significant hurdle to storing nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, experts say.” Some nuclear energy experts believe “one reason former President Barack Obama designated” the Basin and Range National Monument “in 2015 was to block any chance of Yucca Mountain being used to store spent nuclear fuel.”

Amid Monument Review, A Pro-energy Interior Emerges.

The High Country (CO) News (8/1, Wiles) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s review of national monuments “comes as he continues to fill his department with pro-industry officials and amid a broader push at the Interior Department for increased energy development on public lands something monument designations can work against.” According to the article, “a new report released Tuesday describes an Interior Department now mainly led by employees from extractive-industry backgrounds, marking clear priorities for Zinke that do not bode well for greater public land protections.” The report, issued by the Western Values Project, “a progressive organization, shows close ties between high-ranking staffers and industry.”

Gray Wolves Just Won Another Battle To Stay On The Endangered Species List.

The Washington Post (8/1, Fears) reports that the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit on Tuesday ruled against the Interior Department's decision "to strip protections" from regional populations of gray wolves and to "allow states to openly hunt them," instead upholding a lower court's decision that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the authority to group Great Lakes region gray wolves but not to remove them from the endangered species list "without considering the move's impact on the entire species of gray wolves in their range."

Homeland Security To Bypass Environmental Laws In Border Wall Work.

The New York Times (8/1, Nixon) reports that DHS said Tuesday "that it would use its authority to exempt the agency from having to comply with environmental and other laws in its efforts to build border walls and access roads in the San Diego area." DHS spokesman David Lapan "said the waiver would also apply to replacement fencing and roads the agency plans to build in the San Diego area." Breitbart (8/1, Price) reports that DHS said it "has the authority to waive these requirements under laws passed by Congress to enable securing the border with Mexico." The Washington Times (8/1, Dinan) reports that the Bush Administration "repeatedly used the waivers during the last major round of fence-building from 2005 to 2008."

CNN (8/1, Kopan, Marsh, Wallace) reports DHS's decision "clears an important hurdle to construction of the wall, and signals an approach the administration could take in the future when it seeks to build additional sections of wall or fence." CNN adds that the "15-mile stretch identified in the waiver also includes 14 miles of replacement secondary fencing, for which Customs and Border Protection has requested funding from Congress." Despite issues a waiver to some environmental laws and regulations, DHS said it "remains committed to environmental stewardship with respect to these projects." Similar coverage is provided by NPR (8/1), Fox News (8/1, Pappas), the Wall Street Journal (8/1, Carlton), The Hill (8/1, Cama), and the Daily Caller (8/1).

Scientists Turn To Big Data In Hunt For Minerals, Oil And Gas.

Reuters (8/1, Doyle) reports that "scientists searching for everything from oil and gas to copper and gold are adopting techniques used by companies such as Netflix or Amazon to sift through vast amounts of data, a study showed on Tuesday." In the journal American Mineralogist, they wrote that "the method has already helped to discover 10 carbon-bearing minerals and could be widely applied to exploration." Gilpin Robinson, of the U.S. Geological Survey, "who was not involved in the study, said the USGS had started to collaborate with the big data project." He said, "The use of large data sets and analytical tools is very important in our studies of mineral and energy resources."

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Tuesday.

REG0007217 BIA Land Acquisitions; The Cherokee Nation. This notice announces that former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire 45.92 acres of land into trust for the Cherokee Nation for gaming and other purposes on January 19, 2017. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007224 BLM Call for Nominations and Comments for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale. BLM Alaska is issuing a call for nominations and comments on all unleased tracts within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska as the first step for the next oil and gas lease sale for the reserve. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007222 BOR Central Valley Project Improvement Act Refuge Water Management Plans. BOR announces the availability of Refuge Water Management Plans for 13 entities in California. BOR requests public comments for 30 days on its preliminary determination that each Plan meets the applicable "Criteria for Developing Refuge Water Management Plans" under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA). Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007191 FWS Draft Supplement to Environmental Impact Statement, Amendment to Habitat Conservation Plan for Forest Management in Montana, and Application for Amended Incidental Take Permit. Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has proposed to add 81,416 acres to an existing Habitat Conservation Plan. The Service's draft SEIS analyzes effects specific to the current set of lands proposed to be added to the HCP and take authorization to be added to the proposed amended permit. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007225 FWS Migratory Bird Hunting; Approval of Corrosion-Inhibited Copper Shot as Nontoxic for Waterfowl Hunting. The Service proposes to approve Corrosion-Inhibited Copper (CIC) shot for hunting waterfowl and coots. FWS concluded that the shot is unlikely to adversely affect fish, wildlife, or their habitats. Proposed Rule 08/01/2017.

REG0007195 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA N2816. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia. The remains were removed from a site in Knox County, Tennessee, prior to February 1837. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007196 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, Nashville, TN N2775. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, in Nashville, Tennessee. The remains and objects were removed from Lyon County, Kentucky, in the 1950s and 1960s. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007212 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology, Nashville, TN N2770. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology, in Nashville, Tennessee. The remains and objects were removed from the Hiwassee Old Town site, a Native American site in Polk County, Tennessee, in 1986 and 1987. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007213 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - DOI-NPS-BIA, Washington, DC; and

University of Nevada, Reno, Anthropology Research Museum, Reno, NV N2820. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in Washington, DC, and in the physical custody of the University of Nevada, Reno, Anthropology Research Museum in Reno, Nevada. The remains and objects were removed from sites in Washoe County, Nevada, in 1968 and 1972. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007223 USGS Announcement of U.S. Geological Survey's National Geospatial Program 3D Elevation Program FY17 Informational Training Webinars USGS will provide 3D Elevation Program training webinars to prospective applicants. Notice 08/01/2017.

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- August 2: BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.
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- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

U.S. Geological Survey

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- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

CONGRESSIONAL

August 3, 2017

10:00am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Hearing to examine federal and nonfederal collaboration, including through the use of technology, to reduce wildland fire risk to communities and enhance firefighting safety and effectiveness.

Witness: Bryan Rice, Director, Office of Wildland Fire

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Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 53

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee delayed their vote indefinitely.

Nominee Joe Balash as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced.

Nominee Ryan Douglas Nelson of Idaho to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

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Emergency Management

In Montana, the Liberty Fire, located on the Flathead Reservation (BIA), began on July 15 and has burned 2,523 (+23) acres. The fire is 0-percent contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 195 (+74) personnel, including 112 (-9) DOI personnel. An evacuation order has been issued for the Finley Creek and Placid Lake areas. Full containment is expected on September 25.

In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire began on July 29 in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) and has burned 1,200 acres. The fire is 5-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 118 personnel assigned, including 19 DOI personnel. One responder injury has been reported. Significant perimeter growth is expected, which could eventually threaten the Park's Visitor Center, the Crater Lake community, habitat of the northern spotted owl, and sensitive aquatic, plant, and animal species. Full containment is expected on August 14.

Outside Media of Interest

David Bernhardt Is Sworn Into Post As Deputy Interior Secretary.

The Denver Post (8/1, Paul) reports that David Bernhardt was “sworn in to office Tuesday morning as deputy secretary of the Interior Department following his contentious nomination to the position.” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted in a picture showing Bernhardt being sworn in: “Exciting day! Dave is a seasoned Interior veteran and will be a huge asset.”

Trump Names Ex-DOJ, Sidley Austin Attorney As DOI Solicitor.

Law360 (8/1, Phillis) reports that President Trump “said on Monday he intended to nominate a former associate at Sidley Austin LLP with experience working in all three branches of government who currently serves as general counsel to a major wellness shopping company to be solicitor at the Department of the Interior.” Ryan Douglas Nelson, “who is based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, currently serves as general counsel for Melaleuca Inc., where he oversees the company’s consumer and policy departments managing compliance and litigation issues, among other tasks.”

Trump’s Interior Secretary May Be The Key To Opening Yucca Mountain.

The Daily Caller (8/1, Follett) reports that a decision by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “to shrink two Nevada national monuments could remove a significant hurdle to storing nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, experts say.” Some nuclear energy experts believe “one reason former President Barack Obama designated” the Basin and Range National Monument “in 2015 was to block any chance of Yucca Mountain being used to store spent nuclear fuel.”

Amid Monument Review, A Pro-energy Interior Emerges.

The High Country (CO) News (8/1, Wiles) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s review of national monuments “comes as he continues to fill his department with pro-industry officials and amid a broader push at the Interior Department for increased energy development on public lands something monument designations can work against.” According to the article, “a new report released Tuesday describes an Interior Department now mainly led by employees from extractive-industry backgrounds, marking clear priorities for Zinke that do not bode well for greater public land protections.” The report, issued by the Western Values Project, “a progressive organization, shows close ties between high-ranking staffers and industry.”

Gray Wolves Just Won Another Battle To Stay On The Endangered Species List.

The Washington Post (8/1, Fears) reports that the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit on Tuesday ruled against the Interior Department's decision "to strip protections" from regional populations of gray wolves and to "allow states to openly hunt them," instead upholding a lower court's decision that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the authority to group Great Lakes region gray wolves but not to remove them from the endangered species list "without considering the move's impact on the entire species of gray wolves in their range."

Homeland Security To Bypass Environmental Laws In Border Wall Work.

The New York Times (8/1, Nixon) reports that DHS said Tuesday "that it would use its authority to exempt the agency from having to comply with environmental and other laws in its efforts to build border walls and access roads in the San Diego area." DHS spokesman David Lapan "said the waiver would also apply to replacement fencing and roads the agency plans to build in the San Diego area." Breitbart (8/1, Price) reports that DHS said it "has the authority to waive these requirements under laws passed by Congress to enable securing the border with Mexico." The Washington Times (8/1, Dinan) reports that the Bush Administration "repeatedly used the waivers during the last major round of fence-building from 2005 to 2008."

CNN (8/1, Kopan, Marsh, Wallace) reports DHS's decision "clears an important hurdle to construction of the wall, and signals an approach the administration could take in the future when it seeks to build additional sections of wall or fence." CNN adds that the "15-mile stretch identified in the waiver also includes 14 miles of replacement secondary fencing, for which Customs and Border Protection has requested funding from Congress." Despite issues a waiver to some environmental laws and regulations, DHS said it "remains committed to environmental stewardship with respect to these projects." Similar coverage is provided by NPR (8/1), Fox News (8/1, Pappas), the Wall Street Journal (8/1, Carlton), The Hill (8/1, Cama), and the Daily Caller (8/1).

Scientists Turn To Big Data In Hunt For Minerals, Oil And Gas.

Reuters (8/1, Doyle) reports that "scientists searching for everything from oil and gas to copper and gold are adopting techniques used by companies such as Netflix or Amazon to sift through vast amounts of data, a study showed on Tuesday." In the journal American Mineralogist, they wrote that "the method has already helped to discover 10 carbon-bearing minerals and could be widely applied to exploration." Gilpin Robinson, of the U.S. Geological Survey, "who was not involved in the study, said the USGS had started to collaborate with the big data project." He said, "The use of large data sets and analytical tools is very important in our studies of mineral and energy resources."

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Tuesday.

REG0007217 BIA Land Acquisitions; The Cherokee Nation. This notice announces that former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire 45.92 acres of land into trust for the Cherokee Nation for gaming and other purposes on January 19, 2017. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007224 BLM Call for Nominations and Comments for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale. BLM Alaska is issuing a call for nominations and comments on all unleased tracts within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska as the first step for the next oil and gas lease sale for the reserve. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007222 BOR Central Valley Project Improvement Act Refuge Water Management Plans. BOR announces the availability of Refuge Water Management Plans for 13 entities in California. BOR requests public comments for 30 days on its preliminary determination that each Plan meets the applicable "Criteria for Developing Refuge Water Management Plans" under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA). Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007191 FWS Draft Supplement to Environmental Impact Statement, Amendment to Habitat Conservation Plan for Forest Management in Montana, and Application for Amended Incidental Take Permit. Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has proposed to add 81,416 acres to an existing Habitat Conservation Plan. The Service's draft SEIS analyzes effects specific to the current set of lands proposed to be added to the HCP and take authorization to be added to the proposed amended permit. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007225 FWS Migratory Bird Hunting; Approval of Corrosion-Inhibited Copper Shot as Nontoxic for Waterfowl Hunting. The Service proposes to approve Corrosion-Inhibited Copper (CIC) shot for hunting waterfowl and coots. FWS concluded that the shot is unlikely to adversely affect fish, wildlife, or their habitats. Proposed Rule 08/01/2017.

REG0007195 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA N2816. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia. The remains were removed from a site in Knox County, Tennessee, prior to February 1837. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007196 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, Nashville, TN N2775. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, in Nashville, Tennessee. The remains and objects were removed from Lyon County, Kentucky, in the 1950s and 1960s. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007212 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology, Nashville, TN N2770. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology, in Nashville, Tennessee. The remains and objects were removed from the Hiwassee Old Town site, a Native American site in Polk County, Tennessee, in 1986 and 1987. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007213 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - DOI-NPS-BIA, Washington, DC; and

University of Nevada, Reno, Anthropology Research Museum, Reno, NV N2820. This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in Washington, DC, and in the physical custody of the University of Nevada, Reno, Anthropology Research Museum in Reno, Nevada. The remains and objects were removed from sites in Washoe County, Nevada, in 1968 and 1972. Notice 08/01/2017.

REG0007223 USGS Announcement of U.S. Geological Survey's National Geospatial Program 3D Elevation Program FY17 Informational Training Webinars USGS will provide 3D Elevation Program training webinars to prospective applicants. Notice 08/01/2017.

Doug Domenech
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Sharing now but will include in my report tomorrow.
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From: Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 4:58 PM

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To: (b)(6) Bradley Rateike, (b)(6) Bradley Rateike

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INTERIOR
WASHINGTON
08/2/2017

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Heather Swift & Laura Rigas

SUBJECT: Communications Update

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Sure

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On Aug 2, 2017, at 10:45 PM, Karen Kelleher <kkelleh@blm.gov> wrote:

I could edit it to say ID, Ut, and NV attorney-general ?

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On Aug 2, 2017, at 7:22 PM, Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov> wrote:

Thanks Karen. I'm ok with Nevada being mentioned. It's a little dicey for us because the Governor did not authorize or agree with the legislation. Not sure how that should be conveyed, but that would be a helpful qualifier.

Pam Robinson

Policy Director
Governor Brian Sandoval

From: Kelleher, Karen [<mailto:kkelleh@blm.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 3:00 PM

To: Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov>; kathleenclarke@utah.gov

Cc: Bob Budd <bob.budd@wyo.gov>; John Ruhs <jruhs@blm.gov>; Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: one more edit to the draft report

Hi Pam & Kathleen,
Dustin Miller has asked for an edit to add a footnote in the executive summary. Since his recommended language references Nevada and Utah, we wanted to be sure you were ok with this language for the footnote before we added it (see yellow highlight). I would appreciate it if you could get back to me tonight or first thing in the morning - sorry for the short turnaround.

a reference made to the fact that some states have pending litigation over the 2015 federal sage grouse plans. This should be included as a footnote on page one in the 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence, "...in retaining the 2015 sage grouse plans,³ ... (see language below).

³ It should be noted that the States of Idaho, Nevada and Utah have pending

challenges to the 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans. While these States participated in identifying issues related to the Federal plans, these states do not waive or concede any of their legal arguments.

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To: Getto, Leila[leila_getto@ios.doi.gov]
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Thanks for the update.

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On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 10:16 AM, Getto, Leila <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Accepted

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On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 10:02 AM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Accepted

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS –
8/3/17**

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor
Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

NOTE: Today the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to voted out of Committee all three DOI nominees.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Washington, DC.
Meet and Greet with Chase Spano and Steve Armentrout.
NSC White House Meeting
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THIS WEEK:

Friday 8/4: office; FEMA event with the President.

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Status of the Deputy Secretary

Remarks at 40th Anniversary Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA).

Media TODAY

(Yesterday) **SECRETARY ZINKE RECOMMENDS NO MODIFICATIONS TO UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

WASHINGTON Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced Montana's Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument is no longer under review and that he will recommend to the President that no modifications be made to the monument. The monument was under review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017 executive order.

"Today I'm announcing the review of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument has concluded and I am recommending to the President that no changes be made to the monument," said Secretary Ryan Zinke. "The monument is one of the only free-flowing areas of the Missouri that remains as Lewis and Clark saw it more than 200 years ago."

SECRETARY ZINKE EXPANDS HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES AT 10 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

(WASHINGTON) In his latest effort to increase access to hunting and fishing on public lands and waters, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced a proposal to open or expand opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges. If finalized, this would bring the number of refuges where the public may hunt up to 373, and up to 312 where fishing would be permitted.

“I grew up in the mountains of northwest Montana, where I spent my time hunting and fishing on our shared public lands. I was lucky to take my boys out on the same land that my dad and granddad took me,” said Secretary Zinke. “As the steward of our public lands, one of my top priorities is to open up access wherever possible for hunting and fishing so that more families have the opportunity to pass down the heritage. The last thing I want to see is hunting and fishing become elite sports. These ten refuges will provide incredible opportunities for sportsmen and anglers across the country to access the land and connect with the wildlife.”

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NOTE: Today the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted out of Committee all three DOI nominees.

Status of the Secretary

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Media TODAY

(Yesterday) **SECRETARY ZINKE RECOMMENDS NO MODIFICATIONS TO UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

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White House Comms Report (sent yesterday)

Press Inquiries:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 8/3/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor
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NOTE: Today the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted out of Committee all three DOI nominees.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is in Washington, DC.
Meet and Greet with Chase Spano and Steve Armentrout.
NSC White House Meeting
Meeting with Tom Spoehr, Director, Center for National Defense, Heritage Foundation.
Meeting with Meeting with David Lesar, John Lesar and Casey Malmquist.

THIS WEEK:

Friday 8/4: office; FEMA event with the President.

NEXT WEEK:

The Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)

Status of the Deputy Secretary

Remarks at 40th Anniversary Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA).

Media TODAY

(Yesterday) **SECRETARY ZINKE RECOMMENDS NO MODIFICATIONS TO UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

WASHINGTON Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced Montana's Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument is no longer under review and that he will recommend to the President that no modifications be made to the monument. The monument was under review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017 executive order.

“Today I’m announcing the review of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument has concluded and I am recommending to the President that no changes be made to the monument,” said Secretary Ryan Zinke. “The monument is one of the only free-flowing areas of the Missouri that remains as Lewis and Clark saw it more than 200 years ago.”

SECRETARY ZINKE EXPANDS HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES AT 10 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

(WASHINGTON) In his latest effort to increase access to hunting and fishing on public lands and waters, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced a proposal to open or expand opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges. If finalized, this would bring the number of refuges where the public may hunt up to 373, and up to 312 where fishing would be permitted.

“I grew up in the mountains of northwest Montana, where I spent my time hunting and fishing on our shared public lands. I was lucky to take my boys out on the same land that my dad and granddad took me,” said Secretary Zinke. “As the steward of our public lands, one of my top priorities is to open up access wherever possible for hunting and fishing so that more families have the opportunity to pass down the heritage. The last thing I want to see is hunting and fishing become elite sports. These ten refuges will provide incredible opportunities for sportsmen and anglers across the country to access the land and connect with the wildlife.”

White House Comms Report (sent yesterday)

Press Inquiries:

- West Virginia Gazette (Ken Ward) - REQUEST-- What exactly are the provisions of the wildlife conservation plans mentioned? Did the FWS conduct a consultation with WVDEP and the mining operator prior to the issuance of the SMCRA permit? Was an incidental take permit issued? Does the company have a habitat conservation plan? What exactly has Interior done to speed up the process of accounting for ESA issues in the review of mining permits in West Virginia? RESPONSE TBD

- Las Vegas Review-Journal REQUEST - would like to see a detailed schedule for Secretary Zinke's visit to Nevada, a list of all the people he met with while he was here, and where he was when he met with them. RESPONSE Secretary Zinke visited Nevada on Sunday, July 30. He began the day by flying to Gold Butte National Monument via helicopter. After arriving at Gold Butte, the Secretary hiked to the Falling Man Petroglyphs. Following the hike, he took an aerial tour of Gold Butte, and continued on to White River Narrows Basin and Range National Monument, where he toured the Monument, including the Mt. Irish Petroglyph site and City. The Secretary then held a media availability in Bunkerville (which was notified to press via a press advisory). Secretary Zinke met with or spoke to Bureau of Land Management employees, local officials, members of advocacy organizations like the Conservation Lands Foundation, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, and Partners in Conservation, the UNLV Multi Cultural Center administrator, area ranchers, Senator Dean Heller, Attorney General Adam Laxalt, and local media. His itinerary included meetings and conversations with a wide cross-section of local officials, including many who claim to have been left out such as UNLV staff, Rep. Kihuen's office, and the Moapa Band of Paiutes officials. Senator Cortez-Mastro and her staff declined a meeting invitation. The Secretary spent Sunday touring the monument and meeting with local stakeholders, however due to the Cabinet meeting in Washington, D.C., Secretary Zinke had to shorten his trip. For those who were originally scheduled for meetings on

Monday, the secretary offered time to have the meetings on Sunday. For those organizations that turned down the offer to reschedule, they have been offered phone conversations with the secretary this week to ensure their voices are heard. In fact, the Secretary had a call with the Moapa Tribe yesterday.

Top Stories

- KTVQ Billings: Zinke recommends no modifications to Upper Missouri River Breaks ...
- Washington Post: The Energy 202: Trump to waive environmental rules to construct ...
- Billings Gazette: Missouri Breaks monument will stay as is, Ryan Zinke says

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- On Saturday, Aug 5 the Secretary departs for two weeks personal leave.
- No major speeches or media events this week
- Press Release: Secretary Zinke Recommends No Modifications to Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
- Thursday the Department will announce hunting and fishing is being expanded on 10 wildlife refuges.

WEEK AHEAD August 2 thru August 10, 2017

- The Secretary had a successful “Sportsman Summit” yesterday hosted by Fish and Wildlife.
- Today we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA).
- August 2: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Notice to Stakeholders on the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Cape Wind Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). This was mandated by the courts. NO press release planned. Have draft talkers to use if needed.

