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# Fwd: National Park Service tweets pics of Obama vs. Trump inauguration crowds

2 messages

Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 5:19 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** POLITICO Pro Energy Whiteboard <politicoemail@politicopro.com>  
**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 5:09:09 PM EST  
**To:** <Leah\_Duran@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** National Park Service tweets pics of Obama vs. Trump inauguration crowds  
**Reply-To:** POLITICO subscriptions <reply-fe861271736c0c797d-553241\_HTML-637934844-1376319-31379@politicoemail.com>

By Louis Nelson

01/20/2017 05:04 PM EDT

The official Twitter accounts for the president, vice president, first lady and press secretary may have changed hands on Inauguration Day, but at least one official government account is seemingly stuck in the Obama era.

The verified Twitter account for the National Park Service retweeted a post from New York Times reporter Binyamin Appelbaum showing side by side images of the crowds at Trump's inauguration and at President Barack Obama's record-setting 2009 swearing-in. Obama's, on the left, shows a jam-packed National Mall while Trump's, on the right, is more sparsely populated.

It's unclear if the pictures were taken at comparable times.

The photos are stark evidence that Trump's prediction of an "unbelievable, perhaps record-setting turnout" did not come to fruition.

The National Park Service account also retweeted another post noting that "civil rights, climate change, and health care scrubbed clean from White House website. Not a trace."






Compare the crowds: 2009 inauguration at left, 2017 inauguration at right. #Inauguration  
[pic.twitter.com/y7RhIR2nfC](http://pic.twitter.com/y7RhIR2nfC)

— Binyamin Appelbaum (@BCAppelbaum) January 20, 2017

To view online:

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 5:20 PM

To: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov, april\_slayton@nps.gov, paul\_ross@ios.doi.gov

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Here's the link: <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/01/obama-vs-trump-inauguration-attendance-nps-233937>

Already making its rounds on social media.

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Duran, Leah &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**good morning- Fox News question**

5 messages

**Jansen, Lesa** <Lesajansen@foxnews.com>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 7:12 AM

To: "interior\_press@ios.doi.gov" &lt;interior\_press@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Hi can you confirm the Department of Interior was ordered to shut down its official Twitter accounts Friday after re-tweeting two somewhat critical tweets of the incoming POTUS during the Inaugural?

Thank you

*Lesajansen*

*White House Producer*

*FOX News*

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**Leah Duran** <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM

To: Frank Quimby &lt;frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: interior\_press@ios.doi.gov, april\_slayton@nps.gov, thomas\_crosson@nps.gov, Paul Ross &lt;paul\_ross@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Another one

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jansen, Lesa" <Lesajansen@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Date:** January 21, 2017 at 7:12:21 AM EST  
**To:** "interior\_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior\_press@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** good morning- Fox News question

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**Quimby, Frank** <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:03 AM

To: Leah Duran &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Tom Crosson is responding to media at request of Megan I will forward this request to him I am checking with Megan now on whether oco should or should not issue a statement

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**April Slayton** <april\_slayton@nps.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:04 AM

To: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, "interior\_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior\_press@ios.doi.gov>, "thomas\_crosson@nps.gov" <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>, Paul Ross <paul\_ross@ios.doi.gov>

Who is taking the lead on responding to these inquiries? DOI Comms? That seems most reasonable, but we can do it from NPS if you want. NPS can share the statement on the original tweets as well if that is approved.

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**Leah Duran** <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:11 AM

To: april\_slayton@nps.gov

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

**Date:** January 21, 2017 at 9:03:24 AM EST

**To:** Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Re: good morning- Fox News question

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Duran, Leah &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## names of asking reporters

9 messages

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**Quimby, Frank** <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:02 PM  
 To: April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>, Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>, "Duran, Leah" <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

which reporter is it at wash post asking for comment apart from Cama at Hill who else is asking for comment

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**Thomas Crosson** <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:06 PM  
 To: Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Lisa Rein (WashPo)

Ari Natter (Bloomberg)

Arden Farhi (CBS News)

**From:** Quimby, Frank [mailto:frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2017 11:02 PM  
**To:** April Slayton; Thomas Crosson; Duran, Leah; Rebecca Matulka  
**Subject:** names of asking reporters

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**Leah Duran** <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:06 PM  
 To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
 Cc: April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>, Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Ari from Bloomberg also asked.

