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February 27, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
United States Department of the Interior  
1849 C St NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I cordially invite you to address the American Petroleum Institute's Board of Directors on Thursday, March 23, 2017, during our board meetings at the Trump International Hotel 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC. The Board of Directors meeting is from 10am until 12:00pm. We would appreciate your remarks at 10:30am, but will work to accommodate your schedule.

API's Board of Directors is composed of 45 CEOs representing a broad spectrum of the U.S. oil and natural gas industry. This gathering of top executives offers an important opportunity to provide your views to industry leaders on the economy and energy policy as well as insights on your goals and plans for the Department.

Your appearance would mean a great deal to us. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Khary Cauthen, API's Senior Director of Federal Relations (202-682-8209 or [cauthenk@api.org](mailto:cauthenk@api.org)), with any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I hope you will be able to join us on March 23.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Gerard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jack N. Gerard

Enclosure

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**Specific Request to the Secretary:**

**Title of the Event:** API Board of Directors Meeting

**Date & Time of Event:** March 23, 2017

**Location:** Trump International Hotel 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington DC

**Point of Contact(s) (Name, Email, Phone for each):** General Contact Khary Cauthen [cauthenk@api.org](mailto:cauthenk@api.org) 202-682-8209 cell (b) (6) Security Contact Michael Hunter [hunter@api.org](mailto:hunter@api.org) 202-682-8460 cell (b) (6)

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**SPEAKING EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
American Petroleum Institute, Board of Directors Meeting  
March 23, 2017, 10:30 -**

DATE: March 23, 2017

LOCATION: Trump International Hotel 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington DC

TIME: 10:30-11:00 am

**I. PURPOSE**

To give the Secretary's vision for the DOI moving forward to the yearly Washington meeting of the American Petroleum Institute Board.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

- API Board of Directors, 45 attendees;
- VIPs invited or known to be attending:
  - Leader Mitch McConnell will attend the breakfast earlier;
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**III. AGENDA**

Press: Closed

7:30AM	Event official start time and a breakfast.
10:10AM	Drive to Trump International Hotel, Megan Bloomgren to accompany Entrance: 12th street Event in room: Salon A
10:30AM	Ryan Lance introduces Secretary Zinke.
10:30AM	Secretary Zinke speaks
10:45AM	Brief Q&A
11:00AM	Depart

**V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

Attached - prepared by Megan Bloomgren

**From:** caroline\_boulton@ios.doi.gov  
**To:** [Heather Swift](#); [Megan Bloomgren](#)  
**Subject:** API Board of Directors Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 2:34:41 PM  
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We have accepted the invitation for RZ to address the API Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, March 23. He will address them at the Trump Hotel from 10:30-11:00AM.

Their POC has requested that we send them a bio. Do either of you have one drafted that I can send her?

Additionally, I am holding a half hour the day prior for either/both of you to review talking points with him. Exact time TBD. Will hopefully have it to you by the end of the day.

Caroline

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**Subject:** Re: Holy crap that is a ot of money  
**Date:** Sunday, March 19, 2017 5:32:42 PM

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**To:** [Katharine Macgregor](#)  
**Subject:** API remarks  
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Thanks in advance,  
Meg

**From:** Macgregor, Katharine  
**To:** [Bloomgren, Megan](#)  
**Cc:** [Katharine Macgregor](#)  
**Subject:** Re: API remarks  
**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2017 8:04:22 PM

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**Cc:** [Katharine Macgregor](mailto:Katharine.Macgregor)  
**Subject:** Re: API remarks  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:45:37 AM

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let's do 230pm - thanks Kate!

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**Subject:** Quick question  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:23:40 AM

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**From:** Swift, Heather  
**To:** [Megan Bloomgren](#)  
**Cc:** [Katharine Macgregor](#); [Amanda Kaster](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Quick question  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:30:39 AM

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Under the previous administration investing in energy on public lands was like investing in a junk bond - there was no return, and a lot of times there was no certainty you'd even be able to fully develop the land for it's intended purpose.

My goal is to streamline regulations and add certainty so you know that when you make an investment by purchasing a lease, you'll actually be able to responsibly develop those resources and then reclaim the land for future us.

I've seen land in Montana that was actually in better condition after mining than it was before. Reclamation technology is making it possible to turn a coal mine into a recreation area.