NEXT WEEK:

- The Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)
- Next week: TBD Releases on Monument Review (announce ones not under review anymore).
- Next week: Announce that we will accept Sabanoso as wilderness (in NM). This is about access for sportsman on our public lands. The wilderness is currently surrounded by private land so we are working out the details on access/rights of way.
- August TBD: Department-Level Release: DOI will announced FWS proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.

AGENCY RELEASES

National Park Service

- August 2: Local NPS Release: NPS will announce another round of \$1.189 million in American Battlefield Protection Grants (planning) to aid in the research, documentation, and/or interpretation of significant American battlefields. Releases will be done at the local level of NPS sites receiving funds.

- August 2: National NPS Release: NPS will announce events regarding the solar eclipse taking place on August 21. Release gives generic information as well as safety tips for viewing the eclipse.
- August 3: Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett will hold a public meeting with Regional Director Stan Austin in Saint John, Virgin Islands to update the community on the administrative realignment of national park superintendents in the Caribbean to now report to the Caribbean parks group superintendent.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce \$1.657 million in grants to Indian tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestors and cultural items back to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- August 3: FWS will deliver to the Federal Register, a proposal to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2018-19 hunting season to fulfill our responsibilities to the four international conventions to protect and manage migratory game birds. A prepared statement will be provided on our website with a link to the proposed rule.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce \$48 million in funding to state wildlife agencies provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the State Wildlife Grants program.
- August TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS to release results of 2016 Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Survey Preliminary Report. A snapshot of the results show that Hunter numbers are down (not statistically significant), angler numbers are up (not statistically significant), and wildlife watching numbers have increased greatly especially for people watching wildlife in their own backyards.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS plans to announce \$4,254,638 in Tribal Wildlife Grant awards to federally recognized tribes for 25 projects in 14 states to fund a wide range of fish and wildlife conservation efforts. Tribal Wildlife Grants are used to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.
- August TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.

Bureau of Land Management

- August 3: Local BLM Release: BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance

with the SNPLMA, sale funds are used for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquiring environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

- August 4: Local BLM Release: BLM will announce the opening of the public comment period for the environmental assessment on the Lordsburg Transmission Line in New Mexico.
- August 8: BLM-AK will continue work on the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed 211-mile controlled access road in the southern foothills of the Brooks Range. The Northwest Arctic Borough is now a cooperating agency. BLM-AK's monthly cooperating agency meeting is August 8. The public scoping period ends January 31, 2018.
- August 8: BLM-AK Associate State Director Ted Murphy will participate in a mining compliance inspection at the Constantine Mine near Haines.
- August 9-11: BLM-MT Tribal Coordinator Marcia Pablo will meet with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and possibly the Chairmen/Presidents of 14 tribes in the three-state area in August and September. BLM already has good standing with many of the tribes, and these meetings are meant to enhance and build relationships. She will meet with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe in Pablo, Montana, August 9-11; the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hadatsa, and Arikara), Standing Rock and Spirit Lake tribes in North Dakota the week of August 21; and the Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Lower Brule, Crow Creek, Cheyenne River, and Yankton tribes in South Dakota the week of September 11. Meetings will also be scheduled with the Fort Peck, Blackfeet, Crow, and Northern Cheyenne tribes in Montana.

U.S. Geological Survey

- August 7: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.
- August 8: National USGS Release: Major Flood Occurrence across North America and Europe Linked to Multi-Decade Ocean Pattern. New international study examining patterns of major floods led by USGS based on eighty years of major flood data from Europe and North America.
- August 9: National News Release: USGS to release a study of streams in 11 Midwestern states that found more than 180 pesticides, some at levels that could harm aquatic insects. On average, 54 pesticide compounds were detected in each stream.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 11 and 18 to 20: Media invited: Two-part full-scale security exercise at Flaming Gorge Dam in Wyoming. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate physical and electronic security systems, gauge the effectiveness of the Emergency Action Plan, provide an opportunity for Reclamation staff to participate in Unified Command in a controlled environment with Law Enforcement agencies and identify areas for improvement in security and emergency management. This exercise also enables local emergency responders to practice and assess their own response capabilities while assisting Reclamation in management a simulated emergency.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- August 3: Local BOEM Release: BOEM to put out release on Draft EIS for Liberty DPP in Alaska.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.

- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders to specific groups for educational outreach on the New National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program inviting them to participate in an informational call.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- August 3: National BSEE News Brief: Unitization Creates Opportunity for Maximized Offshore Oil and Gas Production.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- August 3: National OSMRE Release: OSMRE celebrates 40th Anniversary Observance of the signing of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. OSMRE confirmed Secretary will appear as the keynote speaker.

CONGRESSIONAL

August 3, 2017

10:00am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Hearing to examine federal and nonfederal collaboration, including through the use of technology, to reduce wildland fire risk to communities and enhance firefighting safety and effectiveness.

Witness: Bryan Rice, Director, Office of Wildland Fire

Political Appointee Update

Two new appointees started today bringing DOI politicals on board 53

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee delayed their vote indefinitely.

Nominee Joe Balash as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced and the SENR hearing has been set for September 7.

Nominee Ryan Douglas Nelson of Idaho to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

8/3 - DOI event - 40th Anniversary Office of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act

8/4 - FEMA event with the President

8/5-20 - Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony General Welcome (Missoula, MT)

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball (Whitefish/Kalispell)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

In Montana, the Liberty Fire, located on the Flathead Reservation (BIA), began on July 15 and has burned 3,220 (+697) acres. The fire is 2-percent (+2) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 260 (+65) personnel, including 116 (+4) DOI personnel. This fire is threatening cultural resources, timber allotments, and threatened and endangered species habitat in the area. An evacuation order has been issued for the Finley Creek and Placid Lake areas. Full containment is expected on September 25.

In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire began on July 29 in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) and has burned 2,500 (+1,300) acres. The fire is 5-percent (no change) contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 197 (+79) personnel assigned, including 19 (no change) DOI personnel. Significant perimeter growth is expected, which could eventually threaten the Park's Visitor Center and the Crater Lake community. Road, trail, and area closures are in effect, and the fire continues to threaten the habitat of the northern spotted owl, sensitive aquatic species, timber allotments, and recreation sites, including the Pacific Crest, Bald Crater Loop, and Bert Creek trails. Full containment is expected on August 14.

Outside Media of Interest

Interior Chief Zinke Spares Another Monument, Recommends No Changes To Upper Missouri River Breaks.

The Washington Times (8/2, Wolfgang) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has “spared another historic site,” announcing Wednesday “that he will not recommend any changes to the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.” Zinke said in a statement that “the 378,000-acre monument is no longer a part of his comprehensive review of more than two dozen monuments across the country.”

Seniors Snap Up US National Park Passes Before Price Hike.

The AP (8/2, Ridler) reports that “seniors are snapping up so many lifetime passes good for U.S. national parks and other recreation areas ahead of a steep price increase later this month that some government agencies have run out and started issuing vouchers.” The America the Beautiful Lifetime Senior Pass has “been available to buyers 62 and older for \$10 for the past two decades.” On Aug. 28, the price is increasing “700 percent, to \$80, after a measure passed by Congress late last year.”

Plaskett Touts Cooperation Amid ‘Crazy’ Washington Scene.

The Virgin Islands Daily News (8/3, O'CONNOR) reports that V.I. Delegate to Congress Stacey

Plaskett “says she’s working to keep things moving,” despite the “gridlock” in Washington. At a press conference on St. Croix on Wednesday, Plaskett said that “the Washington arms race has had some effect on territorial interests.” For instance, the article notes that “the nomination of Douglas Domenech to head the Interior Department’s Office of Insular Affairs, which coordinates policy among U.S. territories and the federal government, has stalled.”

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Big finds, bitter clashes and NEPA: The tale of Trans-Alaska

Margaret Kriz Hobson, E&E News reporter Published: Wednesday, August 2, 2017

The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, built to carry Prudhoe Bay oil from the North Slope to the Valdez marine terminal. Margaret Kriz Hobson/E&E News

First in a series.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The story of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System is the stuff of legends.

The saga began shortly after Alaska became a state in 1959, when a young geologist convinced Alaska leaders to claim ownership of 1.6 million acres of frozen tundra along the Arctic Ocean. Nine years later, an exploration team drilled a well into the heart of those North Slope lands and discovered the largest oil field in North America.

Oil companies with leases in the region were eager to commercialize their crude. But before the first shovel of dirt could be dug, the industry found itself enmeshed in the state of Alaska's bitter dispute over Native ancestral land claims. Congress ultimately stepped in to pass the largest land claims settlement in U.S. history.

SPECIAL REPORT

The 40-year saga of Alaska's jackpot pipeline.

The industry also ran headlong into a powerful new environmental law, the National

Environmental Policy Act.

The proposed pipeline became the first major construction project required to assess the environmental impacts of their plans under NEPA, with environmental activists allowed to challenge those studies in court. After years of legal wrangling, Congress again cleared the way, but not before former Vice President Spiro Agnew (R) cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate.

The court challenges abruptly ended in 1973 when OPEC slapped an oil embargo on the U.S. for supporting Israel in the Arab-Israeli War. As U.S. oil supplies dwindled and Americans waited in long gas station lines to fuel their cars, Alaska's Prudhoe Bay oil was looked at as the answer to a worried nation's prayers.

Congress passed a third bill, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, eliminating any additional legal barriers to building the pipeline project.

It took the industry-owned Alyeska pipeline company a mere three years and \$8 billion to complete the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) and a road to the North Slope.

Forty years ago this summer, oil began flowing from Prudhoe Bay, down the pipeline, to a new marine export terminal at Valdez. Since then, TAPS has carried 17 billion barrels of oil and filled almost 22,000 oil tankers. To date, the state of Alaska has collected \$141 billion in royalties and taxes from the petroleum extracted from the state lands.

A different story today

[\[+\]](#) The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. Claudine Hellmuth/E&E News

This summer, as the state celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Trans-Alaska pipeline, Alyeska is grappling with the cold, hard realities of declining North Slope oil production, an aging infrastructure and a growing wave of cyberattacks.

During the last year, oil companies have announced a string of new oil discoveries that promise to boost pipeline throughput.

However, energy companies and Alaska government officials insist that the best way to increase oil production is to open oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and to expand the drilling in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

President Trump argues that new oil development on Alaska's federal lands will help the U.S. achieve his ultimate goal of world "energy dominance," while raising billions of dollars from lease sales and creating thousands of jobs.

But this time around, convincing Congress to sidestep national wildlife preservation mandates may be more difficult than it was in the 1970s. Today, paving the way for increasing Alaska's oil is no longer a national imperative, thanks to widespread shale oil development in the Lower 48 states.

The original Prudhoe Bay oil discovery forever changed life in Alaska. Oil taxes provided a steady stream of funding for schools, roads, social services and luxuries like performing arts centers.

"Oil caused growth, and this got Alaska over a threshold where other growth

followed," explained Gunnar Knapp, former head of the University of Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic Research. "Suddenly, you get a Walmart, and you get chain stores. And then you get a hospital and a full-service law firm and full-service health care. Remember, before this, people used to buy cars outside of Alaska."

Alaska Gov. Bill Walker (I), who was a high school senior in Valdez when Prudhoe Bay oil was discovered, observed that "Alaska is known for booms and busts — like the gold rush era."

"But this time it was different," Walker said. "Because when it was all said and done, it wasn't just about extracting oil. It was about how it was going to change Alaska as a result."

But like all classic tales, the pipeline's history includes a sobering tragedy.

In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil tanker struck a reef as it was leaving the Valdez marine terminal, spilling 10.8 million gallons of North Slope oil into the Prince William Sound. The accident, which devastated local fisheries and wildlife reserves, is considered one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history.

North Slope's folds signaled its riches

Tom Marshall, former state petroleum geologist who gained fame for convincing Alaska leaders to take ownership of the Prudhoe Bay region before oil was discovered. Margaret Kriz Hobson/E&E News

Tom Marshall carried a tan-colored, hard plastic case into his cluttered living room and clicked open the latch. "I was looking at this just this morning," said Marshall, 91, a former state petroleum geologist famous for convincing the state to take ownership of the Prudhoe Bay region before oil was discovered.

From the box, he carefully lifted a piece of equipment that looked like an elaborate set of goggles.

"This gadget here is a little gizmo called an Abrams stereoscope," he announced with a big smile. "You put two aerial photographs together that are taken at something like 100 feet apart, and you look at them through this.

"It's dusty now. But I made a good living with this."

Marshall, a slight man with thinning grey hair and a bushy beard, packed the stereoscope in his suitcase when he moved to Alaska from Wyoming in 1958. This is the device he used to assess the oil potential of Alaska's North Slope lands. He remembers that Alaska's Arctic coast geology reminded him of the big oil basins he'd seen in Wyoming.

"Wherever I could get aerial photos, I'd look at them," Marshall explained. "Because if I could find a geological structure, a fold in the sediment that was closed at both ends, you could almost be sure that the closure could trap oil, if oil had gotten in there."

"I needed to find something [geologically promising] that would have the oil reserves large enough to justify building a pipeline," he said. "Because this oil would be worthless unless it could get to Valdez."

After reviewing historical aerial photographs taken by the military and the U.S. Geological Survey, Marshall concluded that the North Slope tundra might very well hold a sweet spot. On his recommendation, the state of Alaska claimed ownership of a large part of the Arctic Coast under the statehood provisions granting Alaska 105 million acres of land.

Not everyone agreed with Marshall. One longtime Alaska oil prospector ridiculed the state's land choice as "Marshall's Folly," a reference to U.S. Secretary of State William Seward's decision to buy Alaska from Russia in 1867.

It wasn't until the oil companies struck black gold at Prudhoe Bay that Marshall found out just how right he was. Shortly before the discovery was officially announced, someone stuck his head into Marshall's office and yelled "Marshall's folly isn't a folly anymore."

Thanks to Marshall's calculations, the oil companies would soon be pouring royalty and tax money into the state of Alaska's coffers.

Before the wells were drilled, however, "no one knew if there was oil, or where," Marshall said. "Believe me, it was a big mystery until the discovery was made."

An oil-slicked road to statehood

An Alaska newspaper provided the first intelligence on the massive Prudhoe Bay oil discovery. Gil Mull/Special to E&E News

Well before the discovery of Prudhoe Bay's elephant oil field, petroleum was part of the narrative of Alaska. The state's Native communities traditionally used oil-soaked sod for fuel. Early fur traders and gold prospectors made note of oil seeps they encountered on the North Slope and Alaska Peninsula.

Small oil discoveries in northwestern Alaska convinced President Harding in 1923 to set aside 23.6 million acres of territorial lands as the Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4, which later became the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

But despite scattered drilling in the state, the promise of Alaska oil didn't catch fire until 1957, when Richfield Oil Corp. found a sizable oil field at Swanson River on southern Alaska's Kenai Peninsula.

Soon, oil companies began flocking to the state. That Swanson River discovery convinced Congress to grant statehood to the remote, rustic Alaskan territory.

But building a state proved difficult in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

"Basically, Alaska was on starvation rations in the early years of statehood because we had a small population, no industry of any consequence, just a little oil production from the Swanson River," noted Native activist Willie Hensley, who was a state legislator at the time.

"The state couldn't afford to do anything for its citizens," he said. "We had no cash for capital construction. Every time we wanted to build something, we had to have a statewide bond issue."

Petroleum companies drawn to Alaska by the Swanson River oil find soon sent geological teams to survey other parts of the state, particularly to lands north of the

Arctic Circle.

Former BP geologist Roger Herrera was part of the first field study team that BP sent to northern Alaska in 1960. Herrera recalls that BP decided to explore the region after a top company official took a flight to Anchorage that passed over the Brooks Range. He immediately saw similarities between Alaska's mountains and Iran's oil-rich Zagreb mountain region.

"He [the company official] said to himself, 'If there are any foothills that are full of oil, it's these foothills,'" Herrera explained. "So he landed in Anchorage, went back to London and said, 'We've got to look at the North Slope of Alaska.'"

Herrera's first assignment was analyzing the rock along the Brooks Range foothills. In late 1961, the company began drilling a series of wells that indicated the best oil potential might be found in the lands north of the foothills.

Meanwhile, in 1963, Richfield Oil sent young field geologists Gil Mull and Gar Pessel into Alaska to map the large expanse of the state's north-central lands between the Colville River and the Canadian border.

Mull recalls that they soon discovered oil-rich rock formations and seeps. Pessel dashed off a letter to his bosses explaining: "We have a good section with excellent reservoir possibility and positive proof of the petroliferous nature of these sands. If one cannot get an oil field out of these conditions, I give up!"

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After drilling several dry holes, BP succumbed to financial concerns and postponed further exploration. But ARCO, created when Richfield merged with Atlantic Refining Co., and Humble continued.

In late 1966, the ARCO team drilled its "Susie" well, located on federal lands about 60 miles south of Alaska's Arctic coastline. When that hole came up dry, they agreed to move north to the state leases they'd acquired the year before. That untested site was known as Prudhoe Bay.

Mull said the fate of the company's North Slope operation was at stake at that well. "I'm pretty sure that within ARCO, if we had not found anything, it would've been hard to get approval to drill another well," he explained.

In the spring of 1967, the companies spudded the Prudhoe Bay well but decided to postpone operations until the thawing ground refroze that winter. When drilling resumed, the team quickly found evidence of natural gas in the drilling muds.

Around Christmas, the team decided to conduct its first advanced test.

"That was truly amazing," Mull recalled. "They opened the tool for the well stem test, and there was an absolute and immediate flow of gas that blew water out of the well. It was immediately followed by high-pressure gas. It was a rumble and a roar that was shaking the rig like a jet plane flying overhead.

"The high-pressure gas was diverted into a flow pipe. It was ignited, and it burned for a number of hours," he said. "It was pretty exciting, to say the least."

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Mull remembers that the ARCO-Humble field team was all smiles as the drilling progressed and the discovery became obvious. But he doesn't recall any champagne and steak celebrations at the drill site.

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Bureau of Land Management

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- August 9-11: BLM-MT Tribal Coordinator Marcia Pablo will meet with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and possibly the Chairmen/Presidents of 14 tribes in the three-state area in August and September. BLM already has good standing with many of the tribes, and these meetings are meant to enhance and build relationships. She will meet with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe in Pablo, Montana, August 9-11; the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hadatsa, and Arikara), Standing Rock and Spirit Lake tribes in North Dakota the week of August

21; and the Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Lower Brule, Crow Creek, Cheyenne River, and Yankton tribes in South Dakota the week of September 11. Meetings will also be scheduled with the Fort Peck, Blackfeet, Crow, and Northern Cheyenne tribes in Montana.

U.S. Geological Survey

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- August 9: National News Release: USGS to release a study of streams in 11 Midwestern states that found more than 180 pesticides, some at levels that could harm aquatic insects. On average, 54 pesticide compounds were detected in each stream.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 11 and 18 to 20: Media invited: Two-part full-scale security exercise at Flaming Gorge Dam in Wyoming. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate physical and electronic security systems, gauge the effectiveness of the Emergency Action Plan, provide an opportunity for Reclamation staff to participate in Unified Command in a controlled environment with Law Enforcement agencies and identify areas for improvement in security and emergency management. This exercise also enables local emergency responders to practice and assess their own response capabilities while assisting Reclamation in management a simulated emergency.

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CONGRESSIONAL

Nothing Scheduled.

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Political Appointee Update

DOI politicals on board 53

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee voted to approve.

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Nominee Ryan Douglas Nelson of Idaho to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

8/4 - FEMA event with the President

8/5-20 - Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

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8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball (Whitefish/Kalispell)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

In Montana, the Liberty Fire, located on the Flathead Reservation (BIA), has burned 3,408 (+188) acres. The fire is 12-percent (+10) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 363 (+103) personnel, including 114 (-2) DOI personnel. This fire threatens cultural resources, timber allotments, and threatened and endangered species habitat in the area. An evacuation order for the Finley Creek and Placid Lake areas remains in effect. Full containment is expected on September 25. One (+1) responder injury has been reported.

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Outside Media of Interest

Lisa Murkowski, Ryan Zinke Reach Health Care Detente Over Beers.

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Interior Watchdog Launches ‘Preliminary Investigation’ Into Zinke Calls.

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Bernhardt Warns Employees Not To ‘Parrot’ Special Interests.

Greenwire (8/3) reports that Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt “told department employees this week that he expects respectful and healthy disagreement from them, but also an adherence to facts rather than ‘special interests.’” Bernhardt “pledged a commitment to public service and sought to align himself with the career employees he now leads in his first departmentwide email as Interior’s No. 2.” In an email sent Tuesday to all Interior employees, Bernhardt wrote, “Given the hyperbole of today’s public discourse, you and I, and everyone else within the Interior, really are in the soup together. We may not like it. But it is the way it is. This means my conduct will reflect on you. Yours will reflect on me and your other colleagues. All of our conduct reflects on the Secretary.”

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- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS to release results of 2016 Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Survey Preliminary Report. A snapshot of the results show that Hunter numbers are down (not statistically significant), angler numbers are up (not statistically significant), and wildlife watching numbers have increased greatly especially for people watching wildlife in their own backyards.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS plans to announce \$4,254,638 in Tribal Wildlife Grant awards to federally recognized tribes for 25 projects in 14 states to fund a wide range of fish and wildlife conservation efforts. Tribal Wildlife Grants are used to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.
- August TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.

Bureau of Land Management

- August 4: Local BLM Release: BLM will announce the opening of the public comment period for the environmental assessment on the Lordsburg Transmission Line in New Mexico.
- August 8: BLM-AK will continue work on the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed 211-mile controlled access road in the southern foothills of the Brooks Range. The Northwest Arctic Borough is now a cooperating agency. BLM-AK's monthly cooperating agency meeting is August 8. The public scoping period ends January 31, 2018.
- August 8: BLM-AK Associate State Director Ted Murphy will participate in a mining compliance inspection at the Constantine Mine near Haines.
- August 9-11: BLM-MT Tribal Coordinator Marcia Pablo will meet with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and possibly the Chairmen/Presidents of 14 tribes in the three-state area in August and September. BLM already has good standing with many of the tribes, and these meetings are meant to enhance and build relationships. She will meet with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe in Pablo, Montana, August 9-11; the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hadatsa, and Arikara), Standing Rock and Spirit Lake tribes in North Dakota the week of August

21; and the Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Lower Brule, Crow Creek, Cheyenne River, and Yankton tribes in South Dakota the week of September 11. Meetings will also be scheduled with the Fort Peck, Blackfeet, Crow, and Northern Cheyenne tribes in Montana.