April made a suggested statement- please let me know if I can send that or something else to reporters or not.

Thanks,  
 -Leah

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**Quimby, Frank** <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:09 PM  
 To: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

i am trying to get heather or Megan to approve a statement but they are still reviewing it and no decision has been made on when to issue it or whether to issue it we all must wait for guidance  
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**Thomas Crosson** <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:10 PM

To: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Making sure you all saw this:

<http://gizmodo.com/national-park-service-banned-from-tweeting-after-anti-t-1791449526>

I know we are on the same page here....but this just reinforces the fact that we need to get something out.

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**Thomas Crosson** <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:16 PM

To: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

And between us here...what do you think the timeline is on this "Twitter pause?" I think the quicker it is lifted, the better.

With lifting the pause, I'd urge that we send out guidance asking all account holders to 1) change their passwords and 2) scrub the list of folks who have access to the account/can post from the account.

Think the speculation/conspiracy theories are running starting to gain traction...and that's just among NPS employees.

-----Original Message-----

From: Leah Duran [mailto:[leah\\_duran@ios.doi.gov](mailto:leah_duran@ios.doi.gov)]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:07 PM

To: Quimby, Frank

Cc: April Slayton; Thomas Crosson; Rebecca Matulka

Subject: Re: names of asking reporters

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:25 PM

To: Thomas Crosson <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>

Cc: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>

It doesn't help that parks are doing stuff like this: <https://m.facebook.com/womensrightsnps/photos/a.267724729919486.75809.266599646698661/1556366187721994/?type=3>

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**Thomas Crosson** <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:32 PM

To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>

I'll flag this for the region PA staff.

All the more reason to get this ban lifted ASAP. Again...I know I'm preaching to the choir.

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**From:** Rebecca Matulka [mailto:[rebecca\\_matulka@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov)]

**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2017 11:25 PM

**To:** Thomas Crosson

**Cc:** Leah Duran; Frank Quimby; April Slayton

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**April Slayton** <april\_slayton@nps.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 10:26 AM

To: Thomas Crosson <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>

Cc: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Our first tweet is live

<https://twitter.com/natlparkservice/status/822826371844018177>

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**NPS twitter**

3 messages

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**Timothy Cama** <tcama@thehill.com>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 4:19 PM

Hi folks-

It looks like the NPS twitter account is re-tweeting some anti-Trump tweets. Want to comment?

Thanks.

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Timothy Cama, Staff writer  
The Hill  
(202) 695-6245 (Also on Signal and WhatsApp)  
[www.thehill.com](http://www.thehill.com)

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**Leah Duran** <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: interior\_press@ios.doi.gov

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 4:52 PM

Hi Frank -

Any thoughts on answering this one since you're in touch with Heather?

Thanks,  
-Leah

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com>  
**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 4:19:39 PM EST  
**To:** Jessica Kershaw <Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** NPS twitter

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**Quimby, Frank** <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 4:58 PM

yes we have been directed to contact all bureau web twitter staff and have them shut down their twitter platforms immediately. Rebecca and Larry doing this now..if you know any twitter staff from bureaus and can inform them very much appreciated. DOI Web Council also being informed

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Duran, Leah &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## thanks for all your help

2 messages

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**Quimby, Frank** <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 7:58 PM

To: Larry Gillick &lt;larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Rebecca Matulka &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;, "Duran, Leah" &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

i am still waiting for Heather to get WH clearance on draft NPS language explaining the inappropriate twitter, I understand we may not get anything tonight. But wanted to thank you both for outstanding efforts once the alarm sounded. I'll stay in touch and send you anything approved or any new developments, below is the language nps drafted.