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**To:** [Heather Swift](#); [Megan Bloomgren](#)  
**Subject:** Secretary API speaking engagement  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 12:04:00 PM

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**From:** Katharine Macgregor  
**To:** [Megan Bloomgren](#)  
**Cc:** [Swift, Heather](#); [Amanda Kaster](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Quick question  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:57:18 PM

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And of course, just be mindful that the former Admin put forward new regulations on bonding for onshore, offshore, and coal. That's why people get confused by the analogy.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Cc:** [Heather Swift](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 3:01:32 PM

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TOPICS TO AVOID

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- My background
  - Early supporter of President Trump
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Montanan / Geologist / SEAL Team 6
- My philosophy:
  - Teddy Roosevelt / All forms of energy / Multiple Use
  - Restore trust / better mgmt. / front lines (get to “Yes”)
  - Prioritize infrastructure – DOI and national
  - Reduce barriers to jobs and growth (regulations, moratoriums)
- I want to be clear: President supports Energy Dominance. Why? Federal lands will be open for responsible energy development. Recognize energy industry = job creators / billions in investment
- We’re already taking action:
  - Increase investment certainty (new 5 yr plan, clear goalpost)
  - Greater access to federal lands inc. AK / enviro planning
  - Prioritize national infrastructure (KXL/Dakota Access EO)
    - Streamline permitting / quick decisions / reg review
  - Reduce regulatory barriers
    - Venting and Flaring / BLM Planning 2.0
    - Sage Grouse / Compensatory mitigation
    - Financial Assurance
- Four asks of you:
  - Keep us updated. Advocates not adversaries.
  - Get venting & flaring CRA through Congress.
  - See us as partners (i.e. compensatory mitigation tactics)
  - Trail Warriors



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**WASHINGTON**

03/22/2017

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Heather Swift & Megan Bloomgren

SUBJECT: Communications Update

**Inquiries**

- CNBC, Reuters – REQUEST – Comment on claims made by Senators Cardin and Luger that the U.S. is withdrawing from the international Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). – RESPONSE - "The Department remains committed to the principles and goals of EITI including transparency and good governance of the extractive sectors and are institutionalizing and mainstreaming EITI goals into how the Department manages its revenues. No decision has been made on applying for validation under the EITI standard and the U.S. is not even scheduled to begin the validation process until April of 2018 (per the EITI International Board schedule published regularly). The United States has led the global initiative in providing revenue-related data and information from the extraction of oil, natural gas, coal and other minerals on federal land in an interactive, open-source data portal and regularly engaging with other implementing countries to share our best practices."
- EE News – REQUEST – Response to the letter Rep. Grijalva sent criticizing Zinke for not responding to his letters and demand that Zinke appear before the committee to testify on the budget. – RESPONSE – Didn't respond

**Top Stories**

- **EE News:** [Interior Twitter shutdown after inaugural a mistake — emails](#)
- **EE News:** [Zinke should testify on Trump budget proposal soon — Grijalva](#)
- **Washington Post:** [In a first for the government, dogs will be welcome at the Interior Department](#)

**Top Issues and Accomplishments**

- Tomorrow Zinke will deliver a speech to API

- Preparing to support Coal/Climate EOs
- FYIs – The Department will issue press releases this week on the following American Energy activity
  - March 20-23 - DOI will release a number of small coal lease sales in Utah, Ohio, ND.
  - Offshore oil/gas sale
  - Offshore wind energy
- Launching a “*Travels with Z*” blog on our website that is Secretary Zinke’s travel blog going to America’s public lands and his work on the front lines improving land management for multiple use (energy, recreation, conservation, economy)

### Daily Clips

#### **In a first for the government, dogs will be welcome at the Interior Department**

The Cabinet secretary who rode a horse to work on his first day is letting his employees bring their dogs to the office. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will announce in an email to employees Thursday morning the start of “Doggy Days at Interior,” a program that will launch with test runs at the agency’s Washington headquarters on two Fridays in May and September. The new policy will make Interior the first federal agency to go dog-friendly — and cement Zinke’s status as the Trump administration’s most visible animal fan. Zinke earlier this month arrived at his new workplace astride Tonto, a bay roan gelding who belongs to the U.S. Park Police and resides in stables on the Mall.