U.S. Geological Survey

- August 7: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.
- August 8: National USGS Release: Major Flood Occurrence across North America and Europe Linked to Multi-Decade Ocean Pattern. New international study examining patterns of major floods led by USGS based on eighty years of major flood data from Europe and North America.
- August 9: National News Release: USGS to release a study of streams in 11 Midwestern states that found more than 180 pesticides, some at levels that could harm aquatic insects. On average, 54 pesticide compounds were detected in each stream.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 11 and 18 to 20: Media invited: Two-part full-scale security exercise at Flaming Gorge Dam in Wyoming. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate physical and electronic security systems, gauge the effectiveness of the Emergency Action Plan, provide an opportunity for Reclamation staff to participate in Unified Command in a controlled environment with Law Enforcement agencies and identify areas for improvement in security and emergency management. This exercise also enables local emergency responders to practice and assess their own response capabilities while assisting Reclamation in management a simulated emergency.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders to specific groups for educational outreach on the New National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program inviting them to participate in an informational call.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

CONGRESSIONAL

Nothing Scheduled.

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Political Appointee Update

DOI politicals on board 53

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee voted to approve.

Nominee Joe Balash as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced and the SENR hearing has been set for September 7.

Nominee Ryan Douglas Nelson of Idaho to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

8/4 - FEMA event with the President

8/5-20 - Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Declining

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball (Whitefish/Kalispell)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management

In Montana, the Liberty Fire, located on the Flathead Reservation (BIA), has burned 3,408 (+188) acres. The fire is 12-percent (+10) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 363 (+103) personnel, including 114 (-2) DOI personnel. This fire threatens cultural resources, timber allotments, and threatened and endangered species habitat in the area. An evacuation order for the Finley Creek and Placid Lake areas remains in effect. Full containment is expected on September 25. One (+1) responder injury has been reported.

In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) has burned 3,600 (+1,100) acres. The fire is 5 (no change)-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 197 (no change) personnel assigned, including 19 (no change) DOI personnel. Significant perimeter growth is expected over the next 24 hours, which could eventually threaten the Park's Visitor Center and the Crater Lake community. Road, trail, and area closures remain in effect, and the fire continues to threaten the habitat of the northern spotted owl, sensitive aquatic species, timber allotments, and recreation sites. Full containment is now forecast for August 16 (+2).

Three Cape Hatteras National Seashore campgrounds, closed due to a long duration power outage and evacuation order which began July 27, will reopen today at noon. Other facilities remained open throughout the event to permanent residents and non-resident property owners.

Outside Media of Interest

Lisa Murkowski, Ryan Zinke Reach Health Care Detente Over Beers.

The Washington Times (8/3, Wolfgang) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted a photo of himself drinking Alaskan beer with Sen. Lisa Murkowski in what the Times describes as a "detente" after the two had quarreled over the senator's no vote on Affordable Care Act repeal. Zinke had "reacted by calling Ms. Murkowski and Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan, a Republican, and threatening to pull the plug on key Alaska projects," and the next day, "Ms. Murkowski delayed committee votes on several high-level nominees for the Interior Department, though committee officials denied that the move was retaliation to Mr. Zinke's threat."

Interior Watchdog Launches ‘Preliminary Investigation’ Into Zinke Calls.

The Hill (8/3, Henry) reports that the Interior Department’s Office of the Inspector General “says it has begun a ‘preliminary investigation’ into reports that Secretary Ryan Zinke made phone calls pushing Alaska’s senators to support a GOP healthcare bill or risk losing federal support for economic development efforts in their state.” In a letter to two House Democrats on Thursday, Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall said, “The OIG is undertaking a preliminary investigation into this matter. We will advise you about what further action the results of this inquiry lead the OIG to take.”

Bernhardt Warns Employees Not To ‘Parrot’ Special Interests.

Greenwire (8/3) reports that Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt “told department employees this week that he expects respectful and healthy disagreement from them, but also an adherence to facts rather than ‘special interests.’” Bernhardt “pledged a commitment to public service and sought to align himself with the career employees he now leads in his first departmentwide email as Interior’s No. 2.” In an email sent Tuesday to all Interior employees, Bernhardt wrote, “Given the hyperbole of today’s public discourse, you and I, and everyone else within the Interior, really are in the soup together. We may not like it. But it is the way it is. This means my conduct will reflect on you. Yours will reflect on me and your other colleagues. All of our conduct reflects on the Secretary.”

DOI Doesn’t Know How Much Land \$815M Got.

The Daily Caller (8/3, Barton) reports that Interior Department officials “have no idea how much land was bought with \$815 million, nor if the properties are being used for their intended purpose, a government watchdog reported Wednesday.” According to the report, “the department’s officials couldn’t provide its inspector general (IG) with data about its land purchase programs.” The IG “consequently surveyed 108 programs and found that just 16 of those awarded 701 grants between 2014 and 2015 to purchase \$815 million worth of land.”

Trump Administration Touts Streamlining Of Mine Permit Review.

The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (8/3, Ward) reports that “in the run-up to President Trump’s visit,” to West Virginia, Administration officials “with help from the coal industry and state political leaders this week touted work” by the Interior Department “to speed up approval of a permit for a new underground coal mine that could bring 200 mining jobs to the depressed coalfields of McDowell County.” However, “the scope of what Interior officials did to ease the way for approval of a permit for the Berwind Mine...isn’t exactly clear yet.”

Federal Register Listings

No items cleared for the FR on Thursday.

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US Department of the Interior

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To: Jorjani, Daniel[daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov]
From: David Bernhardt
Sent: 2017-08-04T21:59:02-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Congressional Review Act questions
Received: 2017-08-04T21:59:14-04:00

Let's chat Monday

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2017, at 5:54 PM, Jorjani, Daniel <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Additional CRA items from Tim Murphy -

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

From: **Murphy, Timothy** <timothy.murphy@sol.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 5:22 PM
Subject: Congressional Review Act questions
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<jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: "Keable, Edward" <edward.keable@sol.doi.gov>, Kaprice Harris
<kaprice.tucker@sol.doi.gov>, Rachel Spector <rachel.spector@sol.doi.gov>

Hi Dan,

This follows up on our discussion regarding questions on the CRA and whether it applies to the Resource Management Plans (RMPs):

1) **How does the Department comply with the CRA?**

Each bureau's regulations office is responsible to submit a copy of each CRA "rule" under cover of OMB form 41217 (copy attached), on or before the date the rule is published in the Federal Register. The materials are emailed to GAO and hand delivered to the officers of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate for forwarding to the committees of jurisdiction. The Office of the Executive Secretariat is not directly involved in the CRA submission process but monitors and prompts the Bureaus as necessary to ensure they follow this requirement.

2) **What are the various legal arguments on whether a BLM RMP is covered by the CRA?**

In favor of CRA coverage

(b) (5)

Opposed to CRA coverage

(b) (5)

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Please let us know if you need anything else on this or have questions.

Thanks much,

Tim

(b) (5) [REDACTED]

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Fly back day

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Delta 1671

2:50 PM – 4:38 PM

Washington, D.C. (DCA) – Minneapolis (MSP)

Layover in Minneapolis (MSP)

Delta 1088

5:45 PM – 8:50 PM

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Alaska Air--AS 175

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Alaska Air--AS 55

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Saturday, August 19th: \$519.30 Gov rate

Delta 2469

Fri, Aug 18

7:45 PM 6:44 AM+1

Anchorage (ANC) Atlanta (ATL)

Delta 2578

7:25 AM+1 9:08 AM+1

Atlanta (ATL) Washington, D.C. (IAD)

Ground Transportation Wednesday, Friday and Saturday \$150-300 Gov rate

Coordinate on van/car rentals

Approximant Total: \$2,300 +/-

*Note the Delta flights to/from Anchorage are suggested other options are available.



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Appendix II – Approximate Costs

Monday, August 14th Flight to Alaska: \$297.80 Gov rate

Delta 1671
2:50 PM 4:38 PM
Washington, D.C. (DCA) Minneapolis (MSP)
Layover in Minneapolis (MSP)
Delta 1088
5:45 PM 8:50 PM
Minneapolis (MSP) Anchorage (ANC)

Monday, August 14th Hotel: \$229.00 Gov Rate

Anchorage Marriott Downtown
820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 279-8000
\$229 per night group rate. Call or click to book your WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION rate

Tuesday, August 15th Inter Alaska Air Transportation: \$80

Depart Anchorage (ANC)
Arrive Fairbanks (FAI)
Alaska Air--AS 175

Go to www.alaskaair.com, click on Use discount or companion fare code, enter your origin/destination city and travel dates, enter Code ECMA283, and click on “Find Flights”. All eligible flights will display for you to choose from.

Tuesday, August 15th Hotel: \$154 Gov Rate

Fairbanks Holiday Inn Express
400 Merhar Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701
907-328-1100
\$154 per night Call or click to book WCF group rate

Wednesday, August 16th Ground Transportation via coach bus: \$50

Depart Hotel
Site Tour
Arrive Fairbanks (FAI)

***Your share of ground transportation costs will be billed to you directly by transportation company via credit card or invoice.**

Wednesday, August 16th: Inter Alaska Air Transportation: \$123.00 Gov Rate

2:40 Depart Fairbanks (FAI)
3:40 Arrive Anchorage (ANC)
Alaska Air--AS 55

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Wednesday, August 16th and Thursday, August 17th Hotel: \$229.00 Gov Rate

Anchorage Marriott Downtown
820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 279-8000
\$229 per night group rate. Call or click to book your WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION rate

Friday, August 18th Ground Transportation: \$TBA

Depart Marriott Hotel
Site Tour
Arrive Seward

***Your share of ground transportation costs will be billed to you directly by transportation company via credit card or invoice.**

Friday, August 18th Hotel: \$260.00

Breeze Inn
www.breezeinn.com
303 N Harbor Dr., Seward, AK 99664
(907) 224-5237
\$260 Call Foundation for room block info

Saturday, August 19th Ground Transportation: \$60 for am bus, evening transportation \$TBA

Depart Seward

8:00 am Morning Shuttle to Anchorage p/up at Seward Cruise Ship
Terminal Arrive Anchorage at 11:00a ***Shuttle is \$60**

7:00pm Evening mini-coach to Anchorage, arrive Anchorage at 10:00pm

***For this option, your share of ground transportation costs will be billed to you directly by transportation company via credit card or invoice.**

Please rsvp to info@westerncactusfoundation.org for more info and to reserve for both options.

Saturday, August 19th Flight from Alaska: \$519.30 Gov rate

*****Note, this flight will not work for anyone fishing on Saturday**

Delta 2469
Fri, Aug 18
7:45 PM 6:44 AM+1
Anchorage (ANC) Atlanta (ATL)
Delta 2578
7:25 AM+1 9:08 AM+1
Atlanta (ATL) Washington, D.C. (IAD)

Approximant Total: \$2,300 +/-

***Note the Delta flights to/from Anchorage are suggested other options are available.**

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We're on for Thursday!

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BUSINESS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

This notice is to advise you of a business meeting before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The business meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 27, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.**

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider the following nominations:

- Ms. Brenda Burman, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior;
- Ms. Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Policy, Management and Budget);
- Mr. Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy;
- Mr. Douglas W. Domenech, of Virginia, to an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Insular Affairs);
- Mr. David Jonas, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel, Department of Energy; and
- Mr. Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Energy.

For further information, please contact Patrick McCormick and Kellie Donnelly with Chairman Murkowski's staff or Sam Fowler with Ranking Member Cantwell's staff at (b) (5)

Sincerely,

Darla Ripchensky, PMP
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FYI. Coming tomorrow

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From: **Hughes, Brian (Energy)** <Brian_Hughes@energy.senate.gov>

Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 11:52 AM

Subject: Letter in Support of Five-Year Plan

To: "Chambers, Micah (micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Micah, attaching an unsigned copy of the OCS letter I mentioned last night.

We plan to send it your way tomorrow, and should be issuing a press release on it later in the day.

A total of 35 Republicans will be signing on: Murkowski, Cassidy, Cornyn, Strange, Capito, Barrasso, Risch, Hatch, Sullivan, Lee, Wicker, Gardner, Inhofe, Enzi, Kennedy, Boozman, Crapo, Daines, Tillis, Flake, Cotton, Alexander, Cruz, Blunt, Hoeven, Rounds, Heller, Thune, Shelby, Isakson, Cochran, Portman, Young, Burr, Lankford, and Roberts.

Please let me know if you need anything from us, or have any questions.

Thanks,

Brian

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Micah Chambers
Acting Director
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Office of the Secretary of the Interior

July XX, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953 declared that “the outer Continental Shelf is a vital national resource reserve held by the Federal Government for the public, which should be made available for expeditious and orderly development, subject to environmental safeguarding, in a manner which is consistent with the maintenance of competition and other national needs.” We support many of the steps the Department has taken to strengthen and reinforce the United States’ position as an energy dominant superpower, including a new Five-Year Program for offshore oil and gas development.

Pursuing a new Five-Year Program will provide a meaningful review to guarantee that the offshore leasing program contributes to U.S. energy dominance and to ensure some of the most prolific regions of the United States have not been arbitrarily excluded from competitive leasing. We encourage you to carefully review those areas that were not included in the 2017-2022 Five-Year Program to ensure that opportunities are not missed. Offshore development has undergone rapid technological innovation ensuring it is cheaper, safer, and provides access to previously out-of-reach areas.

Offshore leasing benefits the economies of all states, helps reduce the federal deficit, provides affordable energy to families and businesses, and strengthens our national security. However, offshore projects often have long lead times, so it is important to start today to make sure that the United States is planning for the future to maintain its steady and stable supply of production.

We look forward to working with the Department of the Interior as you advance the new Five-Year Program.

Sincerely,

Lisa Murkowski

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Thanks.

On Jul 25, 2017, at 11:59 AM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 11:52 AM
Subject: Letter in Support of Five-Year Plan
To: "Chambers, Micah (micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)"
<micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

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Thanks,

Brian

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To: Chambers, Micah[micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]; Laura Rigas[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]; Vincent Devito[vincent_devito@ios.doi.gov]; Amanda Kaster[amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov]
From: Katharine MacGregor
Sent: 2017-07-25T14:11:24-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Letter in Support of Five-Year Plan
Received: 2017-07-25T14:12:25-04:00

Is there a joint letter from the House?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 11:59 AM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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To: Williams, Andrew (Heller)[Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov]
Cc: Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-26T11:28:51-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Sunday
Received: 2017-07-26T11:29:38-04:00

Andrew. Caroline is cc'd. We're confirming dinner for 730 Sunday. Can you send us the preferred place for dinner and which staff will be in attendance. We'd like to limit it to two of your staff max.

Thank you

Also, CM staff called right after you and confirmed not attending.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 10:47 AM, Williams, Andrew (Heller) <Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov> wrote:

Thanks for the call. Just talked to the Senator call me back whenever you get a minute

From: Williams, Andrew (Heller)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:32 AM
To: 'Micah Chambers' <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Sunday

Hey-

Any details on Sunday dinner? Just wondering location and if staff is allowed.

Andrew Williams

Legislative Assistant

U.S. Senator Dean Heller

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To: Williams, Andrew (Heller)[Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov]; Silvers, Jacqueline (Cortez Masto)[Jacqueline_Silvers@cortezmast.senate.gov]; Rivas, Victoria[victoria.rivas@mail.house.gov]; Taing, John[john.taing@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-26T12:52:54-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
Received: 2017-07-26T13:02:03-04:00

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From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-27T14:16:26-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: LAM Statement
Received: 2017-07-27T14:17:28-04:00

FYI.

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From: Hughes, Brian (Energy) <Brian_Hughes@energy.senate.gov>

Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 1:54 PM

Subject: LAM Statement

To: "Chambers, Micah (micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Micah, FYI, this is what our comms offices are sharing with press today. Several reporters caught the Senator before the Appropriations markup, too, and her comments were right in line with this statement.

“I pledged early on that I would work with the President to help advance Alaska’s interests. I will continue to do that to help build and strengthen our economy, keep the promises made to us as a state, and ensure access to healthcare. While I have disagreed with the Senate process so far, the President and I agree that the status quo with healthcare in our country is not acceptable and that reforms must be made. I continue working to find the best path for what I believe will achieve that a committee process where we can work issues in the open and ensure Alaskans have the healthcare choices they want, the affordability they need, and the quality of care they deserve.”

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To: Russell Roddy[russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov]; Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-27T16:38:43-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Meetings on Monday
Received: 2017-07-27T16:40:24-04:00

Heller attendees for both stakeholder meetings on Monday.

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From: **Jonkey, Ashley (Heller)** <Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 4:36 PM
Subject: Re: Meetings on Monday
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Friends of Gold Butte are the folks who are fully supportive of national monuments. They've been pushing for monument status for years. The local and county officials (majority of them) feel a lot differently about it.

I will attend with Donna Bath, my eastern Nevada rural representative.

Thanks again, Ashley

Ashley Jonkey
State Director
Senator Dean Heller

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2017, at 1:25 PM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Both are available. One is pro, one is more con to my knowledge. We just need the names of the attendees to put on the lists.

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 4:22 PM, Jonkey, Ashley (Heller)
<Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov> wrote:

If we could attend both, that would be great. But we'll do whatever is convenient for you guys. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2017, at 12:51 PM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks for reaching out. That should not be a problem. Would it be both stakeholder meetings or just one though?

Micah

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 3:47 PM, Jonkey, Ashley (Heller)
<Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Micah - I hope you're well. I will be staffing my boss at the dinner with Secretary Zinke in Las Vegas on Sunday. I plan to attend the roundtable on Monday as well. Would it be ok if two people attended the roundtable from our office? If not, then I will likely send my rural person to Monday's roundtable. Totally understand if space is in issue. Thank you! Ashley

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To: Silvers, Jacqueline (Cortez Masto)[Jacqueline_Silvers@cortezmastosenate.gov]
Cc: Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-27T17:18:14-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
Received: 2017-07-27T17:19:02-04:00

Hi Jackie. Just a reminder, I need your rsvps if your office intends to send staff to the stakeholder meetings.

Thanks

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From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-27T18:08:03-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
Received: 2017-07-27T18:08:46-04:00

The two listed below, John and Olivia, will be at the stake holder meetings on behalf of Rep. Kihuen. Senator Cortez Masto will not be attending, nor will her staff.

Micah

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From: **Taing, John** <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 5:39 PM
Subject: RE: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Olivia Manz.

John Taing

District Representative

Rep. Ruben Kihuen NV-04

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North Las Vegas, NV 890135

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From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits

Thanks. What is Olivia's last name?

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 5:13 PM, Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

Olivia and I will be attending both meetings. Thank you.

John Taing

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From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:53 AM

To: Williams, Andrew (Heller) <Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov>; Silvers, Jacqueline (Cortez Masto) <Jacqueline_Silvers@cortezmast.senate.gov>; Rivas, Victoria <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov>; Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>

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To: Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn)[Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov]
From: Micah Chambers
Sent: 2017-07-27T20:21:14-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Anything for Thursday?
Received: 2017-07-27T20:21:21-04:00

Mulvaney! He's not really a member anymore but he's the other office in my head. Mulvaney, bishop and western caucus. The trifecta of pragmatism :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 18, 2017, at 12:35 PM, Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn)
<Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov> wrote:

Works for me.

From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn) <Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Anything for Thursday?

Nothing in particular. Would love it if we can highlight her collaboration and received an award from FWS service under the Obama admin for her ESA work. As long as it's all positive, I don't have time to be picky haha

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 12:21 PM, Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn)
<Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov> wrote:

Just confirmed with the Senator's scheduler. He'll be there. Now I will go write an introduction. Anything in particular Susan wants him to mention?

From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn) <Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Anything for Thursday?

You're awesome. Thank you. Let me know if you need anything from us. I'll let Susan know.

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 11:46 AM, Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn)
<Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov> wrote:

He just emailed me. He said he'd likely speak around 10:10. Let me double check with the Senator's scheduler and make sure it's fine, but well make it work ☺

From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn) <Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov>

Cc: DuRant, Ryann (Cornyn) <Ryann_DuRant@cornyn.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: Anything for Thursday?

It's a 10 am hearing. I'm sure Murkowski office can make him first in line for intro based on his availability. We'd love it if he can. You want to connect with BHughes or I can? Just let me know. It's only 2 minute intros too so you could virtually read your press release quote in that time. :)

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 11:29 AM, Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn)

<Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov> wrote:

Working to confirm timing, but he'd like to do it.

-----Original Message-----

From: DuRant, Ryann (Cornyn)

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:21 AM

To: 'Micah Chambers' <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn) <Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: Anything for Thursday?

Hi Micah! Lauren Atcheson is going to be running point on this- I've copied her on this email.

-----Original Message-----

From: Micah Chambers [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:14 AM

To: DuRant, Ryann (Cornyn) <Ryann_DuRant@cornyn.senate.gov>

Subject: Anything for Thursday?

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Getto, Leila[leila_getto@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]; Laura Rigas[Laura_Rigas@ios.doi.gov]
From: Downey Magallanes
Sent: 2017-07-27T23:36:47-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Secretary Availability
Received: 2017-07-27T23:36:50-04:00

defer to you

On Jul 27, 2017, at 9:12 PM, Getto, Leila <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Are you okay with me providing these times ...

- Tuesday, August 1 -- 10 am to 11:30 am
- Wednesday, August 2 - not available (unless i can offer before 9:30 am)
- Thursday, August 3rd - he has a 10 am I can move if needed but otherwise available until 1 pm
- Friday, August 4th - available

*Leila Sepehri Getto
U.S. Department of Interior
Immediate Office of the Secretary
Deputy Director, Scheduling and Advance
Direct: (202) 208-5359
Cell: (202) 706-9435*

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From: **Laura Rigas** <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 2:41 PM
Subject: Fwd: Secretary Availability
To: Leila Getto <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Eli Nachmany <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov>

Leila -- could you please let us know if he has any time blocks for media next week?
Asking Eli to put them in the attached matrix, please and forward to me so I can send to the WH tomorrow by 12n. Thx!