*The two tweets posted on the National Park Service's social media account today were inappropriate and inconsistent with the agency's overall approach to engaging the public through social media. Moving forward, the agency will provide better guidance to all employees who post to official NPS social media accounts about best practices and appropriate content for posts and retweets. We apologize for these tweets and pledge to maintain the highest standards for our social media content moving forward.*

perhaps some of these ideas can be used when you propose a plan for restarting tweeting... after the bureaus have provided better guidance to all employees who post to official social media accounts about best practices and appropriate content for posts and retweets.

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 10:02 PM

To: "Quimby, Frank" &lt;frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Larry Gillick &lt;larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov&gt;, "Duran, Leah" &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Thanks for the update, Frank. Larry and I have guidance on [doi.gov](http://doi.gov). We'll look into it on Monday to see if it needs to be updated.

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Duran, Leah &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Trump Administration Orders Interior Department To Shut Down Twitter Accounts

2 messages

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**Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)** <anatter5@bloomberg.net>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 8:43 PM

Reply-To: Ari Natter &lt;anatter5@bloomberg.net&gt;

To: Leah\_Duran@ios.doi.gov

Hi Leah-

Ari Natter here from Bloomberg. By way of introduction, I cover energy and environment issues for them. Any chance you can confirm the story below? Thanks!

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2017/01/trump-administration-orders-interior-department-shut-down-twitter-accounts>

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Sent from Bloomberg Professional for iPhone

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**Leah Duran** <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 9:57 PM

To: interior\_press@ios.doi.gov, Frank Quimby &lt;frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov&gt;, april\_slayton@nps.gov, Paul Ross &lt;paul\_ross@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Bloomberg is asking, too.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <anatter5@bloomberg.net>**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 8:43:44 PM EST**To:** <Leah\_Duran@ios.doi.gov>**Subject:** Trump Administration Orders Interior Department To Shut Down Twitter Accounts**Reply-To:** Ari Natter <anatter5@bloomberg.net>

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Duran, Leah &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**Twitter directive is now a story**

3 messages

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**April Slayton** <april\_slayton@nps.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 9:49 PM  
To: Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov, larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov, Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>, Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov>, Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

Frank and all:

The information about the Twitter moratorium is now in the news:  
<http://gizmodo.com/national-park-service-banned-from-tweeting-after-anti-t-1791449526>

We are getting press inquiries about this - how should we proceed? Should we refer them to DOI Comms? Or is there a statement we should make?

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**Thomas Crosson** <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 9:58 PM  
To: April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>  
Cc: Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, "rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov" <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, "larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov>, Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

This story is prompting the WashPost to ask about this. Also have other national outlets asking too. My strongest recommendation is to get a statement out ASAP. Even if it just confirms the main points.

Tom Crosson  
NPS Public Affairs  
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**April Slayton** <april\_slayton@nps.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 10:10 PM  
To: Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>  
Cc: Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, "rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov" <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, "larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov>, Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>

The statement should likely come from DOI not NPS - I would recommend the statement say something along the lines of:

While we investigate the situation involving some questionable tweets published on Friday, the Department's communications team determined that it was important to stand down Twitter activity across the Department temporarily, with an exception made for public safety messages.

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Duran, Leah &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**Twitter**

3 messages

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**Timothy Cama** <tcama@thehill.com>  
To: Interior Press <interior\_press@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 9:39 PM

Hi-

Could you please confirm the report in Gizmodo that all Interior bureaus have been instructed to stop tweeting because of the NPS anti-Trump retweets? <http://gizmodo.com/national-park-service-banned-from-tweeting-after-anti-t-1791449526>

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Cc: interior\_press@ios.doi.gov

The Hill is asking about it too

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**From:** Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com>  
**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 9:39:55 PM EST  
**To:** Interior Press <interior\_press@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Twitter

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 10:16 PM  
To: interior\_press@ios.doi.gov, april\_slayton@nps.gov, frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov, paul\_ross@ios.doi.gov, thomas\_crosson@nps.gov, amber\_smigiel@nps.gov, tim\_cash@nps.gov, larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com>  
**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 10:14:53 PM EST  
**To:** Rebecca\_Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Twitter

Hey Rebecca-

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Twitter

Just wanted to see if you could tell me anything (doesn't have to be on the record) about what's going on with the NPS Twitter accounts, and whether that spreads to the rest of Interior. Signal/WhatsApp info below if you need.