#### **Internal Emails Show Confusion Following Interior Twitter Shutdown After Inaugural.**

[E&E Publishing](#) (3/22, Yehle, Yachnin, Bogardus) reports that the Interior Department “never intended to suspend all Twitter activity after the National Park Service shared tweets about President Trump’s inauguration turnout,” according to internal emails released Wednesday. The article says that “in an early-morning email Jan. 21 — the day after the inauguration — NPS spokesman Tom Crosson called the shutdown ‘apparently a huge miscom.’” Crosson wrote to April Slayton, the Park Service’s assistant director of communications, that the new press team at Interior “never intended for a full Twitter shutdown.” The email is among those NPS released in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, and they “reveal confusion in the aftermath of the NPS retweets.” Additional coverage was provided by [BuzzFeed](#) (3/22, Leopold, Subbaraman) and [MSN](#) (3/22).

#### **Survey Finds More Minorities Going Outdoors To Camp.**

[MarketWatch](#) (3/22, Paul) reports, that camping is “increasingly becoming an attractive form of vacation” for minorities, “according to a new study from the large national private campground system Kampgrounds of America.” The survey “found nonwhite campers now comprise 26% of all campers — more than double when it was first measured in 2012.” The article notes that “the forecast looks good for the next generation too: 99% of teenagers surveyed said they enjoy camping with family and friends and 90% say they plan to camp as an adult, the KOA survey found.”

## CONGRESS

### **Grijalva: Zinke should testify on Trump budget proposal soon — Grijalva**

The top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee wants Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to come to Capitol Hill "as soon as possible" to testify about the department's fiscal 2018 budget proposal. Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.) said his multiple requests to the department for a meeting with Zinke thus far have been ignored. So he's asked committee Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) to hold a hearing with the Interior secretary soon to discuss the proposed 12 percent cut to Interior's budget and other issues facing the department ([Greenwire](#), March 16).

### **Gardner Wants BLM To Be Headquartered In Colorado.**



The [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (3/23, Webb) reports that Sen. Cory Gardner supports moving the Bureau of Land Management's national headquarters to Colorado.


### **McSally Introduces Bill To Address National Parks' Maintenance Backlog.**

The [Ripon Advance](#) (3/22) reports that the National Park Service, "stymied by a billion-dollar backlog in restoration projects, would be directed to reevaluate its current strategy to prioritize maintenance funding under legislation introduced" by Rep. Martha McSally.

## BIG NATIONAL NEWS

### **Democrats Cry Foul As Nunes Discloses Incidental Surveillance Of Trump Transition.**

Rep. Devin Nunes disclosed yesterday that the communications of members of the Trump transition team – possibly even the President himself – were incidentally picked up and circulated by US intelligence. As the [AP](#) (3/22, Pace, Riechmann) reports, the "private communications...may have been scooped up by...intelligence officials monitoring other targets," and then "improperly distributed throughout spy agencies." [Reuters](#) (3/22, Zengerle) quotes Nunes as also saying, "I want to be clear, none of this surveillance was related to Russia or the investigation of Russian activities or of the Trump team." With the President and his allies claiming vindication, Democrats accused Nunes of running political interference for the White House, and a number of news accounts – including the reports on the [CBS Evening News](#)  and [NBC Nightly News](#)  – bemoaned the fact that Nunes went public with his findings before briefing the rest of the Intelligence Committee. Typical of the tenor of that line of analysis was Mark Halperin, who told NBC Nightly News, "A lot of people are going to be suspicious. The President is on the ropes. There's a Justice Department investigation and he's throwing a lifeline by the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee."

Other news analyses, moreover, downplayed and dismissed Nunes' revelations as immaterial to the debate over Trump's charge that his predecessor had wiretapped Trump Tower. [ABC World News](#)  (3/22, story 4, 3:45, Karl), for example, mentioned the story as part



of a larger report on Paul Manafort's "ties to Russia," and prefaced its discussion of Nunes by calling his disclosures "Operation Pushback." Ultimately, ABC concluded that what Nunes said was "a far cry from the President's accusation." To the [CBS Evening News](#) (3/22, story 3, 2:30, Pelley), meanwhile, Nunes "said again...there is no evidence to support...Trump's claim," though he "did reveal...that after the election Mr. Trump and some of his aides were intercepted speaking to foreign officials." According to CBS News, Nunes "said the intelligence intercepts were routine and lawful," yet he "took the unusual step of briefing Mr. Trump."