Laura Keehner Rigas
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From: (b) (6) Kaelan Dorr
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Date: July 27, 2017 at 11:56:08 AM MDT

To: (b) (6) Kaelan Dorr (b) (6) Bradley Ratek
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(b) (6) Carolina Hurley
[Redacted] (b) (6) Caroline Magyarits
[Redacted] (b) (6) Katherine Henning
[Redacted]

Subject: Secretary Availability

Hey all!

That time of the week again! If you could please send over your Secretary's availability for the week of 7.31 to do media by **NOON TOMORROW** we'd appreciate it. Your Secretary is being asked to do hits on either healthcare or American Dream week next week. As always please respond to this email thread and use the attached spreadsheet. By cell phone if you have any questions comments or concerns.

KD

Kaelan Dorr

Strategic Communications Advisor and Special Projects Manager

Kaelan.k.dorr@who.eop.gov

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To: Timothy Williams[timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov]; Russell Roddy[russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov];
Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-28T14:07:07-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
Received: 2017-07-28T14:07:55-04:00

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From: **Williams, Andrew (Heller)** <Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov>
Date: Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 2:05 PM
Subject: RE: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Jonkey, Ashley (Heller)" <Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov>, "Bath, Donna (Heller)" <Donna_Bath@heller.senate.gov>

Thanks, Micah. Senator Heller would like to send the following for both meetings:

Ashley Jonkey, State Director (775-842-2367)

Donna Bath, Eastern Nevada Representative (775-296-0283)

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From: Scott Hommel
Sent: 2017-07-28T14:54:44-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: revised talking point for review
Received: 2017-07-28T14:55:04-04:00

Can live with it. Will be helpful to those who answer the phones.

Scott C. Hommel
Chief of Staff
Department of the Interior

On Jul 28, 2017, at 2:52 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Cc: Laura Rigas[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]; Newell, Russell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]; Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Downey Magallanes
Sent: 2017-07-28T14:55:31-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: revised talking point for review
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Yes

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From: Downey Magallanes
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Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Jason Higgins Request
Received: 2017-07-28T15:35:48-04:00

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Smith, Timothy" <tsmith@blm.gov>
Date: July 28, 2017 at 1:22:02 PM MDT
To: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>, Rusty Roddy
<russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, Downey Magallanes
<downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Jason Higgins Request

Laura,

I have tried to contact Jason and have left him a voicemail. In his voicemail, he did not specify which meeting he would like to attend, as I don't think he is aware of what meetings are planned. His voicemail also did not specify the context or what he wanted to share, except that he was aware that the Secretary was holding meetings and that he would like to have the opportunity to attend. From my knowledge of Jason's view on Gold Butte and Basin and Range, (b) (5)

[REDACTED] If I were to guess,
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. As soon as I can get

through to Jason I'll ask him to relay the context of his request to attend one of the meetings. Tim

On Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 12:07 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Rudy -- can you give us more context on what he wants to share or what meeting he wants to attend? Or just meet the Secretary in general?
Thanks!

My best,
L

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On Jul 28, 2017, at 1:01 PM, Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) <revenson@blm.gov> wrote:

Thanks Tim. I am copying this reply to Laura and Rusty so they can make a determination regarding Jason's request.
Laura and Rusty, just a little more detail here--Resource Advisory Councils, or RACs, are citizen advisory groups required by BLM's organic act, the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA, Title III, Section 309). The Nevada RACs have provided an important avenue for public engagement with the agency.

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On Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 11:43 AM, Smith, Timothy
<tsmith@blm.gov> wrote:

Rudy,

I received a voicemail from Jason Higgins (BLM, Mojave, Southern Great Basin Resource advisory Council Chairman) regarding his interest in receiving an invite to attend one of the Secretary's Monday, July 31, meetings. I have not promised anything except that I would pass his request on to you. As reference, Jason is a surveyor by trade and is in high demand in Southern Nevada and throughout the rest of Nevada and Utah. He has been our RAC Chair for the last 3 years and brings great credibility throughout the Southern Nevada area. Below, please find Jason's contact information. Should you have questions regarding Jason, please give me a call or email.
Thanks, Tim

jhiggins@wmsurveying.com

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From: Benedetto, Kathleen
Sent: 2017-07-28T16:11:15-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: (b) (5) comments - with Kathy's edits
Received: 2017-07-28T16:11:22-04:00

Yes, I approve it. Also I think (b) (5)

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Thank you.

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Sent: 2017-07-28T16:21:00-04:00
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Subject: Re: (b) (5) comments - with Kathy's edits
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From: Kathleen Benedetto
Sent: 2017-07-28T16:43:44-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: (b) (5) (b) (5) comments - with Kathy's edits
Received: 2017-07-28T16:43:54-04:00

Okay, thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 28, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Collier, Briana <briana.collier@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Okay, will do. I'll check back in with you after Mike reviews.

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To: Marc Himmelstein[Marc_Himmelstein@nes-dc.com]
Cc: Kent Burton[kent_burton@nes-dc.com]
From: Kathleen Benedetto
Sent: 2017-07-28T17:48:35-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Nevada
Received: 2017-07-28T17:49:10-04:00

Tanks Mark. Good to see you and Kent as well. I'm pretty open on the 8 and 9th. Monday Let's set something up. Have a great weekend. KB

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 28, 2017, at 3:34 PM, Marc Himmelstein <Marc_Himmelstein@nes-dc.com> wrote:
>
> Great seeing you this morning
> Attached is more than you really wanted but thrilled you are on this one
> Also pleased we can work together on Red Flat-let me know if we need to get USDA to ask for the withdrawal
> Would love to grab lunch and would propose August 8,9 or 10
> Hope to see you soon
> Have a great weekend
>
> <2017-05-09-CVM-BLM Final wAttachments.pdf>
>
>
>
> Sent from my iPad

To: Laura Rigas[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]; Russell Newell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]
From: Downey Magallanes
Sent: 2017-07-30T20:49:29-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re:
Received: 2017-07-30T20:49:37-04:00

(b) (5)

On Jul 30, 2017, at 5:09 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

When are they releasing? My only issue is (b) (5)

Laura Keehner Rigas
Communications Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
(b) (6) cell
@Interior

On Jul 30, 2017, at 5:05 PM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Boss wants to provide a quote for laxalt release. We came up with this below but feel free to tweak let me know what you think.

When we have one we like can you work with Joseph Tartakovsky?

jtartakovsky@ag.nv.gov

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jorjani, Daniel" <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov>
Date: July 30, 2017 at 4:53:46 PM PDT
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re:

It's OK.

On Sun, Jul 30, 2017 at 7:51 PM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

AG Laxalt met us in monument. You ok with

submitting this for his release

Adam shares my concern that public access, hunting, fishing, grazing, and traditional uses are respected in monuments. He is a tireless advocate for protecting the heart and culture of Nevada and we had a great discussion concerning legal implications related to Antiquities Act designations.

To: Linda Thurn[lthurn@blm.gov]
From: Benedetto, Kathleen
Sent: 2017-07-31T12:29:55-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Mining data pivot table
Received: 2017-07-31T12:30:04-04:00
[NV 2015 Metallic Production with Fed %.xlsx](#)
[NV 2016 Metallic Production with Fed %.xlsx](#)

Hi Linda,

Can you print these out for me? I think they are legal size. Thanks KB

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

From: **Murrellwright, Thomas (Scott)** <tmurrell@blm.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 10:05 AM
Subject: Re: Mining data pivot table
To: "Ford, Michael" <mmford@blm.gov>
Cc: "Leverette, Mitchell" <mleveret@blm.gov>, Rick Deery <rdeery@blm.gov>, "Thomas (Scott) Murrellwright" <thomas_murrellwright@blm.gov>, Benjamin Simon <Benjamin_Simon@ios.doi.gov>, Christian Crowley <christian_crowley@ios.doi.gov>, Greg Fernette <gfernette@usgs.gov>, John Craynon <john.craynon@exim.gov>, "Gordon, Bill" <bill_gordon@ios.doi.gov>, "Nabahe, Cheryl - FS" <cnabahe@fs.fed.us>, "Magyar, Michael" <mmagyar@usgs.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, "302_Support, BLM_WO" <blm_wo_302_support@blm.gov>

Attached are Nevada's Division of Mines (NDOM) Annual Status and Production Reports from its operating mining companies.

May be of more use for section 5 though....

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Geologist/CRME-NMET
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Office Reno, NV
775-861-6581

On Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 9:44 AM, Ford, Michael <mmford@blm.gov> wrote:

Sorry, fat finger - sent before it was ready.
What I was going to say was:

Attached is a pivot table that I'm putting together with data as of April 2017 from the USGS list of [Mining and Processing Plant Locations, Arranged by Commodity](#).

I've done the list so far for gold (73 different entities), silver (10 different entities) and copper (8 different entities). I plan

to spend some time gathering basic data on these companies (sources of capital, debt v. equity) for inclusion in Section 6 mining industry finances. However, the info I gather could also be used for Section 5 on mining industry structure, and other sections listing out operations.

I can also expand this pivot table to include additional commodities. My question, before I delve further into this exercise, is, does the group think this information would be useful? If so I'll proceed as planned, but if there are better alternatives I would be happy to take a different approach, as well.

Thank you,
Mike

On Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 12:38 PM, Ford, Michael <mmford@blm.gov> wrote:

Hello all,

Attached is a pivot table that I'm putting together with data as-of April 2017 from the USGS sources and uses of capital for section 6 - mining industry finances

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Economist
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mmford@blm.gov
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2015 Nevada Annual Metallic Production (as reported on the NV Division of Minerals Annual Status and Production Report)**Operator**

Atna Resources

Barrick Cortez

Barrick Cortez

Barrick Gold

Barrick Gold

Barrick Goldstrike Mines

Barrick Goldstrike Mines

Borealis Mining

Coeur Rochester

Comstock Mining

Homestake Mining

Hycroft Mining

Jerritt Canyon Gold LLC

Jipangu International

KGHM International

Klondex

Klondex

Midway Gold

Mineral Ridge Gold

Newmont Mining

Newmont Mining

Newmont Mining

Newmont Mining

Rawhide Mining

Round Mountain Gold

Silver Standard Resources

Sterling Gold Mining

Sunrise Minerals

Totals**Fed % of total production**

tion Reports from mining companies)					
Mine	% of Production on Federally managed lands	Gold (oz)	Fed. Au (oz)	Silver (oz)	Fed. Ag (oz)
Pinson	0	16,898	0	NR	0
Cortez Hills UG	100	478,940	478,940	16,210	16,210
Cortez Hills OP/Pipeline	100	520,060	520,060	17,602	17,602
Bald Mountain	99	191,088	189,177	26,164	25,902
Turquoise Ridge JV	77	289,421	222,854	NR	0
Betze Post	0	642,493	0	67,223	0
Meikle	0	411,003	0	17,749	0
Borealis	100	7,998	7,998	29,321	29,321
Rochester	70	52,588	36,812	4,630,739	3,241,517
Lucerne	0	15,451	0	221,723	0
Ruby Hill	0	10,673	0	24,842	0
Hycroft	10	107,998	10,800	621,788	62,179
Jerritt Canyon	75	167,683	125,762	4,000	3,000
Florida Canyon	55	21,716	11,944	67,687	37,228
Robinson	0	60,360	0		0
Fire Creek	65	77,055	50,086	92,114	59,874
Midas	94	28,838	27,108	1,513,112	1,422,325
Pan	100	21,316	21,316	680	680
Mineral Ridge	80	39,690	31,752	19,742	15,794
Carlin Trend Operations	40	885,242	354,097	92,173	36,869
Lone Tree Complex	50	21,349	10,675	0	0
Phoenix	38	183,371	69,681	966,159	367,140
Twin Creeks	47	470,759	221,257	143,631	67,507
Denton-Rawhide	42	23,334	9,800	147,316	61,873
Round Mountain	21	385,159	80,883	775,025	162,755
Marigold Mine	42	207,005	86,942	2,841	1,193
Sterling Mine	100	1,700	1,700	NR	0
Sunrise Placer	0	471	0	210	0
		5,339,659	2,569,643	9,498,051	5,628,970
			48.1%		59.3%

Copper (lbs)	Fed. Cu (lbs)		Moly Con (lbs)	Fed. Moly Con (lbs)
131,307,031	0		905,061	0
46,330,821	17,605,712			
177,637,852	17,605,712		905,061	0
	9.9%			0.0%

2016 Nevada Annual Metallic Production (as reported on the NV Division of Minerals Annual Status and Production Reports f

Operator

A.U. Mines Inc.
Barrick Cortez
Barrick Cortez
Barrick Gold
Barrick Goldstrike Mines
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Bernell Lloyd
Borealis Mining
Coeur Rochester
Comstock Mining
Dun Glen Mining
Florida Canyon Mining
Geo-Nevada Inc.
GRP Pan
Hycroft Mining
Jerritt Canyon Gold LLC
KG Mining
KGHM International
Klondex
Klondex
Mineral Ridge Gold
Newmont Mining
Newmont Mining
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Newmont Mining
Newmont Mining
Rawhide Mining
Round Mountain Gold
Ruby Hill Mining
Silver Standard Resources
Sterling Gold Mining
Sunrise Minerals

Totals

Fed % of total production

om mining companies)						
Mine	% of Production on Federally managed lands	Gold (oz)	Fed. Au (oz)	Silver (oz)	Fed. Ag (oz)	Copper (lbs)
Manhattan Gulch	100	21	21	8	8	
Cortez Hills UG	100	338,275	338,275	6,294	6,294	
Cortez Hills OP/Pipeline	100	850,312	850,312	22,565	22,565	
Turquoise Ridge JV	77	354,560	273,011	NR	0	
Arturo	100	223,145	223,145	NR	0	
Betze Post	5.65	544,736	30,778	134,283	7,587	
Meikle	0	417,438	0	37,615	0	
BBD Placer	0	4	0	NR	0	
Borealis	100	618	618	1,511	1,511	
Rochester	70	50,750	35,525	4,564,139	3,194,897	
Lucerne	0	4,086	0	75,657	0	
Dun Glen Placer	0	43	0	NR	0	
Florida Canyon	2	10,873	217	21,898	438	
Spring Valley	100	24	24	18	18	
Pan	100	8,714	8,714	NR	0	
Hycroft	10	32,265	3,227	235,934	23,593	
Jerritt Canyon	90	140,990	126,891	NR	0	
Bald Mountain	100	129,282	129,282	864	864	
Robinson	0	49,217	0	NR	0	118,411,099
Fire Creek	75	101,284	75,963	80,593	60,445	
Midas	50	29,577	14,789	1,345,990	672,995	
Mineral Ridge	80	36,879	29,503	16,950	13,560	
Carlin Trend Operations	40	943,823	377,529	101,475	40,590	
Lone Tree Complex	55	31,884	17,536	0	0	
Long Canyon	100	22,500	22,500	NR	0	
Phoenix	38	176,756	67,167	1,175,126	446,548	41,806,950
Twin Creeks	47	367,528	172,738	227,814	107,073	
Denton-Rawhide	38.4	17,972	6,901	105,413	40,479	
Round Mountain	13	371,484	48,293	721,465	93,790	
Ruby Hill	0	6,472	0	7,791	0	
Marigold Mine	42	205,116	86,149	2,349	987	
Sterling Mine	100	350	350	NR	0	
Sunrise Placer	0	668	0	121	0	
		5,467,646	2,939,458	8,885,873	4,734,241	160,218,049
			53.8%		53.3%	

To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]; Laura Rigas[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-31T16:08:39-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
Received: 2017-07-31T16:09:25-04:00

Just in case anyone asks.

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From: **Silvers, Jacqueline (Cortez Masto)** <Jacqueline_Silvers@cortezmastoseenate.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 5:34 PM
Subject: RE: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

Micah,

We have a scheduled retreat in DC, so, unfortunately, our state staff who confirmed that they are flying into DC for it, will not be able to attend. Thank you and hope to get any other updates about the Secretary's schedule.

Best,

Jackie

From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Silvers, Jacqueline (Cortez Masto) <Jacqueline_Silvers@cortezmastoseenate.gov>
Cc: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits

Hi Jackie. Just a reminder, I need your rsvps if your office intends to send staff to the stakeholder meetings.

Thanks

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 12:52 PM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]; Laura Rigas[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-31T16:13:53-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
Received: 2017-07-31T16:14:41-04:00

Again, if anyone asks. John Taing did attend the meeting listed in this email.

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From: **Micah Chambers** <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Sat, Jul 29, 2017 at 5:38 PM
Subject: Re: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits
To: "Taing, John" <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Russell Roddy <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>

John. As I'm sure you've seen, Monday's agenda has been cancelled; however we've worked with all the stakeholders from Monday to reschedule stops tomorrow afternoon. If you're interested, we've added a stop with Friends of Gold Butte at the Mt. Irish stop in Basin and Range from 345-415 pm. If you'd like join this stop, I've CC'd my coworker Rusty to work out details with you. He's coordinating tomorrow's schedule in Nevada.

Micah

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2017, at 5:39 PM, Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Olivia Manz.

John Taing


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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Secretary Zinke - Nevada Visits

Thanks. What is Olivia's last name?

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 5:13 PM, Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

Olivia and I will be attending both meetings. Thank you.

John Taing

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Williams, Andrew (Heller) <Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov>; Silvers, Jacqueline (Cortez Masto) <Jacqueline_Silvers@cortezmasto.senate.gov>; Rivas, Victoria <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov>; Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

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From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-31T16:14:55-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04
Received: 2017-07-31T16:15:42-04:00

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From: **Taing, John** <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 3:15 PM
Subject: RE: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04
To: Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Unfortunately, Rep. Kihuen will be out of town. I will, however, be attending in his place.

John Taing

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From: Micah Chambers [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:10 PM

To: Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Rivas, Victoria <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04

Is your boss going to be in district on Monday?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2017, at 2:50 PM, Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

We have been told from local groups that Sec. Zinke will be in Mesquite on July 31, 2017 (Next Monday) at 10:00 AM at the Highland Estates Resort in Mesquite. Any truth to this?

John Taing

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From: Micah Chambers [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 7:21 AM
To: Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Rivas, Victoria <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:52 AM
To: 'Micah Chambers' <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Taing, John <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04

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From: Micah Chambers [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:50 PM

To: Rivas, Victoria <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov>

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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-31T16:15:10-04:00
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Subject: Fwd: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04
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Date: Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 10:20 AM
Subject: Re: Sec. Zinke Visit to NV-04
To: "Taing, John" <John.Taing@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Rivas, Victoria" <Victoria.Rivas@mail.house.gov>

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To: Karen Kelleher[kkelleh@blm.gov]
Cc: Pam Robinson[probinson@gov.nv.gov]; kathleenclarke@utah.gov[kathleenclarke@utah.gov]; Bob Budd[bob.budd@wyo.gov]; John Ruhs[jruhs@blm.gov]
From: Kathleen Benedetto
Sent: 2017-08-03T03:37:29-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: one more edit to the draft report
Received: 2017-08-03T03:37:32-04:00

Sure

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 2, 2017, at 10:45 PM, Karen Kelleher <kkelleh@blm.gov> wrote:

I could edit it to say ID, Ut, and NV attorney-general ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 2, 2017, at 7:22 PM, Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov> wrote:

Thanks Karen. I'm ok with Nevada being mentioned. It's a little dicey for us because the Governor did not authorize or agree with the legislation. Not sure how that should be conveyed, but that would be a helpful qualifier.

Pam Robinson

Policy Director
Governor Brian Sandoval

From: Kelleher, Karen [<mailto:kkelleh@blm.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 3:00 PM

To: Pam Robinson <probinson@gov.nv.gov>; kathleenclarke@utah.gov

Cc: Bob Budd <bob.budd@wyo.gov>; John Ruhs <jruhs@blm.gov>; Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: one more edit to the draft report

Hi Pam & Kathleen,
Dustin Miller has asked for an edit to add a footnote in the executive summary. Since his recommended language references Nevada and Utah, we wanted to be sure you were ok with this language for the footnote before we added it (see yellow highlight). I would appreciate it if you could get back to me tonight or first thing in the morning - sorry for the short turnaround.

a reference made to the fact that some states have pending litigation over the 2015 federal sage grouse plans. This should be included as a footnote on page one in the 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence, "...in retaining the 2015 sage grouse plans,³ ... (see language below).

³ It should be noted that the States of Idaho, Nevada and Utah have pending

challenges to the 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans. While these States participated in identifying issues related to the Federal plans, these states do not waive or concede any of their legal arguments.

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Karen Kelleher

Deputy Assistant Director - Resources and Planning

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To: Joe Balash (b) (6)
Cc: Amanda Kaster[amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov]; Salotti, Christopher[chris_salotti@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-08-03T08:51:37-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: FW: NOTICE OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES HEARING: September 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Received: 2017-08-03T08:52:24-04:00

We can potentially get Nelson added to this.