Thanks.

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Timothy Cama, Staff writer

The Hill

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# Conversation Contents

Immediate Issue - Please read now.

**[larry\\_gillick@ios.doi.gov](mailto:larry_gillick@ios.doi.gov)**

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**From:** larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 15:06:30 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** tim\_cash@nps.gov, czwemke@blm.gov, rebecca\_goodman@fws.gov, slayman@usgs.gov, genevieve\_billia@ost.doi.gov, jack.sullivan@bia.gov, nedra\_darling@ios.doi.gov, robert.garcia@bsee.gov, deron\_m\_johnson@ios.doi.gov, richard.reibeling@bsee.gov, larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov, trent\_randall@ios.doi.gov, karmstrong@usgs.gov, danielle\_brigida@fws.gov, gary.garrison@bia.gov, kim.vigue@bie.edu, temery@osmre.gov, stephen\_carlisle@ost.doi.gov, kraynal.alfred@bia.gov, rgabour@usbr.gov, alkrause@blm.gov, dawn.buras@boem.gov, shorvath@usgs.gov, mstthomas@blm.gov, treci.johnson@onrr.gov, george.morris@bia.gov, david\_yeargin@fws.gov, djhenry@blm.gov, rebecca\_matu ka@ios.doi.gov, ken\_handwerger@nps.gov, shawn.pensoneau@bia.gov, ralph.johnson@onrr.gov  
**Subject:** Immediate Issue - Please read now.

Hello Web Council and friends,

We met the new comms director today. Things went well.

And then someone inadvertently tweeted an unwise and unflattering RT about the new administration to the public. (b) (5)  
No doubt this was done in error. That said, the new leadership is not jazzed.

The new administration says that the Department and all Bureaus will not tweet this weekend and must wait for guidance before returning to Twitter. Such guidance is not expected until Monday at the earliest.

Please make sure to that any scheduled tweets are no longer scheduled.

If you have questions, you can contact me at (b) (6) or either of my Google Hangouts (work or (b) (6) [mail.com](mailto:mail.com)). Unless I'm on a bike ride or run, I will answer your call.

TLDR: I'm not tweeting, we're not tweeting and none of our people are tweeting. Discussion will continue next week.

Good luck. Have an otherwise excellent weekend.

Larry

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Larry Gillick  
Deputy Director of Digital Strategy  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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## DOI Weekly Web Council Meeting

**When** Fri Jan 27, 2017 11am – 11:30am Eastern Time

**Where** (b) (5) ([map](#))

**Video call** (b) (5)

**Who**

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- Dawn Buras
- Tim Cash
- danielle\_brigida@fws.gov

- robert.garcia@bsee.gov
- Scott Layman
- Michelle Thomas
- Nedra Darling
- Scott Horva h
- George Morris
- Gary Garrison

**Microsoft Outlook <MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@doi.net>**

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 15:06:40 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <Larry\_Gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Undeliverable: Immediate Issue - Please read now.

**Delivery has failed to these recipients or groups:**

[ms.thomas@blm.gov](mailto:ms.thomas@blm.gov)

The e-mail address you entered couldn't be found. Please check the recipient's e-mail address and try to resend the message. If the problem continues, please contact your helpdesk.

**Diagnostic information for administrators:**

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<p>mstomas@blm.gov  
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**To:** "Gillick, Larry" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
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Megan

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**To:** Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>  
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Lisa Rein (WashPo)  
Ari Natter (Bloomberg)  
Arden Farhi (CBS News)

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**From:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:49:50 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Thomas Crosson <[Thomas\\_Crosson@nps.gov](mailto:Thomas_Crosson@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Email

Thanks - I spoke to AP and ABC News (b) (6) ) and got them the updated guidance email. Frank emailed updated guidance email to Fox News who inquired with h m. Let's keep in close touch if there are more inquiries.

On Jan 21, 2017, at 8:15 AM, Thomas Crosson <[Thomas\\_Crosson@nps.gov](mailto:Thomas_Crosson@nps.gov)> wrote:

By the way...here are the reporters who have asked for comment.  
Lisa Rein (WashPo)  
Ari Natter (Bloomberg)  
Arden Farhi (CBS News)

But there have been quite a few stories based on the Gizmodo piece.  
I'm going to give the statement to the three folks above...and probably a few high-viz outlets who have written about this. I'll dish it out to anyone else who asks from here on out.

**From:** Megan Bloomgren [mailto:(b) (6) @gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2017 8:02 AM  
**To:** Thomas Crosson  
**Cc:** Larry Gillick; Frank Quimby; Heather Swift  
**Subject:** Re: Email

Thanks - "guidance" is just the internal email that I emailed you that Frank will hopefully send shortly to follow his note yesterday. You can share that with media.

Enjoy hockey practice - talk soon.

On Jan 21, 2017, at 7:57 AM, Thomas Crosson <[Thomas\\_Crosson@nps.gov](mailto:Thomas_Crosson@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thanks. I'll ask the team for a copy of that guidance. I'll get my team on getting a Tweet out. Will be something safe. I'll keep you posted on further developments.

I'm sending this out then I'm running to my kid's hockey practice briefly....my cell is (b) (6) should you need me in the next hour.

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**To:** Thomas Crosson  
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Yes policy was clarified and new guidance issued this morning encouraging bureaus to engage on twitter as normal.

Yes please get a tweet up. Any idea on what topic - it'll get a lot of scrutiny no doubt?

And yes this can go to media.

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Thanks. So I'm good to send this to the reporters who have asked, right?



n Have we lifted the Twitter ban? (Media have been asking how long this is.....I personally think we need to get Twitter back up ASAP.  
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**Subject:** Re: question from megan can you respond to her directly

Sorry. I thought you were asking about the social media policy.

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We will update you as information becomes available. In the mean time, employees with social media responsibilities should review the [DOI Social Media Policy](#) and appropriate entries in the [Digital Media Guide](#). As ever, we welcome suggestions for improving the Guide.

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 23:22:44 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**CC:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: just thinking out loud is this the crux of the issue and an accurate statement

There is a NPS employee Facebook group, and a lot of the commentary is that these were fact-based and not partisan.

Again, how would (b) (5) help the situation? It spreads possible misinformation.

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 23:06:47 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
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I'm good with that.

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** megan's note

Megan Bloomgren

11:37 PM (1 hour ago)

to me

Thanks - hadn't seen this one.

We need to note guidance has been clarified and divisions should continue Twitter engagement as normal this weekend with the exception of tweets on the Secretary's policy priorities, which will be outlined upon confirmation.

How can we do that best? Could you clarify your earlier email to the bureaus first thing tomorrow and we'll release that guidance to these reporters?

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 22:34:05 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
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**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**CC:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re:

Well, climate change was a secretarial priority. One of the RTs was about all the info "scrubbed" from [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov).

I assume she means landscape, park updates are allowed.