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From: Ripchensky, Darla (Energy) <Darla_Ripchensky@energy.senate.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 7:11 AM
Subject: FW: NOTICE OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES HEARING: September 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
To: Amanda Kaster <amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov>, Dan Wilmot <dan.wilmot@hq.doe.gov>, Jake McCurdy <jake.mccurdy@hq.doe.gov>, Jennifer Loraine <jennifer.loraine@hq.doe.gov>, Marty Dannenfels <marty.dannenfels@hq.doe.gov>, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Habansky <sarah.habansky@hq.doe.gov>, Wells Griffith <wells.griffith@hq.doe.gov>

From: Ripchensky, Darla (Energy)
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 6:12 PM
To: Adhar, Radha (Duckworth) <Radha_Adhar@duckworth.senate.gov>; Affolter, Shawn (Hoeven) <Shawn_Affolter@hoeven.senate.gov>; Aguillard, Zoe (Cassidy) <Zoe_Aguillard@cassidy.senate.gov>; Akerlof, Karen (Sanders) <Karen_Akerlof@sanders.senate.gov>; Akin, Isaiah (Wyden) <Isaiah_Akin@wyden.senate.gov>; Alpert, Dan (Heinrich) <Dan_Alpert@heinrich.senate.gov>; Aronow, Zach (Heinrich) <Zach_Aronow@heinrich.senate.gov>; Babington, Sean (Agriculture) <Sean_Babington@ag.senate.gov>; Barrera, Virgilio (Heinrich) <Virgilio_Barrera@heinrich.senate.gov>; Batson, Will (Strange) <Will_Batson@strange.senate.gov>; Beaton, Alex (Budget) <Alex_Beaton@budget.senate.gov>; Becker, Bob (SAA) <Bob_Becker@saa.senate.gov>; Becker-Dippmann, Angela (Energy) <Angela_Becker-Dippmann@energy.senate.gov>; Ben-Aderet, Noah (Wyden) <Noah_Ben-Aderet@wyden.senate.gov>; Bergerbest, Nathan (Murkowski) <Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov>; Bergstrom, Ben (Hoeven) <Ben_Bergstrom@hoeven.senate.gov>; Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) <Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov>; Bolen, Brittany (RPC) <Brittany_Bolen@rpc.senate.gov>; Bonner, Rebecca (Energy) <Rebecca_Bonner@energy.senate.gov>; Bradley-Cook, Julia (Wyden) <Julia_Bradley-Cook@wyden.senate.gov>; Brooks, David (Energy) <David_Brooks@energy.senate.gov>; Burks, Jen (Hirono) <Jen_Burks@hirono.senate.gov>; Burnham, Heather (SLC)

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Subject: NOTICE OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
HEARING: September 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

This notice is to advise you of a hearing before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.**

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the following nominations:

- Mr. Joseph Balash to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management;
- Mr. Richard A. Glick to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and
- Mr. Kevin J. McIntyre to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The hearing will be webcast live on the committee's website, and an archived video will be available shortly after the hearing is complete. Witness testimony will be available on the website at the start of the hearing.

For further information, please contact Patrick McCormick and Kellie Donnelly with Chairman Murkowski's staff or Sam Fowler with Ranking Member Cantwell's staff at (b) (5)

Sincerely,

Darla Ripchensky, PMP

Chief Clerk

U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

304 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

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Got an auto reply from Chris so just resending to you.

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On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 9:51 AM, Podolak, Chuck (Flake) <Chuck_Podolak@flake.senate.gov> wrote:

Planning on it, and pretty excited to see Brenda moving along.

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Thanks Joan.

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On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 5:04 PM, Moody, Joan <joan_moody@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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The Hill

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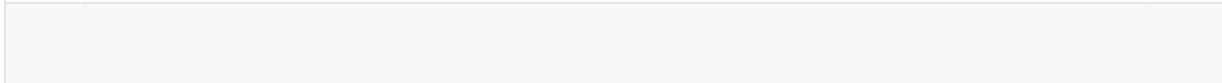
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Subject: Re: DOI Daily Comms
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Thank you Heather.

On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 4:37 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Mr. Bernhardt - You will receive this report every day around 4:00PM. It's a 40,000-foot wrap-up of the Department's incoming and outgoing comms for the day. We send to WH comms office and BCC a few people in your hallway. You'll be in the BCC field.

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DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Heather Swift & Laura Rigas

SUBJECT: Communications Update

Press Inquiries:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 8/4/17 (Change the Date)

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

ADD: Natalie David, Office of the White House Liaison

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is on personal leave. (This should be set for the week.)

NEXT WEEK: (Record major things for the upcoming week if you can get them.)

8/21

8/22

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8/25

Status of the Deputy Secretary (Update as needed. (b) (5) .)

In Washington, DC.

Office meetings and briefings.

Media TODAY

(This section is for any outgoing media/press releases for the day. Just write Laura/Heather in the morning as ask. Then see if you can get a draft. I usually include the title and a couple of lines.)

(Then I include any other media documents like our COMMS daily media report below. Sometimes I have this, sometimes not. Ask Heather.)

White House Comms Report (sent yesterday)

Press Inquiries:

· West Virginia Gazette (Ken Ward) - REQUEST-- What exactly are the provisions of the wildlife conservation plans mentioned? Did the FWS conduct a consultation with WVDEP and the mining operator prior to the issuance of the SMCRA permit? Was an incidental take permit issued? Does the company have a habitat conservation plan? What exactly has Interior done to speed up the process of accounting for ESA issues in the review of mining permits in West Virginia? RESPONSE The mine submitted a Protection and Enhancement Plan (PEP) that described how the project had been designed to minimize impact to the listed crayfish. On June 19, 2017, FWS concurred with the PEP, which means the mining company is in compliance with the ESA. Yes. FWS has consulted on four mining projects in West Virginia with regard to the listed crayfish (Guyandotte River and Big Sandy River crayfish). With regard to the Berwind Mine, FWS was able to work with the company to avoid effects, although a PEP was produced, it indicated no take was anticipated. No, an HCP is only necessary when a private party anticipates "take" of a listed species through a wholly private action (I.E. no government license or permit is necessary). The Department and FWS has prioritized infrastructure and energy projects overall. They have staff dedicated to highways and energy projects. They recently brought on additional staff to focus on all energy projects, with a particular focus on coal and wind. Because of the additional staff, FWS has been able to be more responsive. In addition, FWS is coordinating with other field offices to develop coordinated and consistent approaches across the range of the crayfish and other aquatic species. FWS has prioritized their relationships with West Virginia's Department of Environmental Protection and the Office of Surface Mining by having frequent site visits and meetings at both the biologist and project leader level to enhance awareness of any developing issues in order to act

proactively and strategically to address those issues. Finally, FWS is updating their information in their IPAC system so that species lists and project recommendations can be provided automatically, which will streamline and expedite any consultation process.

- The Hill, Associated Press, Washington Examiner, Washington Times, Alaska Dispatch News, Others REQUEST Confirm and details about the Secretary's tweet regarding beers with Senator Murkowski - was taken last night. The Secretary and Senator had dinner last night. They talk and meet often in both a friendly and professional capacity. (The previous statement regarding the phone call - The Secretary and Senator Murkowski speak on the phone frequently and have a very good working relationship. The call was professional and friendly and media stories are completely sensationalized.)

And I just want to add for context, not part of my statement, even Senator Murkowski when asked didn't say the call was threatening. "I did have a conversation with the secretary, and he told me what I already knew," Sen. Lisa Murkowski told reporters, "that the president wasn't pleased with the vote I had taken."

Top Stories

- The Hill: Senate panel approves five Interior, Energy nominees after delayed ...
- Associated Press: Zinke Says He Mended Fences With Murkowski Over Beers
- Washington Examiner: Ryan Zinke and Lisa Murkowski now drinking buddies after ...

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- On Saturday, Aug 5 the Secretary departs for two weeks personal leave.
- No major speeches or media events this week
- Friday the Department will announce hunting and fishing is being expanded on 10 wildlife refuges.
- UPCOMING POTUS EVENT REQUEST August 25th National Park initiative. Secretary Zinke has been in contact with Steve Bannon

WEEK AHEAD August 2 thru August 10, 2017

NEXT WEEK:

- The Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)
- Next week: TBD Releases on Monument Review (announce ones not under review anymore).
- Next week: Announce that we will accept Sabanoso as wilderness (in NM). This is about access for sportsman on our public lands. The wilderness is currently surrounded by private land so we are working out the details on access/rights of way.
- August TBD: Department-Level Release: DOI will announced FWS proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities on 10 National Wildlife Refuges.

AGENCY RELEASES

National Park Service

- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

- August TBD: National NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce \$1.657 million in grants to Indian tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestors and cultural items back to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS will announce \$48 million in funding to state wildlife agencies provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the State Wildlife Grants program.
- August TBD: Local FWS Release: FWS plans to announce it is seeking public input in development of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed General Conservation Plan for oil and gas activities in Santa Barbara County, California. This action is not expected to be controversial.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS to release results of 2016 Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Survey Preliminary Report. A snapshot of the results show that Hunter numbers are down (not statistically significant), angler numbers are up (not statistically significant), and wildlife watching numbers have increased greatly especially for people watching wildlife in their own backyards.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS plans to announce \$4,254,638 in Tribal Wildlife Grant awards to federally recognized tribes for 25 projects in 14 states to fund a wide range of fish and wildlife conservation efforts. Tribal Wildlife Grants are used to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.
- August TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.

Bureau of Land Management

- August 4: Local BLM Release: BLM will announce the opening of the public comment period for the environmental assessment on the Lordsburg Transmission Line in New Mexico.
- August 8: BLM-AK will continue work on the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed 211-mile controlled access road in the southern foothills of the Brooks Range. The Northwest Arctic Borough is now a cooperating agency. BLM-AK's monthly cooperating agency meeting is August 8. The public scoping period ends January 31, 2018.
- August 8: BLM-AK Associate State Director Ted Murphy will participate in a mining compliance inspection at the Constantine Mine near Haines.
- August 9-11: BLM-MT Tribal Coordinator Marcia Pablo will meet with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and possibly the Chairmen/Presidents of 14 tribes in the three-state area in August and September. BLM already has good standing with many of the tribes, and these meetings are meant to enhance and build relationships. She will meet with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe in Pablo, Montana, August 9-11; the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hadatsa, and Arikara), Standing Rock and Spirit Lake tribes in North Dakota the week of August 21; and the Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Lower Brule, Crow Creek, Cheyenne River, and Yankton tribes in South Dakota the week of September 11. Meetings will also be scheduled with the Fort Peck, Blackfeet, Crow, and Northern Cheyenne tribes in Montana.

U.S. Geological Survey

- August 7: National USGS Release: USGS release regarding increased Salinity in U.S. Rivers that might degrade drinking water quality and water infrastructure.
- August 8: National USGS Release: Major Flood Occurrence across North America and Europe Linked to Multi-Decade Ocean Pattern. New international study examining patterns of major floods led by USGS based on eighty years of major flood data from Europe and North America.

- August 9: National News Release: USGS to release a study of streams in 11 Midwestern states that found more than 180 pesticides, some at levels that could harm aquatic insects. On average, 54 pesticide compounds were detected in each stream.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 11 and 18 to 20: Media invited: Two-part full-scale security exercise at Flaming Gorge Dam in Wyoming. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate physical and electronic security systems, gauge the effectiveness of the Emergency Action Plan, provide an opportunity for Reclamation staff to participate in Unified Command in a controlled environment with Law Enforcement agencies and identify areas for improvement in security and emergency management. This exercise also enables local emergency responders to practice and assess their own response capabilities while assisting Reclamation in management a simulated emergency.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders to specific groups for educational outreach on the New National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program inviting them to participate in an informational call.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

CONGRESSIONAL (Once a week I ask Amanda in OCL to give me the following week's hearings. You will have none since they are on recess.)
Nothing Scheduled.

Political Appointee Update (I ask you all for updates for the following.)

DOI politicals on board = 53

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Nominees Combs, Berman, and Domenech Senate Committee voted to approve.

Nominee Joe Balash as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management has been announced and the SENR hearing has been set for September 7.

Nominee Ryan Douglas Nelson of Idaho to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Secretary Speaking Invitations (I ask Rusty, Leila, and Caroline to update this at least once a week. And I delete any dates that have passed.)

Accepted

8/4 - FEMA event with the President

8/5-20 - Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

Open invite - Detroit Economic Club

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Declining

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball (Whitefish/Kalispell)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Emergency Management (I get an update every morning from Harry Humbert and copy it here.)

In Montana, the Liberty Fire, located on the Flathead Reservation (BIA), has burned 3,408 (+188) acres. The fire is 12-percent (+10) contained and managed by a Type-1 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 363 (+103) personnel, including 114 (-2) DOI personnel. This fire threatens cultural resources, timber allotments, and threatened and endangered species habitat in the area. An evacuation order for the Finley Creek and Placid Lake areas remains in effect. Full containment is expected on September 25. One (+1) responder injury has been reported.

In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) has burned 3,600 (+1,100) acres. The fire is 5 (no change)-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 197 (no change) personnel assigned, including 19 (no change) DOI personnel. Significant perimeter growth is expected over the next 24 hours, which could eventually threaten the Park's Visitor Center and the Crater Lake community. Road, trail, and area closures remain in effect, and the fire continues to threaten the habitat of the northern spotted owl, sensitive aquatic species, timber allotments, and recreation sites. Full containment is now forecast for August 16 (+2).

Three Cape Hatteras National Seashore campgrounds, closed due to a long duration power outage and evacuation order which began July 27, will reopen today at noon. Other facilities remained open throughout the event to permanent residents and non-resident property owners.

Outside Media of Interest (I picked a handful of media stories from the daily Bulletin report. I usually only include the title and first paragraph of the story.)

Lisa Murkowski, Ryan Zinke Reach Health Care Detente Over Beers.

The Washington Times (8/3, Wolfgang) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted a photo of himself drinking Alaskan beer with Sen. Lisa Murkowski in what the Times describes as a "detente" after the two had quarreled over the senator's no vote on Affordable Care Act repeal. Zinke had "reacted by calling Ms. Murkowski and Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan, a Republican, and threatening to pull the plug on key Alaska projects," and the next day, "Ms. Murkowski delayed committee votes on several high-level nominees for the Interior Department, though committee officials denied that the move was retaliation to Mr. Zinke's threat."

Interior Watchdog Launches 'Preliminary Investigation' Into Zinke Calls.

The Hill (8/3, Henry) reports that the Interior Department's Office of the Inspector General "says it has begun a 'preliminary investigation' into reports that Secretary Ryan Zinke made phone calls pushing Alaska's senators to support a GOP healthcare bill or risk losing federal support for economic development efforts in their state." In a letter to two House Democrats on Thursday, Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall said, "The OIG is undertaking a preliminary investigation into this matter. We will advise you about what further action the results of this inquiry lead the OIG to take."

Bernhardt Warns Employees Not To 'Parrot' Special Interests.

Greenwire (8/3) reports that Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt “told department employees this week that he expects respectful and healthy disagreement from them, but also an adherence to facts rather than ‘special interests.’” Bernhardt “pledged a commitment to public service and sought to align himself with the career employees he now leads in his first departmentwide email as Interior’s No. 2.” In an email sent Tuesday to all Interior employees, Bernhardt wrote, “Given the hyperbole of today’s public discourse, you and I, and everyone else within the Interior, really are in the soup together. We may not like it. But it is the way it is. This means my conduct will reflect on you. Yours will reflect on me and your other colleagues. All of our conduct reflects on the Secretary.”

DOI Doesn’t Know How Much Land \$815M Got.

The Daily Caller (8/3, Barton) reports that Interior Department officials “have no idea how much land was bought with \$815 million, nor if the properties are being used for their intended purpose, a government watchdog reported Wednesday.” According to the report, “the department’s officials couldn’t provide its inspector general (IG) with data about its land purchase programs.” The IG “consequently surveyed 108 programs and found that just 16 of those awarded 701 grants between 2014 and 2015 to purchase \$815 million worth of land.”

Trump Administration Touts Streamlining Of Mine Permit Review.

The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (8/3, Ward) reports that “in the run-up to President Trump’s visit,” to West Virginia, Administration officials “with help from the coal industry and state political leaders this week touted work” by the Interior Department “to speed up approval of a permit for a new underground coal mine that could bring 200 mining jobs to the depressed coalfields of McDowell County.” However, “the scope of what Interior officials did to ease the way for approval of a permit for the Berwind Mine...isn’t exactly clear yet.”

Federal Register Listings (This comes from Julie Lillie the night before.)

No items cleared for the FR on Thursday.

To: Rusty Roddy[russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov]
From: Boulton, Caroline
Sent: 2017-07-24T18:44:14-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Latest version of DOI monument visit: no media or senators, no Falling Man hike, Laxalt at City
Received: 2017-07-24T18:44:52-04:00
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From: Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) <revenson@blm.gov>
Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 7:16 PM
Subject: Latest version of DOI monument visit: no media or senators, no Falling Man hike, Laxalt at City
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
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From: Boulton, Caroline
Sent: 2017-07-24T18:45:20-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Latest version of DOI monument visit: no media or senators, no Falling Man hike, Laxalt at City
Received: 2017-07-24T18:45:58-04:00

Hi all,

I'm adding/introducing Rusty Roddy, who is our Director of Scheduling & Advance. He will be advancing the Nevada portion of the Secretary's trip and will be the best POC moving forward!

Best,
Caroline

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To: Willens, Todd[todd_willens@ios.doi.gov]
From: Downey Magallanes
Sent: 2017-07-25T10:06:41-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: The Washington Post: Interior to review rules against killing bear cubs and wolf pups with their mothers
Received: 2017-07-25T10:06:44-04:00

Can you task someone to write up a briefing memo on this and also how it relates to the rule that was CRAAd

On Jul 24, 2017, at 12:18 PM, Willens, Todd <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Downey, Please see Stephen's comments that sum this up very well. This may answer some of the Secretary's concerns.

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From: **Wackowski, Stephen** <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Sat, Jul 22, 2017 at 12:37 PM
Subject: Re: The Washington Post: Interior to review rules against killing bear cubs and wolf pups with their mothers
To: Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Aurelia Skipwith <aurelia_skipwith@ios.doi.gov>, "heather_swift@ios.doi.gov" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>

Just some points to consider if we talk about this in the future:

- In predator control measures are about meat for rural Alaskan residents
- Ground beef sells for well over \$15-\$20 a pound in stores in most Alaskan villiages (if they have a general store at all--many get basic foodstuffs through mail)
- We are mandated by several laws, including ANILCA, to manage game stocks in Alaska to provide maximum subsistence harvest for rural Alaskans
- Den culling and baiting are very rare in Alaska, most culling is done by Alaska Natives who have been doing predator control methods like this for thousands of years.
- There are several of studies that prove predator control does work to increase moose and caribou stocks

A retired Alaska reporter who runs a blog just posted a counterpoint to this story. It is well worth your time for a read (and he attributes Virginia correctly). <https://craigmedred.news/2017/07/22/the-killing-land/> Of note:

A bit of history

Before Alaska became a state, the federal government managed wildlife largely to feed the residents of the Alaska Territory.

Predator control was widespread and aggressive.

“Intensive wolf control by the FWS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) in Game Management Unit 13, initiated in 1948, had reduced the wolf population to an estimated 13 by 1953. An increase in the Nelchina caribou herd from 4,000 in 1948 to 40,000 in 1955 followed,” [a panel of the National Academies of Science noted in an exhaustive review of Alaska predator control in 1997.](#)

The federal program piggybacked on the beliefs of indigenous Alaskans.

“As recorded in their stories, the overriding objective of wildlife management of those people was to reduce predator populations to allow for growth or maintenance of strong prey populations,” the Academies report noted. “The advice that was transmitted from generation to generation about wolves, bears, eagles, and sea otters in the stories of many tribal groups was that ‘we always need to keep them down,’ and that ‘it’s important to stay ahead of them.’

“Bears and eagles were taken at every opportunity; the level of harvest would be described today as ‘generous.’ Wolf populations were addressed in a different manner. The stories of the tribes, clans, and bands tell that they knew the location of almost all the wolf dens in their traditional hunting areas. People regularly culled wolf cubs at their dens to reduce wolf numbers; this was known as denning. The quantitative effects of those control efforts on predator populations are impossible to assess, but it is conventional to assert that reductions in average predator populations were substantial.”

Almost all of this came to an end after Statehood. Alaska immediately stopped poisoning, the deadliest and most efficient means of killing predators, and limited the hunting of bears in an effort to create a large and healthy population valuable as a “trophy” species.

After Statehood, the Academies’ report notes, the “administration of Alaskan fish and wildlife resources was transferred to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) in 1960. The department was staffed by young, university-trained biologists who were aware of the

changing attitudes toward wildlife management in North America.”

Those young, university trained biologists came of age in a time when L. David Mech, the future dean of wolf researchers, was starting to write about “the balance of nature,” and a lot of ecologists had come to believe most wild predation – unlike human predation – was merely “compensatory,” ie. wolves, foxes, bears and the like were only cropping off animals destined to die anyway.

From the latter sprung the euthanasia view of the wild world where, as People for the Ethic Treatment of Animals (PETA) puts it to this day, “natural predators help keep prey species strong by killing the only ones they can catch the sick and weak.”

In reality, predators kill both healthy and unhealthy prey. Usually, the young are first on that list. Often the sick and weak predominate. Other times it is the simply the unlucky – caribou or Dall sheep battling deep, crusted snow that makes them easy targets for wolves; or the moose that isn’t paying enough attention and lets a big grizzly get too close.

On Sat, Jul 22, 2017 at 7:54 AM, Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

It was signed by Virginia. I don't know why they have your name.

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> On Jul 22, 2017, at 7:33 AM, Aurelia Skipwith <aurelia_skipwith@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Good morning Todd,

> I saw this story this morning in the Washington Post. It's not a bad
> story. I wanted to let you know that no one has contacted me about
> this and I never sent any memos on this subject.

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> Have a great weekend!

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> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/animalia/wp/2017/07/21/interior-orders-review-of-rules-that-prohibit-killing-bear-cubs-and-wolf-pups-with-their-mothers/>

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From: Domenech, Douglas
Sent: 2017-07-25T12:20:48-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Please give me an update on this list. Thanks
Received: 2017-07-25T12:21:15-04:00

Accepted

7/24 National Boy Scout Jamboree (Glen Jean, WV)
7/29 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico
8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/22 - 2017 Lake Tahoe Summit invited by Sen. Feinstein and Sen. Heller (Lake Tahoe, CA)
8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)
8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)
8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony General Welcome (Missoula, MT)
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To: Stephen Wackowski[stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]
From: Chambers, Micah
Sent: 2017-07-25T15:39:13-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Itinerary
Received: 2017-07-25T15:40:02-04:00
[Ethics Approved Western Caucus Foundation Alaska Agenda Only 7-25.pdf](#)

Here's the itinerary. Can you have Lesia start looking at flight options. If it's a go, her and audrey can start booking.

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From: Henry, Darrell <dhenry@roqstrategies.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 3:09 PM
Subject: RE: Itinerary
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, "Small, Jeff" <Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov>

Here ya go!

Thanks.

D.