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**To:** "Gillick, Larry" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
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**To:** Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Revised Twitter Guidance - Invitation to edit

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## Conversation Contents

Gizmodo:" NPS banned from tweeting"

"Moody, Joan" <joan\_moody@ios.doi.gov>

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**From:** "Moody, Joan" <joan\_moody@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 22:25:22 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Gizmodo:" NPS banned from tweeting"

<https://gizmodo.com/national-park-service-banned-from-tweeting-after-anti-t-1791449526>

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**From:** "Moody, Joan" <joan\_moody@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 22:12:36 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:**

<http://m.sfgate.com/politics/article/The-National-Park-Service-tweets-deletes-posts-10872651.php>

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**"Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>**

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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 21:42:27 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Megan asks if we can draft a statement described below and have ready to issue tomorrow

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**Megan Bloomgren**

11:37 PM (2 minutes ago)

to me

Thanks - hadn't seen this one.

We need to note guidance has been clarified and divisions should continue Twitter engagement as normal this weekend with the exception of tweets on the Secretary's policy priorities, which will be outlined upon confirmation.

How can we do that best? Could you clarify your earlier email to the bureaus first thing tomorrow and we'll release that guidance to these reporters?

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will send you the draft language we have so far

**Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>**

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**From:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 21:47:04 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**CC:** Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Megan asks if we can draft a statement described below and have ready to issue tomorrow

I'm up. I'll boot my work PC and get typing.

Sent from my iPhone

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Frank Quimby



(b) (6)

Hi Frank. I see the issue and will reach out now

Fri 4:39 PM ✓

OK, Tim Cash has been alerted and is dealing with his peeps.

Fri 4:45 PM ✓

The "No more tweets" rule is in effect.

Fri 4:45 PM ✓

Reaching out to the Web Council now

Fri 4:45 PM ✓

Doug dropped by, looking for you. We spoke about NPS' errant tweet and the multi-pronged outreach we're doing to stop further foul-ups by freezing tweeting privileges

Fri 5:22 PM ✓

New message going out in about 5 minutes. Check email.

Sat 8:43 AM ✓





Megan (Meg)

iMessage  
Saturday 8:33 AM

Morning Meg. My first note (for the Web Council) is ready, except for my emailed question about how to title you (or not) in it.

I'll look but no me in it. Bcc me. Thx!

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I see your email. Frank then. Thank you.

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iMessage





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iMessage



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Heilemann, Tami <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

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## DOI Photos 1 of 3

1 message

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**Heilemann, Tami** <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 11:37 AM

To: (b)(6) - megan bloomgren@gmail.com, (b)(6) - doug domenech@gmail.com, Michael Reynolds <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>

Bcc: Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

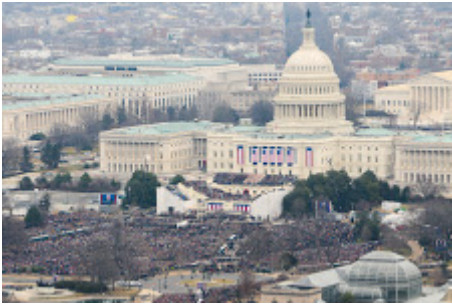
I am sending three emails with the crowd photos attached.

Please let me know if you need additional images or have questions.

Thank you,  
Tami Heilemann  
202-437-8486

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### 2 attachments



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**DOI\_0490.jpg**  
4566K





Heilemann, Tami &lt;tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**2 of 3**

2 messages

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**Heilemann, Tami** <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>  
To: (b)(6) - Megan Bloomgren @gmail.com, (b)(6) - doug domenech @gmail.com  
Cc: Michael Reynolds <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 11:38 AM

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**Heilemann, Tami** <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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From: **Heilemann, Tami** <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>  
Date: Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 11:38 AM  
Subject: 2 of 3  
To: (b)(6) - Megan Bloomgren @gmail.com, (b)(6) - doug domenech @gmail.com  
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Date: Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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Heilemann, Tami &lt;tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov&gt;

**Tami- i have a wh emergency regarding pictures...can u call (b) (6)**

6 messages

**Michael Reynolds** <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>  
To: tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:41 AM

Sent from my iPad  
Apologies for Typos  
National Park Service  
Deputy Director, Operations

**Tami Heilemann** <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Michael Reynolds <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 10:10 AM

Working on photos will send in a few  
[Quoted text hidden]

**Michael Reynolds** <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>  
To: Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 10:16 AM

Copy! You are the best!