From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Henry, Darrell; Small, Jeff
Subject: Itinerary

Thanks for chatting yesterday. If you have the more specific itinerary, it'd be appreciated so we can start looking into our logistics. I talked with our Alaska Adviser yesterday and we have some ideas for the visit. One would be a field trip Thursday afternoon to a joint DOD/NPS Nike Missile site that overlooks Anchorage. You may have done it already, but might be a good way to highlight NPS with a great view and get out a little. Thanks

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Micah Chambers

Acting Director

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Hi Greg,

Apologies for the delay. The Secretary's schedule is below on Sunday the 30th (apologies it doesn't copy/paste perfectly). I've highlighted the City tour as mentioned over the phone. It is the longest portion the Secretary is on the ground and would likely be the best place for AG Laxalt to meet up with the group. I've cc'ed Rusty Roddy, who will be advancing the trip and coordinating the Secretary's NV travel going forward.

Best,
Caroline

8:45-9:30am PDT: Wheels up McCarran International Airport en route Kirt's Grotto
9:30-10:00am PDT: Wheels down Kirt's Grotto // Meeting with BLM Support Staff
10:00-11:30am PDT: Wheels up Whitney Pocket // Fly Over Tour of Gold Butte National Monument
11:30-12:15pm PDT: Helicopter Tour departs Gold Butte National Monument en route Basin and Range National Monument
12:15-12:45pm PDT: Wheels down White River Narrows in Basin and Range National Monument // Lunch Meeting with BLM Staff
12:45-1:00pm PDT: White River Narrows Rock Art Site Tour
1:00-1:45pm PDT: Wheels up White River Narrows for City
1:45-3:15pm PDT: Wheels down City // City Landscape Art Site Tour
Location: *City Site*
Participants: Michael Govan, LA County Museum of Art
Erin Wright, LA County Museum of Art
Note: Helicopter refuels during this time
3:15-4:00pm PDT: Wheels up City en route Shaman Knob / Mt. Irish
4:00-4:30pm PDT: Wheels down Shaman Knob // Tour of Mt. Irish Petroglyph Site
4:30-5:15pm PDT: Wheels up Mt. Irish en route North Las Vegas Airport

5:15-5:30pm PDT: Wheels Down North Las Vegas Airport

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Gregory L. Zunino <GZunino@ag.nv.gov> wrote:

Thanks Caroline for the info. You may reply to this address.

Greg Zunino

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Thanks Rudy!

Not entirely related: have you been able to connect with the Moapa tribe?

Thanks!
Caroline

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2017, at 5:10 PM, Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) <revenson@blm.gov> wrote:

Hey Rusty and Caroline,
Upon the recommendation of our Southern Nevada helicopter team, we suggest changing the landing site in Gold Butte National Monument from Whitney Pocket to Kirt's Grotto. Kirt's Grotto is cooler and shadier and also has examples of petroglyphs, whereas Whitney Pocket is exposed and the only cultural resources there relate to the Civilian Conservation Corps. Kirt's Grotto will not change any flight times, so for Plan A, there are no changes to the itinerary except to replace "Whitney Pocket" with "Kirt's Grotto." However, due to the extra drive time to reach Kirt's Grotto, the day gets somewhat longer in Plan B (ground transportation only.)

Please find attached an updated itinerary that reflects stopping at Kirt's Grotto in Gold Butte. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

PS Rusty if you can advise regarding who, if anyone, from BLM is invited to the meetings on Monday, we are still looking for that info. Thanks.

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Itinerary.

To: Stewart, Adam[Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov]
From: Magallanes, Downey
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I am traveling to New Mexico and Nevada for final monuments trip. Need to do next week.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:44 PM, Stewart, Adam <Adam.Stewart@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Downey,

Any chance we can talk BE before we recess this Friday?

Best,

Adam Stewart

Legislative Director

Rep. Rob Bishop, Utah's 1st Congressional District

123 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

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Got it. Thanks!

On Jul 26, 2017, at 10:22 PM, Nachmany, Eli <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Vincent,
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I thank you for your time this morning.

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Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

7/27-31 National Monument Review Tour Nevada and New Mexico

8/5-20 Personal

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Declining

7/31-8/2 - FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference (DC)

8/2 - American Legion Northwest Regional Baseball Tournament's Opening Ceremony General
Welcome (Missoula, MT)

8/5 - Glacier National Park Conservancy remarks at Annual Backpacker's Ball
(Whitefish/Kalispell)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma,
WA)

8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)

Doug Domenech

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Good timing-Was just about to email! Pretty good. One pesky climate question. A few on murkowski. I mentioned a potential press release from us on a small but important WV advance to - no details tho. Adding Jason who was there. Thanks for the write up!

On Jul 27, 2017, at 12:23 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

How did it go?

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Communications Director
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Western Caucus Foundation Alaska Field Tour and Roundtable August 14th to 17th w/ optional excursion on the 18th

Purpose of Trip: Education on natural resource issues in Alaska, including fisheries, lumber, mining, oil and gas, infrastructure, as they relate to the Western Caucus' agenda and how they relate to issues that Members of Congress from other states have in their district. Further, Congress will likely vote on several Alaska related issues in the 115th Congress.

AGENDA (as of 7/24/17)

Monday, 14th

Travel from DC/district to Anchorage (takes about 12-13 hours from DC)

RON: Anchorage Marriott Downtown
820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 279-8000
\$229 per night Western Caucus Foundation group rate
Call or click to book your WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION rate

Tuesday, 15th

Anchorage/ Fairbanks / Dead horse/Alpine/ANWR

8:10am Depart hotel for Anchorage Airport to Fairbanks via Alaska Airlines
Flight #: 175
9:30am Depart Anchorage (ANC)
10:25am Arrive Fairbanks (FAI)

Go to www.alaskaair.com, click on Use discount or companion fare code, enter your origin/destination city and travel dates, enter **Code ECMA283**, and click on "Find Flights". All eligible flights will display for you to choose from.

10:45 am Depart Fairbanks via Charter flight for site tour

Alpine/NPRA Facilities Site Tour & Briefing

Prudhoe Bay Site Tour & Briefing

7:30 pm Depart Deadhorse for Fairbanks

ANWR and other Alaska Site Tour & Briefing (en route)

9:30 pm Arrive back in Fairbanks via Charter flight required for Site Tours

RON: Fairbanks Holiday Inn Express
400 Merhar Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 328-1100
\$154 per night – Call or click to book "WCF" group rate.

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Wednesday, 16th**Fairbanks Anchorage**

7:30am Breakfast (on own at hotel)

8:00 am Depart for gold mine tour, Briefing en route

9:00 am Ft. Knox Gold Mine Tour and Briefing

11:30 am Depart Ft. Knox

12:15 pm Alaska Pipeline Fox Pull-off Tour and Briefing

1:30 pm Arrive airport
Return to Anchorage via Alaska Airlines scheduled flight
Flight #: AS 55

2:40 pm Depart Fairbanks

3:40 pm Arrive Anchorage

Go to www.alaskaair.com, click on Use discount or companion fare code, enter your origin/destination city and travel dates, enter **Code ECMA283**, and click on "Find Flights". All eligible flights will display for you to choose from.

7:00 pm Keynote Policy Dinner, Anchorage (widely attended event)
With guests: Senator Lisa Murkowski (invited); Senator Dan Sullivan; and Representative Don Young.
Location: TBA

RON: Anchorage Marriott Downtown
820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
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Thursday, 17th**Anchorage**

9:00 am Roundtable Policy Meeting
w/ guests the AK Congressional Delegation
& policy leaders for a briefing and discussion
on the following:

- Alaska resource development
- Alyeska pipeline infrastructure status
- Cook Inlet & other fisheries
- Alaska mining
- Alaska native corporations & land issues
- Forestry issues

5:30 pm Reception in Anchorage (widely attended event)

RON: Anchorage Marriott Downtown

Friday, 18th

OPTIONAL Anchorage / Girdwood / Seward

9:00 am Depart to Seward
-Girdwood / Alyeska
-Glacier viewing and Briefing
-Alaska Conservation Center Tour and Briefing
3:00 pm Arrive Seward
4:00 pm Briefing on tourism and economic development
7:00 pm Trip concludes

RON: Breeze Inn
www.breezeinn.com
303 N Harbor Dr., Seward, AK 99664
(907) 224-5237
\$260 Call Foundation for room block info

Saturday, 29th

Depart to Anchorage

Fly back day

Invited Guest Speakers (time/date TBD):

Senator Lisa Murkowski; Senator Dan Sullivan; Rep. Don Young; Others...TBA

For more information or to sign up, please e-mail info@westerncaucusfoundation.com.

To book hotels:

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For the Fairbanks Holiday Inn Express: call 907-328-1100 or **[click to book WCF group rate](#).**

If there's a problem with any of the travel arrangements, please let us know at info@westerncaucusfoundation.org so we can trouble shoot for you. Please book airfare how you normally would do so for government rate travel.

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APPENDIX I – FAQs

Who can go on the trip and attend the events?

The trip and events in Alaska are open to Members of the Western Caucus (House and Senate, Congressional staff (with or without a Member of Congress), Western Caucus Foundation stakeholders, and Western Caucus guests.

How do I sign up and when is the deadline to sign up?

You should let us know as soon as possible if you intend to go on the trip via:

info@westerncaucusfoundation.org.

The cut-off date for hotels and the North Slope portion of the tour is July 14. After that date we can't guarantee availability or the rate. We'll then send an RSVP form, starting on Monday June 26th, to get the initial key information to you. When we send you the form, we'll ask you to start making plane and hotel reservations. There is no cut-off date for the policy roundtable event in Anchorage on August 16.

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2:50 PM – 4:38 PM

Washington, D.C. (DCA) – Minneapolis (MSP)

Layover in Minneapolis (MSP)

Delta 1088

5:45 PM – 8:50 PM

Minneapolis (MSP) – Anchorage (ANC)

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Anchorage Marriott Downtown

820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 279-8000

\$229 per night group rate. Call or click to book your WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION rate

Tuesday, August 15th: \$80

Depart Anchorage (ANC)

Arrive Fairbanks (FAI)

Alaska Air--AS 175

Tuesday, August 15th Hotel: \$154 Gov Rate

Fairbanks Holiday Inn Express

400 Merhar Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701

907-328-1100

\$154 per night Call or click to book WCF group rate

Wednesday, August 16th: \$123.00 Gov Rate

2:40 Depart Fairbanks (FAI)

3:40 Arrive Anchorage (ANC)

Alaska Air--AS 55

Wednesday, August 16th and Thursday, August 17th Hotel: \$229.00 Gov Rate

Anchorage Marriott Downtown

820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 279-8000

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Friday, August 18th Hotel: \$260.00

Breeze Inn

www.breezeinn.com

303 N Harbor Dr., Seward, AK 99664

(907) 224-5237

\$260 **Call Foundation for room block info**

Saturday, August 19th: \$519.30 Gov rate

Delta 2469

Fri, Aug 18

7:45 PM 6:44 AM+1

Anchorage (ANC) Atlanta (ATL)

Delta 2578

7:25 AM+1 9:08 AM+1

Atlanta (ATL) Washington, D.C. (IAD)

Ground Transportation Wednesday, Friday and Saturday \$150-300 Gov rate

Coordinate on van/car rentals

Approximant Total: \$2,300 +/-

*Note the Delta flights to/from Anchorage are suggested other options are available.



WESTERN CAUCUS



FOUNDATION

THE HONORABLE STEVE DAINES
HONORARY CO-CHAIR

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HONORARY CO-CHAIR

Western Caucus Foundation Alaska Field Tour and Roundtable August 14th to 17th w/ optional excursion on the 18th

Purpose of Trip: Education on natural resource issues in Alaska, including fisheries, lumber, mining, oil and gas, infrastructure, as they relate to the Western Caucus' agenda and how they relate to issues that Members of Congress from other states have in their district. Further, Congress will likely vote on several Alaska related issues in the 115th Congress.

AGENDA (as of 7/27/17)

Monday, 14th

Travel from DC/district to Anchorage (takes about 12-13 hours from DC)

RON: Anchorage Marriott Downtown
820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 279-8000
\$229 per night Western Caucus Foundation group rate
Call or click to book your WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION rate

Tuesday, 15th

Anchorage/Fairbanks/Dead horse/Alpine/ANWR

8:10am Depart hotel for Anchorage Airport to Fairbanks via Alaska Airlines
Flight #: 175
9:30am Depart Anchorage (ANC)
10:25am Arrive Fairbanks (FAI)

Go to www.alaskaair.com, click on Use discount or companion fare code, enter your origin/destination city and travel dates, enter **Code ECMA283**, and click on "Find Flights". All eligible flights will display for you to choose from.

***Staff needs to book flight**

10:45 am Depart Fairbanks via Charter flight for site tour

Alpine/NPRA Facilities Site Tour & Briefing

Prudhoe Bay Site Tour & Briefing

7:30 pm Depart Deadhorse for Fairbanks

ANWR and other Alaska Site Tour & Briefing (en route)

9:30 pm Arrive back in Fairbanks via Charter flight required for Site Tours

RON: Fairbanks Holiday Inn Express
400 Merhar Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 328-1100

\$154 per night – Call or click to book "WCF" group rate.

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Wednesday, 16th

Fairbanks/Anchorage

- 7:30am Breakfast (on own at hotel)
- 8:00 am Depart for gold mine tour via charter bus, Briefing en route
***Your share of ground transportation costs will be billed to you directly by transportation company via credit card or invoice.**
- 9:00 am Ft. Knox Gold Mine Tour and Briefing
- 11:30 am Depart Ft. Knox
- 12:15 pm Alaska Pipeline Fox Pull-off Tour and Briefing
- 1:30 pm Arrive airport
Return to Anchorage via Alaska Airlines scheduled flight
Flight #: AS 55
- 2:40 pm Depart Fairbanks
- 3:40 pm Arrive Anchorage

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- 7:00 pm Keynote Policy Dinner, Anchorage (widely attended event)
With guests: Senator Lisa Murkowski (invited); Senator Dan Sullivan; and Representative Don Young.
Location: TBA

RON: Anchorage Marriott Downtown
820 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 279-8000
\$229 per night Western Caucus Foundation group rate
[Call or click to book your WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION rate](#)

Thursday, 17th

Anchorage

- 9:00 am Roundtable Policy Meeting
w/ guests the AK Congressional Delegation
& policy leaders for a briefing and discussion
on the following:
- Alaska resource development
 - Alyeska pipeline infrastructure status
 - Cook Inlet & other fisheries
 - Alaska mining
 - Alaska native corporations & land issues
 - Forestry issues
- 4:30 pm Press Conference following roundtable
- 5:30 pm Reception in Anchorage (widely attended event)

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Friday, 18th

OPTIONAL Anchorage/Girdwood/Seward

9:15 am Depart to Seward via mini-coach
- Turnagain Arm viewing en route
***Your share of ground transportation costs will be billed to you directly by transportation company via credit card or invoice.**

10:30am Alaska Conservation Center Tour and Briefing
- Glacier viewing en route

1:30 pm Arrive Seward

2:00 pm Alaska Sea Life Center
- Briefing on tourism and economic development

5:00 pm Reception

7:00pm Trip Concludes

RON: Breeze Inn
www.breezeinn.com
303 N Harbor Dr., Seward, AK 99664
(907) 224-5237
\$260 **Call Foundation for room block info**

Saturday, 19th

Depart to Anchorage

8:00 am Morning Shuttle to Anchorage+
p/up at Seward Cruise Ship Terminal
Arrive Anchorage at 11:00am

***Shuttle is on own and \$60**

7:00pm Evening mini-coach to Anchorage+
Arrive Anchorage at 10:00pm

***For this option, your share of ground transportation costs will be billed to you directly by transportation company via credit card or invoice.**

+RSVP to info@westerncaucusfoundation.org for more info and to reserve.

Invited Guest Speakers (time/date TBD):

Senator Lisa Murkowski; Senator Dan Sullivan; Rep. Don Young; Others...TBA

*****This event is planned to fully comply with Congressional Ethics Rules and Other Applicable Laws*****

APPENDIX I – FAQs

Who can go on the trip and attend the events?

The trip and events in Alaska are open to Members of the Western Caucus (House and Senate, Congressional staff (with or without a Member of Congress), Western Caucus Foundation stakeholders, and Western Caucus guests.

How do I book my hotels?

For the Anchorage Marriott: Call (907) 279-8000 or click to book your WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION rate. For the Fairbanks Holiday Inn Express: call 907-328-1100 or click to book WCF group rate.

If there's a problem with any of the travel arrangements, please let us know at info@westerncaucusfoundation.org so we can trouble shoot for you. Please book airfare how you normally would do so for government rate travel.

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How do I sign up and when is the deadline to sign up?

The cut-off date for hotels and the North Slope portion of the tour was July 14. There is no cut-off date for the policy roundtable event in Anchorage on August 16.

For more information, please e-mail info@westerncaucusfoundation.com.

Western Caucus Foundation

400 N. Capitol St., #382-B
Washington, DC 20001

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Arrive Fairbanks (FAI)
Alaska Air--AS 175

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400 Merhar Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701
907-328-1100
\$154 per night Call or click to book WCF group rate

Wednesday, August 16th Ground Transportation via coach bus: \$50

Depart Hotel
Site Tour
Arrive Fairbanks (FAI)

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Wednesday, August 16th: Inter Alaska Air Transportation: \$123.00 Gov Rate

2:40 Depart Fairbanks (FAI)
3:40 Arrive Anchorage (ANC)
Alaska Air--AS 55

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(907) 224-5237
\$260 Call Foundation for room block info

Saturday, August 19th Ground Transportation: \$60 for am bus, evening transportation \$TBA

Depart Seward

8:00 am Morning Shuttle to Anchorage p/up at Seward Cruise Ship
Terminal Arrive Anchorage at 11:00a ***Shuttle is \$60**

7:00pm Evening mini-coach to Anchorage, arrive Anchorage at 10:00pm
***For this option, your share of ground transportation costs will be billed to you directly by transportation company via credit card or invoice.**

Please rsvp to info@westerncactusfoundation.org for more info and to reserve for both options.

Saturday, August 19th Flight from Alaska: \$519.30 Gov rate

*****Note, this flight will not work for anyone fishing on Saturday**

Delta 2469
Fri, Aug 18
7:45 PM 6:44 AM+1
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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR NEVADA VISIT, JULY 30-31, 2017

OVERVIEW AND LOGISTICS

REVISED DRAFT 7/24 (Kirt's Grotto)

1. **Monument tours, July 30 (tick-tocks attached)**
 - a. Please note that we have provided 2 contingency plans as follows:
 - i. PLAN A: Uses a mix of air and ground transportation.
 - ii. PLAN B: In case there is an issue using the aircraft, uses ground transportation only.
 - b. BLM NV has reserved an A-Star B3E private-contract helicopter with air conditioning. Papillon, the contractor, normally uses the helicopter for Grand Canyon tours. We will not be using a DOI firefighting aircraft.
 - i. BLM Nevada can provide the Secretary, security and staffer with nomex flight suits and helmets, but but they will also need to wear their fire boots.
 - ii. Per regulations, a DOI-qualified helicopter manager will be accompanying the Secretary on the aircraft to advise the contract pilot. This role will be filled by Las Vegas Helicopter Crew Supervisor Lucas Rhea. Lucas is a helicopter pilot himself and well-versed in the geography of Southern Nevada as well as military flight restrictions in the area.
 - c. The ground portions of the monument tours will involve hiking in temperatures over 100 degrees. All participants are advised to dress lightly with good sun protection and walking shoes.
 - d. BLM will be providing shade structures (pop-up canopies) and water at stops as needed.
2. **Stakeholder Meetings, July 31 (tick-tock TBD, depending on stakeholder meeting schedule)**
 - a. BLM Nevada's understanding is that DOI will be reaching out to stakeholder groups to set up meetings, with the exception of the Moapa Tribe.
INFORMATION REQUEST FOR DOI SCHEDULERS: Please advise if BLM needs to secure venues for any stakeholder meetings, or if the stakeholders will be providing facilities.
 - b. We understand that current meeting time and locations are 10 a.m. in Mesquite; 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Overton; and meeting with the tribes around 2:30 at tribal facilities in Moapa (per Tim Smith's call with the Moapa Tribal vice-chair.) We are awaiting word as to whether BLM staff are invited.



ATTACHMENT 1: MONUMENT TOURS TICK-TOCK

PLAN A: Air + Ground Transportation: Both Monuments on July 30				
1. Gold Butte National Monument				
Leg	Start Time	Route / Destination	Time Allotted	End Time
1	0600	Depart Southern Nevada District Office (SNDO) in Las Vegas for Whitney Pocket: 2 BLM support vehicles (John Asselin, Tim Smith, Steve Leslie, Jimmy Linares, Marci Todd, Rudy Evenson) + LE vehicle (Ian Kanan + 1)	2.5 hrs	0830
2	0735	Secretary's flight lands at Las Vegas Airport, deplane	40 min	0815
3	0815	DOI aircraft manager Lucas Rhea meets Secretary + 1 staffer + 1 security and escorts them to Papillon helicopter; change into flight suits and brief for flight	30 min	0845
4	0845	Helicopter departs Las Vegas airport for Kirt's Grotto	45 min	0930
5	0930	Helicopter lands at Kirt's Grotto to look at petroglyphs. Meet with BLM support staff. (EMT)	30 min	1000
6	1000	Air tour of Gold Butte National Monument (Secretary, DOI aircraft manager Lucas Rhea, Secretary's staffer, Secretary's security, pilot) Fly south from Riverside Bridge down Virgin River with Virgin Peak to the east and Mormon Mesa to the west; view Whitney Pocket area including Aztec Sandstone formations that comprise Falling Man, Whitney Pocket; Kohta Circus; Kirt's Grotto; and Little Finland. View Lime Canyon Wilderness to the west; swing south to Devil's Throat and Gold Butte Townsite; Jumbo Springs Wilderness; back north toward Whitney Pocket.	90 min	1130
7	1130	Aircraft flies to White River Narrows	45 min	1215
2. Basin and Range National Monument (BARNM)				
1	1215	Aircraft lands at White River Narrows (Secretary, DOI aircraft manager Lucas Rhea, Secretary's staffer, Secretary's security, pilot); meet with Ely District BLM staff (Mike Herder, Harry Conwin) (EMT) (LUNCH FROM ELY DISTRICT)	30 min	1245
2	1245	White River Narrows Rock Art site tour with up close view of rock art panels.	15 min	1300
3	1300	Depart White River Narrows for City with aerial views of Seaman Wash, Coal Valley, and Water Gap. (Helicopter to land at City)	45 min	1345
4	1345	City landscape art site tour (Alicia Styles) (EMT) (Helicopter refuels) (NV Attorney General Laxalt has requested photo op with Secretary at this stop) (Meet with reps from LA County Museum of Art: Michael Govan and Erin Wright)	90 min	1515
5	1515	Depart City for Mt. Irish with aerial views of all 3 ranges and both basins within BARNM, Worthington Mountains, Murphy Gap, Alamo Bolide Impact Crater, Coal Valley, and Mail Summit Wash. (Helicopter to land at Shaman Knob R)	45 min	1600



2. Basin and Range National Monument (BARNM) CONTINUED				
6	1600	Mt. Irish Petroglyph site to view spectacular petroglyphs and rock art. (Meet with BLM reps, including Marci Todd and Rudy Evenson)	30 min	1630
7	1630	Aircraft departs Mt. Irish Petroglyph site for Las Vegas (Secretary, DOI aircraft manager Lucas Rhea, Secretary's staffer, Secretary's security, pilot); BLM staff drive back to Ely (state office staff back to Las Vegas)	45 min	1715
8	1715	Aircraft lands at North Las Vegas Airport; Secretary's advance vehicle (?) or BLM staff (?) to provide ground transportation to hotel	30 min	1745

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PLAN B: Ground Transportation Only, Both Monuments on July 30

1. Gold Butte National Monument

Leg	Start Time	Route / Destination	Time Allotted	End Time
1	0745	Depart Southern Nevada District Office (SNDO) in Las Vegas for Kirt's Grotto: 2 BLM support vehicles (John Asselin, Tim Smith, Steve Leslie, Jimmy Linares, Marci Todd, Rudy Evenson) + LE vehicle (Ian Kanan + 1)	2 hrs 45 min	1000
2	0735	Secretary's flight lands at Las Vegas Airport, deplane	40 min	0815
3	0815	Secretary departs airport, drives to Kirt's Grotto	2 hrs 45 min	1100
4	1100	Secretary arrives Kirt's Grotto; meet BLM staff	30 min	1130
6	1130	Depart Kirt's Grotto for Riverside Bridge	90 min	1300
7	1300	Arrive Riverside Bridge; SNDO BLM staff return to Las Vegas, Secretary and staff + BLM Marci Todd and Rudy Evenson continue to Alamo with sack lunch on the road to be provided by BLM	90 min	1430
Basin and Range National Monument (BARNM)				
1	1430	At Alamo, meet Ely BLM staff Mike Herder, Alicia Styles, and Harry Konwin Depart Alamo for White River Narrows (Drive N on Hwy 93 to intersection with SR 318, then N on SR 318)	45 min	1515
2	1515	White River Narrows Rock Art site tour with up close view of rock art panels.	15 min	1530
3	1530	Depart White River Narrows for City with views of Seaman Wash, Coal Valley, rock shelter, and Water Gap. (Drive S on SR 318 to Seaman Wash Rd, turn R and head N on Seaman Wash Rd to Water Gap, then W to City)	60 min	1630
4	1630	City landscape art site tour (NV Attorney General Laxalt has requested photo op with Secretary at this stop) (Meet with reps from LA County Museum of Art: Michael Govan and Erin Wright)	90 min	1800
5	1800	Depart City for Alamo via Garden Valley and Mail Summit with views of all 3 ranges and both basins within BARNM, Worthington Mountains, Murphy Gap, Alamo Bolide Impact Crater, Coal Valley, and Mail Summit Wash. (Drive E to Water Gap, turn R to route 433 S through Garden Valley, continue S on route 433 to Mail Summit Road until reaching asphalt on SR 318; continue S on 318 to intersection with Hwy 93, turn R and continue S to Alamo)	105 min	1945
6	1945	Drive from Alamo back to Secretary's hotel in Las Vegas	90 min	2115



Boulton, Caroline <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

Secretary Zinke Nevada Visit

Jonkey, Ashley (Heller) <Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov>
To: "caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 12:01 PM

Hi Caroline – I hope you're well. I'm wondering if you have any further information on the roundtable Sec. Zinke plans to host in southern NV regarding Gold Butte and Basin & Range? I believe it's slated for Monday in Mesquite. Is this something staff can attend in place of their boss? I believe my boss will be on his way back to DC for votes and will be unable to make the roundtable. Please let me know.

Best, Ashley

Ashley Jonkey

State Director
US Senator Dean Heller

400 S. Virginia Street, Suite 738

Reno, NV 89501

775.686.5770 officede

775.842.2367 cell

Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov



Call Senator Sullivan

Created by: leila_getto@ios.doi.gov

Time

3:15pm - 3:30pm (Eastern Time)

Guests

- ✓ cdr06@ios.doi.gov
- downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov
- micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov

Date

Wed Jul 26, 2017

My Notes



Boulton, Caroline <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

Re: Sunday

Bayu, Meron (Heller) <Meron_Bayu@heller.senate.gov>
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jul 29, 2017 at 4:10 PM

Hey Caroline,

Will your boss be traveling with security? Just wanted to check so I can let the restaurant know.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 4:04 PM, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Downey Magallanes will be staffing. She can be reached at 202-706-9199.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 1:09 PM, Bayu, Meron (Heller) <Meron_Bayu@heller.senate.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Andrew.

Hey Caroline – We actually found another location that has a lot more privacy. I have made reservations at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar located at 8721 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89117 for 7:30pm. The reservation will be under Ashley Jonkey, our State Director, who will be staffing the Senator.

Can you please send me the name and contact of the person who be staffing the Secretary?

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

From: Williams, Andrew (Heller)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>; Jonkey, Ashley (Heller) <Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov>; Bayu, Meron (Heller) <Meron_Bayu@heller.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Sunday

Looping in Meron. She can help

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 1:58 PM, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hey Andrew and Ashley,

Sounds good on the restaurant. Are one of you two the best to work through for the logistics (reservations) of the dinner or should I coordinate with Meron?

Best,

Caroline

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:37 AM, Williams, Andrew (Heller) <Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Micah. Senator Heller likes Rick's Rollin Smoke BBQ in downtown Las Vegas. The address is: 725 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101. He's not picky though--- if you guys think something else is better, we're game.

Ashley Jonkey will be in attendance. She is Dean's state director. Her cell is (b) (6) and she's cc'd here as well.

From: Chambers, Micah [mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Williams, Andrew (Heller) <Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov>
Cc: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Sunday

Andrew. Caroline is cc'd. We're confirming dinner for 730 Sunday. Can you send us the preferred place for dinner and which staff will be in attendance. We'd like to limit it to two of your staff max.

Thank you

Also, CM staff called right after you and confirmed not attending.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 10:47 AM, Williams, Andrew (Heller) <Andrew_Williams@heller.senate.gov> wrote:

Thanks for the call. Just talked to the Senator—call me back whenever you get a minute

From: Williams, Andrew (Heller)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:32 AM
To: 'Micah Chambers' <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Sunday

Hey-

Any details on Sunday dinner? Just wondering location and if staff is allowed.

Andrew Williams

Legislative Assistant

U.S. Senator Dean Heller

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Micah Chambers

Acting Director

Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs

Office of the Secretary of the Interior



Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

Invitation: Call Senator Sullivan @ Wed Jul 26, 2017 3:15pm - 3:30pm (micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)

1 message

cdr06@ios.doi.gov <cdr06@ios.doi.gov>
Reply-To: Leila Getto <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>
To: micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov, downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov

Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 1:55 PM

Call Senator Sullivan

[more details »](#)

When Wed Jul 26, 2017 3:15pm – 3:30pm Eastern Time

Calendar micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov

Who

- cdr06@ios.doi.gov - organizer
- leila_getto@ios.doi.gov - creator
- micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov
- downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov

Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** [more options »](#)

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Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

I'll hold 3:15 pm

4 messages

Getto, Leila <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 12:09 PM

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car ride to the airport to call Sen. Sullivan and Pruitt

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he has to call pruit too?

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yes but that one is real quick and will likely happen before he leaves here. Just let me know if 3:15 pm is confirmed with Sullivan. thanks.

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I'm waiting on confirmation from Sullivan COS to see if Senator is free still. They're trying to shift some things around.

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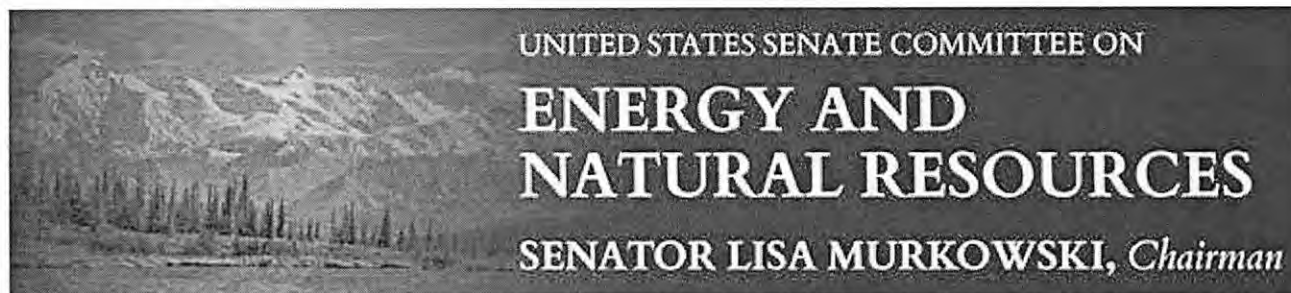


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POSTPONED: Business Meeting scheduled for Thurs., 7/27 at 9:30 a.m. EDT

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*****POSTPONED*****

**Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell
Announce Postponement of Business Meeting**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources today announced the business meeting scheduled for **Thursday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m. EDT** has been postponed until a date and time to be determined.

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Chairman Murkowski Meeting Request - Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals, Joseph Balash

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Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 3:41 PM

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Hi Kristen, Colin, and Brian:

Happy Friday. Attached is a letter requesting a meeting between the Chairman and Mr. Joseph Balash, nominee for Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. A biography and press release are also included. A physical copy of this package is being delivered to your office this afternoon.

I am the point of contact for all of Mr. Balash's meetings, so please coordinate with me as the process moves forward.

Thank you,
Amanda

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Congressional Staff Call: Land Buy-Back Program Revised Strategy

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Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 12:04 PM

To: "Bringhurst, Greg (Murkowski)" <Greg_Bringhurst@murkowski.senate.gov>

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Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 12:02 PM

Amanda,

Can you please send the call in info? I will see if we are able to jump on the call given such short notice.

Thanks,
Greg

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Good morning,

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Should you have any questions, please call or email.

Thank you,
Amanda

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Congressional Staff Call: Land Buy-Back Program Revised Strategy

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Good morning,

This afternoon, the Department of the Interior will be announcing a revised strategy for the Land Buy-Back Program. The strategy, which will more effectively allocate the remaining Land Buy-Back Program funds to reduce the maximum amount of fractional interests, includes a revised schedule for implementation, as well as new opportunities for tribal governments to use the Program's tools and systems to facilitate their own land consolidation initiatives.

In addition to circulating an embargoed press release shortly, the Land Buy-Back Program team would like to offer a call to Congressional staff shortly after the formal announcement to further expand upon its revised implementation strategy. **This call will take place at 3:30pm/EST today, Monday, July 31.** If you like to participate, please respond directly to this email and I will send you the call-in information.

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certain information, such as mapping and land appraisals, more readily available. This may help tribes direct their own resources to reduce fractionation and manage tribal land. It may also facilitate individual landowner purchases. The Program would look to prioritize some appraisal and other acquisition efforts on tracts where tribes will use tribal funds to make purchase offers on interests, and next on tracts where individual owners will use their funds to make purchase offers on co-owner interests. The Program anticipates announcing more information on these matters in the next few months.

- **Maximizing use of appraisals.** Initially, the Program established an appraisal validity period of up to 9 months. Many tribal leaders urged Interior to consider a period of up to 12 months. The Program will now strive to utilize mass and project appraisals for up to 12 months, as long as appropriate market conditions exist when such appraisals are issued and thereafter. This approach seeks to maximize the time available to leverage the appraisals.
- **Streamlining agreements with tribes.** The Program revised the cooperative agreement process to clarify the funding parameters for tribes and to ensure that the maximum amount of funding goes to land consolidation.
- **Revised acquisition approach.** To further maximize the remaining funding, the Program has developed an offer approach focused on acquiring: 1) ownership interests in all Mineral (M) tracts determined to have no current economically viable mineral value; and 2) interests that are less than 25 percent of the ownership in Surface (S) and Both (B) tracts. (Mineral tracts have ownership rights only to minerals or other resources below ground, while Surface tracts have ownership rights only to the land surface of tracts. Category 'Both' tracts have ownership rights to the land surface and minerals below ground.) Resources permitting, the Program will also look to give priority to those tracts or interests where tribes or individuals are committed to using their own funds to acquire fractional interests.
- **Extending purchase offer timing.** Previously, purchase offers were valid for 45 calendar days from the date of the offer cover letter. Tribes and landowners requested a longer review period. The Program has extended the due date from 45 days to 60 days to allow landowners more time to make an informed decision about their land.

RESOURCES FOR LANDOWNERS

All interested landowners are encouraged to call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center (Call Center) at 888-678-6836 to indicate that they are interested in potentially selling their land and/or to update contact information. Registering as a willing seller does not commit a landowner to selling land, nor does it guarantee an offer will be extended; it merely identifies interest to help advance planning as additional locations are added to the schedule.

Landowners can also contact the Call Center or visit their local OST office to ask questions about their land or purchase offers, and learn about financial planning resources. More information and detailed frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/FAQ> to help individuals make informed decisions about their land.

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to obtain the required approvals for leases or other uses of these lands. As a result, many tracts are unoccupied and unavailable for any purpose.

REVISED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Over the past several months, the Program has undergone a thorough analysis that took into consideration tribal feedback received through the open comment period announced in the *Federal Register*, during multiple meetings the Department engaged in, and at the Program's 2017 Listening Session (transcript and presentation available online at: <https://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/about/past-presentations>). The analysis also reviewed opportunities to leverage government resources and reduce administrative costs in Program implementation, especially as it relates to the management of small fractional interests. This would allow more resources to be used for land consolidation.

Based on several key factors, Interior then developed a revised process for determining on which ownership interests to make purchase offers. Those factors included: severity of fractionation; appraisal complexity; degree of ownership overlap between locations or geographic proximity; tribal readiness; past response rate; and cost and efficiency (including land value).

With these factors in mind, the Department developed a revised schedule to implement the Program at the following locations (in alphabetical order):

- Blackfeet (Montana)
- Bois Forte (Minnesota)
- Cheyenne and Arapaho (Oklahoma)
- Cheyenne River (South Dakota)
- Crow (Montana)
- Fond du Lac (Minnesota)
- Fort Belknap (Montana)
- Fort Berthold (North Dakota)
- Fort Peck (Montana)
- Navajo (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah)
- Northern Cheyenne (Montana)
- Pine Ridge (South Dakota)
- Rosebud (South Dakota)
- Santee Sioux (Nebraska)
- Skokomish (Washington)
- Spirit Lake (North Dakota)
- Standing Rock (North and South Dakota)
- Umatilla (Oregon)
- Warm Springs (Oregon)
- Wind River (Wyoming)

The Program will continually assess progress and may revise the schedule or add locations as capacity and resources allow, depending on the results achieved. Because effective planning and coordination take many months, the Program will begin the process to educate landowners and build cooperative working relationships with land staff. A Program representative will contact each Tribe at the initial stages of planning for implementation.

LEVERAGING RESOURCES FOR TRIBAL USE

In addition to the revised schedule, Interior also announced several policies, which reflect the Department's consideration of tribal comments, to better leverage Program resources, facilitate greater efficiencies, and increase opportunities to consolidate fractional interests, including:

- **Facilitating tribal and co-owner purchases.** In response to tribal feedback, the Program is evaluating its ability to facilitate tribal and co-owners purchases. This includes working to make



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Embargoed: Interior Announces Revised Strategy, Policies to More Effectively Reduce Fractionation of Tribal Lands

WASHINGTON – Following extensive analysis and feedback received from tribal leaders and American Indian landowners, the Department of the Interior today announced a revised strategy for the consolidation of fractional land interests through the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Program). The strategy, which will more effectively allocate the remaining Program funds to reduce the maximum amount of fractional interests, includes a revised schedule for implementation, as well as new opportunities for tribal governments to use the Program’s tools and systems to facilitate their own land consolidation initiatives.

The Program implements the land consolidation component of the *Cobell* Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value. Interests consolidated through the Program are restored to tribal trust ownership. Since the Program began making offers in December 2013, about \$1.2 billion has been paid to landowners at 45 locations, more than 700,000 fractional interests have been consolidated, and the equivalent of over 2.1 million acres of land has been transferred to tribal governments. As a result, tribal ownership now exceeds 50 percent in almost 14,000 tracts of land, which strengthens tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and allows for investments in tribal infrastructure and community projects.

Under the direction of new Departmental leadership, the Program has undergone a full review to determine how best to allocate the remaining \$540 million to maximize the interests consolidated – the purpose specifically set forth in the *Cobell* Settlement. That strategic analysis included how to make the most effective use of the Administrative Fund to facilitate the Program, as well as additional measures to address land fractionation.

“The revised strategy announced today maximizes the remaining dollars left for the implementation of the Buy-Back Program and seeks to achieve the greatest reduction of fractional interests, the largest number possible of landowners able to participate, and the most effective use of the Department’s resources,” said Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason. “However, while the Department is doing what it can to improve the Program, it is clear Congress has a role as well. We continue to look to congressional leaders for long-term solutions to address the problem of fractionated lands.”

“As someone who has been involved with this Program since its inception, this significant policy shift announced today is responsive to the tribal feedback we have received over the past several years,” added Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Michael S. Black. “Tribal input and involvement has been a cornerstone of Program implementation. I see that continuing and know that we must work together on many fronts to address the fractionation of tribal lands.”

Fractionation affects nearly 11 million acres of land across Indian Country, preventing beneficial uses of significant resources and creating an overly complicated land tenure status where single tracts of land, like those at Navajo Nation, have more than 1,200 landowners. When tracts have multiple owners, it is difficult



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Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 11:23 AM

To: kristen_daimler-nothdurft@murkowski.senate.gov, "Dickson, Lane (Energy)" <Lane_Dickson@energy.senate.gov>

Hi Kristen and Lane:

I hope you're doing well. Attached is a letter requesting a meeting between the Chairman and Ms. Brenda Burman, nominee for Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. Her resume and press release are also included. A physical copy of this package is also being delivered to your office this morning.

Ms. Burman is based in Arizona, so in addition to offering in person meetings next week, we are happy to arrange call times as well. I am the point of contact for all of her meetings, so please coordinate with me as the process moves forward.

Thank you,
Amanda

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Sun, Jul 16, 2017 at 1:09 PM

To: kristen_daimler-nothdurft@murkowski.senate.gov, "Dickson, Lane (Energy)" <Lane_Dickson@energy.senate.gov>

Hi Kristen and Lane,

Just wanted to circle back on this request and see if the Chairman is interested in meeting with Ms. Burman Tuesday or Wednesday of this week prior to the hearing.

Thank you,
Amanda
[Quoted text hidden]

Daimler-Nothdurft, Kristen (Murkowski) <Kristen_Daimler-Nothdurft@murkowski.senate.gov> Sun, Jul 16, 2017 at 1:20 PM

To: "Kaster, Amanda" <amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov>, "Dickson, Lane (Energy)" <Lane_Dickson@energy.senate.gov>

With healthcare being the hot topic right now I need to send this to staff to handle

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Steve Sander

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From: "Mahan, Joshua" <joshua_mahan@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 25 2017 06:59:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Mathew Maucieri <mmaucieri@usbr.gov>, Kevin Sabo <ksabo@usbr.gov>, Chris Trent <ctrent@usgs.gov>
Subject: Nominees

In case you guys hadn't seen.

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"Trent, Christopher"
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From: "Trent, Christopher" <ctrent@usgs.gov>
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To: "Mahan, Joshua" <joshua_mahan@ios.doi.gov>
Mathew Maucieri <mmaucieri@usbr.gov>, Kevin Sabo <ksabo@usbr.gov>
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Chris Trent
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"Sander, Stephen" <stephen_sander@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Mon Jul 24 2017 11:08:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Alberts, Marc" <Marc.Alberts@mail.house.gov>, "Modeste, Brian" <Brian.Modeste@mail.house.gov>, "Perez, Alex" <Alex.Perez@mail.house.gov>
CC: Tom Bussanich <Tom_Bussanich@ios.doi.gov>, Nikolao Pula <nikolao_pula@ios.doi.gov>, "Mahan, Joshua" <joshua_mahan@ios.doi.gov>, "Nevils, Joseph" <Joseph_Nevils@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Interior Statement for July 25, 2017, Hearing on LBJ Tropical Medical Center
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Steve Sander

"Modeste, Brian" <Brian.Modeste@mail.house.gov>

From: "Modeste, Brian" <Brian.Modeste@mail.house.gov>
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To: "Sander, Stephen" <stephen_sander@ios.doi.gov>, "Alberts, Marc" <Marc.Alberts@mail.house.gov>, "Perez, Alex" <Alex.Perez@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: RE: Interior Statement for July 25, 2017, Hearing on LBJ Tropical Medical Center

Thanks

From: Sander, Stephen [mailto:stephen_sander@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Alberts, Marc; Modeste, Brian; Perez, Alex
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Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 14:38:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Meetings on Monday

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From: **Jonkey, Ashley (Heller)** <Ashley_Jonkey@heller.senate.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 4:36 PM
Subject: Re: Meetings on Monday
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Fri Jul 28 2017 22:52:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Meetings on Monday

Sorry haven't been able to keep up with who has been notified but Monday meetings are not happening now...