Sent from my iPhone-sorry for typos.  
[Quoted text hidden]

**Michael Reynolds** <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>  
To: Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 10:27 AM

Tami, we are to send to Sean Spicer at White House direct. They want your info etc. but I will find out about what more they need. He Spicer might want to talk to you...

Sent from my iPhone-sorry for typos.

> On Jan 21, 2017, at 10:10 AM, Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

>  
[Quoted text hidden]

**Heilemann, Tami** <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Michael Reynolds <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 10:36 AM

[tami\\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov](mailto:tami_heilemann@ios.doi.gov)

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Heilemann, Tami <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

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## time stamp

2 messages

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**Heilemann, Tami** <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM

To: (b)(6) - doug domenech@gmail.com, (b)(6) - megan bloomgren@gmail.com, Michael Reynolds <michael\_reynolds@nps.gov>

Bcc: Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Photos were taken between

11:53 - 12:02 January 20, 2017

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**Megan Bloomgren** (b)(6) - megan bloomgren@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 12:04 PM

To: "Heilemann, Tami" <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks so much, Tami

On Jan 21, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Heilemann, Tami <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Photos were taken between

11:53 - 12:02 January 20, 2017































Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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## Interior accounts to transition

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Bridget Coyne <bridget@twitter.com>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 5:41 PM

Bridget,

Not sure if you are at work still, but we had a problem with NPS's twitter. Can I give you a quick call?

Sent from my iPhone

[Quoted text hidden]



Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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## Interior accounts to transition

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**Bridget Coyne** <bridget@twitter.com>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 5:42 PM

To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Yep, still here! :)

You can call my cell (b) (6)

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Bridget Coyne

[bridget@twitter.com](mailto:bridget@twitter.com) @bcoyne

Twitter, Inc. | Public Policy (@Gov & @Policy)

[Quoted text hidden]





Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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## this is the correct language for handling the stop tweeting directive

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Quinn, Michael <michael\_quinn@nps.gov>  
To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:25 PM

Thanks, Rebecca,

I got 3 messages in the course of 1 minute.

Happy. This will help keep some travelers informed and safe.

Michael Quinn  
Visual Information Specialist  
Website Coordinator  
Grand Canyon National Park  
P.O. Box 129  
2C Albright Avenue  
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023  
(928) 638-7784  
[michael\\_quinn@nps.gov](mailto:michael_quinn@nps.gov)

On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 4:20 PM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
The new team says you can continue to tweet for about the weather for public safety.

Sorry if someone else already sent this to you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 5:58 PM, Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn <kirbylynn\_shedlowski@nps.gov> wrote:

Thanks Tim!

April and Tom- the weather and road conditions are deteriorating. The forecast hasn't been totally on target for this storm so far (we've received more snow in the first 24 hours than predicted). Current visibility is poor.

Being able to provide visitors with up-to-date information is imperative.

Please feel free to call me.

Kirby

Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski  
Acting Public Affairs Officer  
Grand Canyon National Park  
P.O. Box 129  
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023  
928-638-7958 office  
928-606-9905 cell  
928-638-7815 fax

[Grand Canyon News Releases](#)





On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 3:46 PM, Tim Cash <[tim\\_cash@nps.gov](mailto:tim_cash@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Looping in NPS Comms for awareness and guidance.

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Tim Cash  
Chief of Digital Strategy  
Office of Communications  
National Park Service  
(202) 436-6206  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

On Jan 20, 2017, at 4:45 PM, Quinn, Michael <[michael\\_quinn@nps.gov](mailto:michael_quinn@nps.gov)> wrote:

Tim, Rebecca,

Just to let you know, we're in the middle of a major winter storm and Twitter is an established way that we connect with travelers - and inform them of park road closures and deliver safety messages.

We also use Twitter to exchange info with the AZ Dept of Transportation and the National Weather Service.

Any suggestions?