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"Gregory L. Zunino" <GZunino@ag.nv.gov>

From: "Gregory L. Zunino" <GZunino@ag.nv.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 17:17:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Rusty Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Sunday/Monday

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Acting Chief of Staff
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Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>

From: Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 17:57:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Sunday/Monday

Tim...per meetings discussed below...Overton is fine as we discussed but is the friends of butte meeting ok for them to attend?

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Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 18:48:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Russell Roddy <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Sunday/Monday

I don't mind if they attend. I would leave it up to them. Which it seems they want to attend.

Tim

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"Ronald (Rudy) Evenson" <revenson@blm.gov>

From: "Ronald (Rudy) Evenson" <revenson@blm.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 26 2017 10:42:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov, russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Moapa Tribe has confirmed mtg for 1500 PDT Mon 7/31

Hey Caroline and Rusty, this is to let you know that the tribal council confirmed this morning they would like to meet at 3:00 pm at their facility. Will send street address shortly. Rudy Evenson Acting Chief of Communications Bureau of Land Management - Nevada 1340 Financial Blvd. Reno, NV 89502 Tel 775-861-6629 cell 775-223-3158 Revenson@blm.gov

"Ronald (Rudy) Evenson" <revenson@blm.gov>

From: "Ronald (Rudy) Evenson" <revenson@blm.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 26 2017 11:18:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, "russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov" <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Moapa Tribe has confirmed mtg for 1500 PDT Mon 7/31

Here is the address for the Moapa tribal meeting:

[1 Lincoln Street](#) - it is right on the corner of [Reservation Road](#) and Lincoln Street, across from the Moapa Tribal Police Station.

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From: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 25 2017 16:46:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CC: Aaron Thiele <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>
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To: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Aaron Thiele <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: NV Back Up Plan

Hi Caroline and Aaron

Good morning. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

I will look over the Plan B and share it with BLM and Vegas Metro who will be assisting us.

Thanks

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Gold Butte National Monument supporters round table list and new point of contact

Jaina Moan <jaina@friendsofgoldbutte.org>

From: Jaina Moan <jaina@friendsofgoldbutte.org>
Sent: Tue Jul 25 2017 15:19:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton
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Elise	McAllister	Partners in Conservation
Jenna	Morton	Morton Group
Patrick	Naranjo	Multi Cultural Center Coordinator, UNLV
Sandra	Ramaker	Former VVWD Board member
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Subject: Fwd: Gold Butte National Monument supporters round table list and new point of contact

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To: "caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Email Address

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Sent: Mon Jul 24 2017 17:09:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Rusty Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
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CC: Rusty Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Gold Butte Tour Itinerary Update: Kirt's Grotto instead of Whitney Pocket

Thanks Rudy!

Not entirely related: have you been able to connect with the Moapa tribe?

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Ely is good with the revised schedule. We have contacted LACMA about the proposed schedule changes. They are good with moving to Sunday as well. We will be responsible for the lunch arrangements as well, but please recognize that we have limited options considering where all this is taking place. We will need a head count.

Please note also that Harry's last name is Konwin (not Conwin).

Given the change in plans, where and when will Marci be meeting us for the BARNM portion of the tour?

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BLM New Mexico will provide the google document Aaron requested later today. We're also finalizing maps and fact sheets to upload. If you need anything else, please let me know.

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Sent: Mon Jul 24 2017 10:15:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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El Paso, TX 79925

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Looking forward to meeting you later this week.

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I will check.

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Subject: Nevada Travel-Rountables

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To: "Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Nevada Travel-Rountables

Tim--

Due to a WH change, RZ needs to be in Ohio on 7/25. Thus, we are moving Nevada to 7/30-7/31. BLM has been tasked with doing the air tour on the 30th. Roundtables on the Monday during the day. You're coordinating with the tribe or do we want BLM to coordinate?

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Subject: Re: Nevada Travel-Rountables

I don't think we need this much downtime actually in between meetings unless you really think it's necessary. Based on your drive times, I think we could do:

8:45-9:50 Drive to Mesquite
10:00-11 Roundtable with Friends of Gold Butte
11:05-11:50 Drive to Overton
12:00-1:00 Round Table with Officials
1:00-2:00 Lunch
2:00-2:20 Drive to Moapa Tribal Facility
2:30-3:30 Tribal Meeting

3:30-5:00 Drive to Las Vegas

Do we need time to meet with the Senators separately? We could do that now with this schedule. I booked him on a late departing flight so we could fit in an additional meeting for sure. Right now we need to be at the airport in Las Vegas at.....9:30PM. At this point, we wouldn't make a non-redeye flight so we might as well add something if there's anything else we could/should do in the area.

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Awesome, thanks Caroline!

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Subject: Secretary's visit delayed?

Hi Tim, Jason, Caroline, and Downey,

I am hearing rumors this morning that Secretary Zinke's schedule has changed and he will be visiting Nevada later than planned. Please let me know as soon as possible if this is true so that I can reschedule our group. Thank you.

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Hi Tim and Jason,

I just wanted to swing back around on this and confirm that we are all set for 10am on Wed. July 26. I reserved a meeting room at the Highland Estates and I have arranged for several supporters to attend. Does that location work okay for Secretary Zinke? Please confirm the date, time and if the location is okay.

Thank you.

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 2:06 PM, Jaina Moan <friendsofgoldbutte@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Tim and Jason,

We are looking forward to meeting with Secretary Zinke on July 26. I reserved the meeting room at the Highland Estates Resort Hotel located at 555 Highland Dr, Mesquite, NV 89027, from 9am to noon. Per our conversations, I am inviting 20 supporters to join the meeting. I am reaching out to them now. Please let me know if you need anything else from me or there are any changes to the schedule.

Also, we are happy to provide a knowledgeable tour guide for the Secretary's visit to the National Monument. Our volunteer guides know the history and geology of the entire Monument.

Thank you in advance for working with us and thanks to the Secretary for meeting with us during his visit to Nevada.

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The Southern Nevada District has contacted the Moapa Tribe per our discussion last week. They are interested in hosting a meeting on July 26 after the Overton meeting. It's about a 20-minute drive from Overton to the Moapa tribal facility, so they are looking at a possible 2:30 start time.

Knowing that the dates are likely to change, we advised the tribal vice chair that the timing needs to stay flexible. They said they would pass that along to their full councils, which would need to approve the meeting anyway.

The Moapa tribal chambers can accommodate 70 to 100 people.

One additional factor is that there are 2 bands of the Moapa, and the Las Vegas Band may be interested in sending a representative to the Moapa meeting, or may request a separate meeting of their own (although the latter is less likely.)

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Hey Rudy,

I apologize for the lack of update earlier; we did receive word late last night that the Secretary would be needed in Ohio for an event with POTUS on Tuesday the 25th. We spent the day trying to reconfigure our travel. What we've ended up with is rather than flying from NV to NM, we're going to be going to NV afterwards.

Our ideal itinerary is:

7/30

Depart Albuquerque, NM for Las Vegas, NV (7:05AM MDT wheels up, 7:35AM PDT wheels down)
Air/ground tour with BLM

7/31

Meetings with tribe, stakeholders
Red eye to DC

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Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 17:17:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>, Paul Petersen <ppeterse@blm.gov>, "Shaw, Steven" <srshaw@blm.gov>, Timothy Smith <tsmith@blm.gov>, Michael Herder <mherder@blm.gov>, Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>
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Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 12:44:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Leila Getto <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>, "Lt. Chris Lopez" <christine_lopez@ios.doi.gov>
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To: "Nigborowicz, Timothy" <timothy_nigborowicz@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 13:14:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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From: "Putnam, Heather" <heather_putnam@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 11:47:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: MORE Scheduling Changes

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Subject: Re: MORE Scheduling Changes

He still has it!

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 1:47 PM, Putnam, Heather <heather_putnam@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Do you have the SOI official passport? He may He still have it from Greenland/Norway

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 1:09 PM, Boulton, Caroline <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

So. We received word last night that POTUS wants the Secretary to also participate in an event on Tuesday 7/25 in Youngstown,

OH. The only details I have right now to offer other than the Secretary has agreed to participate is that they are thinking of leaving in the afternoon (but not confirmed). We've rearranged everything to accommodate this.

As of now, this is next week:

7/24:

AM: Tour of DC with Mayor Bowser

PM: Glen Jean, WV with POTUS (travel to and back with POTUS)

7/25:

TBD PM Youngstown, OH event (presumed travel to and back with POTUS)

Location: AMVETS Post 44, 205 Elm Street, Struthers, OH 44471

7/26:

In DC during day

PM: Flight to El Paso, NM (being purchased today; info to come)

7/27:

Las Cruces as currently scheduled

7/28:

Las Cruces as currently scheduled

PM Charter flight to Santa Fe

7/29:

Santa Fe / Sabinoso Wilderness as currently scheduled

7/30

Charter flight to Las Vegas, NV from Santa Fe

Roundtable meetings around Moapa Valley & Mesquite, NV

7/31

Monument Tour with BLM

Red eye flight to DC

8/1-8/4 DC (DEFINITE; the travel will not be pushed back anymore for anything)

8/4 Depart on Personal Travel

I will update ASAP. To relay the answer to Heather's earlier question, we will not flip Nevada back once it's set. Should the OH event fall through, he just gets an extra day in DC.

Caroline

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Call

"Gregory L. Zunino" <GZunino@ag.nv.gov>

From: "Gregory L. Zunino" <GZunino@ag.nv.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 08:13:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Call

Caroline, I called and left a message but I am not sure whether I have the right number for you. This concerns Secretary Zinke's visit. Please call (b) (6) cell, or office 775 684 1237. Cell is better prior to 11:30 est.

Greg Zunino
Bureau Chief and Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Nevada Attorney General

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New Travel Schedule

Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 07:42:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>
CC: leila_getto@ios.doi.gov, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov
Subject: New Travel Schedule

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"Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 07:44:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, Leila Getto <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: New Travel Schedule

After initial scouring of flights, we will likely to charter a plane to get him in and out of Nevada that quickly.

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 9:42 AM, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 07:47:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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"Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>

From: "Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 18 2017 17:43:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>, Paul Petersen <ppeterse@blm.gov>, Michael Herder <mherder@blm.gov>, Timothy Smith <tsmith@blm.gov>, Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>, "Shaw, Steven" <srshaw@blm.gov>
Subject: Updated Itinerary for NV visit, July 25-26
Attachments: nevada-itinerary-draft-071817.docx

Hey Caroline,

Please find attached an updated itinerary reflecting the Secretary's new arrival time in Las Vegas. We will be able to keep most of the planned activities from the previous version, except for the hike to the Falling Man petroglyph at Gold Butte.

We do have one somewhat urgent information request regarding the staffer who will be riding the helicopter with the Secretary and his security detail. We need the following information for this person:

Full name, height, weight, and estimated head size (small, medium large). This will be for the flight suits, flight helmets, manifest, and paper work the solicitor needs to approve the flight.

Finally, whoever that staffer is, if they are not a person who is used to helicopters, they should take dramamine before the flight.

Let me know if you have any questions. And if you get hold of any other info, like whether BLM staff are invited to the meetings on the 26th, please advise. Thanks!

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Helicopter!

"Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 18 2017 13:11:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>, Timothy Nigborowicz <timothy_nigborowicz@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Helicopter!

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From: "Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 18 2017 13:50:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Timothy Nigborowicz <timothy_nigborowicz@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Helicopter!

Thanks so much Caroline. Tim, it looks like BLM will be able to pay for the helicopter out of the national fire office in Boise.. For any details on the payment, you can contact Grant Beebe in Boise. He is the acting Deputy Assistant Director for Fire and Aviation. Here is the email chain regarding the cost code:

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Beebe, Grant** <gbeebe@blm.gov>
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 12:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: Charge Code
To: "Gardetto, Jessica" <jdgardetto@blm.gov>, Randall Eardley <reardley@blm.gov>

We are going charge FA500 LF100 17X

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)** <revenson@blm.gov>
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 9:34 AM
Subject: Re: Charge Code
To: "Gardetto, Jessica" <jdgardetto@blm.gov>
Cc: "Goicoechea, Alec" <agoicoec@blm.gov>, "Shaw, Steven R" <srshaw@blm.gov>

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Division Chief
FA-400, Wildland Fire Budget and Evaluation
208-387-5161 (office)
208-631-2152 (mobile)

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Nevada Stop

Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

From: Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 11:47:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Roddy <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Nevada Stop

Spoke with DH office. They'll be in Reno Sunday and I told them we might be doing a blm fire line tour and they'd join if possible in Reno area. I highly recommend. Either way if senator in Reno they should meet up Sunday if possible Sent from my iPhone

Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 19:36:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Roddy <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>, Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Nevada Stop

This part of the visit has likely been bumped due to a WH event. Probably won't be in Nevada until the 25. > On Jul 17, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > Spoke with DH office. They'll be in Reno Sunday and I told them we > might be doing a blm fire line tour and they'd join if possible in > Reno area. I highly recommend. Either way if senator in Reno they > should meet up Sunday if possible > > Sent from my iPhone

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From: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 13:48:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>
CC: Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>, Paul Petersen <ppeterse@blm.gov>, Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>
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To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
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To: "Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>
CC: Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>, Paul Petersen <ppeterse@blm.gov>, Eric Boik <eboik@blm.gov>
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DOI and Nevada

Draw (7/7/2017), BLM, Carson City District, 50 miles east of Fallon, NV. ICT3 (Britt)

- **Cause:** Under investigation
- **Size:** 21,400 acres **Cost:** \$350K
- **Containment:** 10%
- **Destroyed/Damaged:** 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened:** 25 – residences, 2 – commercial properties, 15 – other
- Extreme fire behavior
- Evacuations in effect
- Road closures in effect, including closure of Highway 50

- Threats to powerlines and Sage Grouse habitat

Nevada/Non-DOI

(New Fire) Tabor Flats (7/8/2017), Nevada DOF, Northern Region, 18 miles west of Wells, NV. ICT3 (Uhlrig)

- **Cause:** Under investigation
- **Size:** 7,000 acres **Cost:** \$700K
- **Containment:** 15%
- **Destroyed/Damaged:** 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened:** 12 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 0 – other
- Extreme fire behavior

- Evacuations in effect

Aspen (7/8/2017), Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, 15 miles northeast of Sparks, NV. IMT2 (Chadwick)

- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Size:** 320 acres **Cost:** \$400K
- **Containment:** 10%
- **Destroyed/Damaged:** 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened:** 40 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 14 – other
- Moderate fire behavior
- Evacuations in effect
- Threats to powerlines, communication sites and Sage Grouse habitat
- IMT is also managing the Earthstone and Winnemucca Ranch fires

DOI/Other States

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- **Size:** 15,400 acres **Cost:** \$350K
- **Containment:** 5%
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July (7/3/2017), BLM, Lewistown Field Office, 1 mile southwest of Zortman, MT. IMT2 (Connell)

- **Cause:** Under investigation

- **Size:** 10,600 acres **Cost:** \$2.5M
- **Containment:** 50%
- **Destroyed/Damaged:** 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 5/0 – other
- **Threatened:** 101 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 0 – other
- Active fire behavior
- Threat to mines and water treatment facility
- Area and road closures in effect

(New Fire) **Ana** (7/7/2017), BLM, Lakeview District, 15 miles southeast of Silver Lake, OR. IMT2 (Harrod)

- **Cause:** Under investigation
- **Size:** 700 acres **Cost:** \$500K
- **Containment:** 5%
- **Destroyed/Damaged:** 0/1 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/1 – other
- **Threatened:** 25 – residences, 10 – commercial properties, 10 – other
- Active fire behavior
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Peekaboo (6/27/2017), BLM, Little Snake Field Office, 44 miles northwest of Maybell, CO. IMT2 (Greer)

- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Size:** 12,600 acres **Cost:** \$1.9M
- **Containment:** 40%
- **Destroyed/Damaged:** 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened:** 4 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 16 – other
- Active fire behavior
- Sage Grouse habitat threatened
- Trail closures in effect

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"Rigas, Laura" <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Rigas, Laura" <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 10 2017 12:41:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
CC: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Hey pretty lady
Attachments: logo.png OWFLogoTransparent (2).png

Thanks! Caroline -- when do you want to do a NV/NM trip planning meeting?

Laura Keehner Rigas

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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From: **Giaccardo, Genevieve** <genevieve_giaccardo@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 2:08 PM
Subject: Re: Hey pretty lady
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Hi there back!

As of this morning below is a list of fires with the specifications indicated. I've also attached the full incident report with BLM/DOI & Nevada highlighted in dark yellow, just Nevada fires highlighted in green, and just BLM/DOI fires highlighted in light yellow. Let me know if there are additional questions!

DOI and Nevada

Draw (7/7/2017), BLM, Carson City District, 50 miles east of Fallon, NV. ICT3 (Britt)

- Cause: Under investigation
- Size: 21,400 acres Cost: \$350K
- Containment: 10%
- Destroyed/Damaged: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- Threatened: 25 – residences, 2 – commercial properties, 15 – other
- Extreme fire behavior
- Evacuations in effect
- Road closures in effect, including closure of Highway 50
- Threats to powerlines and Sage Grouse habitat

Nevada/Non-DOI

(New Fire) Tabor Flats (7/8/2017), Nevada DOF, Northern Region, 18 miles west of Wells, NV. ICT3 (Uhlig)

- Cause: Under investigation
- Size: 7,000 acres Cost: \$700K
- Containment: 15%
- Destroyed/Damaged: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- Threatened: 12 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 0 – other
- Extreme fire behavior
- Evacuations in effect

Aspen (7/8/2017), Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, 15 miles northeast of Sparks, NV. IMT2 (Chadwick)

- Cause: Lightning
- Size: 320 acres Cost: \$400K
- Containment: 10%
- Destroyed/Damaged: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- Threatened: 40 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 14 – other
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Idea: NV

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Sent: Mon Jul 10 2017 07:55:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Kaster <amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Idea: NV

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"Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 10 2017 11:31:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
CC: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Kaster <amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Idea: NV

We could possibly have extra time, but will let Caroline speak to that

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FYI - Nevada News - Feds to offer new evidence as retrial begins

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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
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To: undisclosed-recipients;;
BCC: caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov
Subject: FYI - Nevada News - Feds to offer new evidence as retrial begins

NEVADA STANDOFF

Feds to offer new evidence as retrial begins

*Jennifer Yachnin, E&E News reporter
Published: Monday, July 10, 2017*



Jury selection begins today in a retrial stemming from a 2014 armed standoff at Cliven Bundy's Nevada ranch John Locher/Associated Press

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Federal prosecutors this week will begin their second attempt to jail participants in the 2014 armed standoff between ranchers and federal agents near Bunkerville, Nev., after the first trial ended in April with the jury deadlocked over charges against four defendants.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin today in the retrial of four men who participated in the incident sparked when agents from the Bureau of Land Management attempted to seize rancher Cliven Bundy's cattle over more than \$1 million in unpaid grazing fees.

Federal prosecutors will attempt to prove defendants Richard Lovelien, Scott Drexler, Eric Parker and Steven Stewart conspired with Bundy and others "to threaten, and use, force and violence to interfere with the officers while they executed their duties to enforce the court orders," court documents say.

But in the new trial, federal prosecutors plan to introduce new evidence tying the defendants to other protests of government management of public lands, including events at the Sugar Pine mine in Josephine County, Ore., in April 2015 and the White Hope mine near Lincoln, Mont., in August 2015.

In a notice indicating it planned to file new evidence, federal prosecutors asserted that information highlighting Drexler, Parker and Stewart's participation in the Idaho III%, an anti-government militia group, is "inextricably intertwined" with the conspiracy charges each faces.

But Drexler's attorney, Todd Leventhal, told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* that he remains confident the case is unlikely to see a guilty verdict in its second attempt.

"As we saw in the last trial, the government had an exceedingly difficult time in communicating their case to the jury," Leventhal said. "That's because linking our clients to any crime or conspiracy is just not supported by the facts. I imagine the same will hold true in round two."

Jurors could not reach agreement on conspiracy charges against any of the six defendants in the original trial.

In that case, jurors found former FBI informant Gregory Burleson guilty of obstruction of

justice and interstate travel in aid of extortion, as well as assault on a federal officer, threatening a federal officer and firearms counts; and found Idaho resident Todd Engel guilty of obstruction of justice and interstate travel in aid of extortion (*E&E News PM*, April 24).

Charges against participants in the Bunkerville incident were divided into three separate trials, with Cliven Bundy and his sons, Ammon, Melvin and David, slated to face trial 30 days after the retrial is concluded.

The Bundys' trial is expected to begin in October or September, followed by the third and final trial in the case.

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Fwd: Docs for NM and NV Monuments

"Swift, Heather"
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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 10 2017 10:09:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Roddy <russell_roddey@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
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Here's some docs on the NV and NM monuments. Some quick press highlights and where various people/groups sit on the issues. Brought to you by our great interns. Very helpful.





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From: **Smith, William** <william_smith@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Docs for NM and NV Monuments
To: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Katelyn Kasperian <katelyn_kasperian@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Heather,

Here are the docs for the monuments in Nevada and New Mexico. Katie worked on New Mexico and I did Nevada. Let us know if you'd like more info for either one.

Thanks,
Will and Katie

-  [Gold Butte NV](#)
-  [Basin and Range NV](#)
-  [Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument NM](#)
-  [Rio Grande del Norte National Monument NM](#)

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Nevada Schedule

"Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 07 2017 08:58:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Nevada Schedule

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Tim Williams

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"Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 07 2017 09:16:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Nevada Schedule

There is no schedule yet.

On Fri, Jul 7, 2017 at 10:58 AM, Williams, Timothy <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 07 2017 09:17:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Nevada Schedule

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From: "Williams, Timothy" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 07 2017 09:18:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Nevada Schedule

Ok. I was just with Downey. I will wait.

Tim

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Fwd: NACo Conference

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From: "Smith, Steven" <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 06 2017 07:42:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NACo Conference

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From: (b) (6) William Kirkland
Date: Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 5:41 PM
Subject: NACo Conference
To: Steven Smith <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov>

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From: "Boulton, Caroline" <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 06 2017 07:43:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Smith, Steven" <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: NACo Conference

He is not; we'll be in Nevada mid-monuments tour. Have to get it done that week!

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 9:42 AM, Smith, Steven <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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