<snowpeak.JPG>

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On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 3:34 PM, Cash, Tim <[tim\\_cash@nps.gov](mailto:tim_cash@nps.gov)> wrote:

All, FYI below, please distribute to your park, program, and office digital and social media managers. We must stop tweeting immediately from ALL NPS accounts. AD for Communications April Slayton has also sent this to regional PIOs, but please also share with other relevant NPS channels so we maximize coverage for this critical directive.

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

From: **April Slayton** <[april\\_slayton@nps.gov](mailto:april_slayton@nps.gov)>

Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 4:20 PM

Subject: Fwd: this is the correct language for handling the stop tweeting directive

To: Tim Cash <[tim\\_cash@nps.gov](mailto:tim_cash@nps.gov)>, Amber Smigiel <[amber\\_smigiel@nps.gov](mailto:amber_smigiel@nps.gov)>,

Thomas Crosson <[thomas\\_crosson@nps.gov](mailto:thomas_crosson@nps.gov)>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 5:10:22 PM EST  
**To:** DOI\_OPA\_Bureau\_Contacts <[doi\\_opa\\_bureau\\_contacts@ios.doi.gov](mailto:doi_opa_bureau_contacts@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** **this is the correct language for handling the stop tweeting directive**

The new administration has said that the Department and all Bureaus are not supposed to tweet this weekend and wait for guidance until Monday.

Please make sure to that any scheduled tweets are no longer scheduled.

If you have questions, you can contact Rebecca Matlulka at 202-495-8399.

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Tim Cash  
Chief of Digital Strategy  
Office of Communications  
National Park Service  
(202) 436-6206  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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## Update your passwords

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:28 PM

To: Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Danielle Brigida <danielle\_brigida@fws.gov>, Amy Krause <alkrause@blm.gov>, "Robinson, Blossom" <blossom.robinson@boem.gov>, Scott Horvath <shorvath@usgs.gov>, "Merony, Kristin" <kristin\_merony@ios.doi.gov>, Scott M Layman <slayman@usgs.gov>, "Morris, George" <george.morris@bia.gov>, "Peterson, Jodie F" <jodie.peterson@onrr.gov>, Stephen Major <smajor@usbr.gov>, Sarah McBride <smcbride@usbr.gov>, Robyn Broyles <robyn.broyles@bia.gov>, Emily Quinn <emquinn@usbr.gov>, Christopher Holmes <cholmes@osmre.gov>, Nathan Adams <nathan\_adams@ios.doi.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, "april\_slayton@nps.gov" <april\_slayton@nps.gov>

Cc: "Gillick, Larry" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Frank J Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Also for anyone who hasn't done so in the past couple days, please update all your social media passwords. On twitter be sure to revoke access to any apps to ensure any one logged on their phone must enter a new password.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 20, 2017, at 4:54 PM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Sent from my iPhone



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Another twitter exception

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:54 PM

Thanks, frank!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 6:46 PM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

yes they are exempt

On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:44 PM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Sorry, yes they are exempt or yes you'll check? Don't want to tell them the wrong thing ...

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 6:37 PM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

yes I am sure Heather's exemption applied to all bureaus when public safety was involved

On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:36 PM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Frank, can you talk to Heather about additional exceptions for USGS accounts? Happy to get in touch with her on these issues if that is easier.

USGS has twitter accounts that automatically tweet as it relates to the protection of life and property. Accounts like: USGSted, USGS\_TexasRain, USGS earthquakes, USGS volcanoes, etc.

Can't they continue tweeting since the tweets aren't handcrafted but autogenerated from services?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 20, 2017, at 6:15 PM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Heather says public safety issue so yes Grand Canyon NP can still twitter as they normally do



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Twitter exceptions**

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 7:27 PM

To: Amber Smigiel &lt;amber\_smigiel@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: "tim\_cash@nps.gov" &lt;tim\_cash@nps.gov&gt;, "april\_slayton@nps.gov" &lt;april\_slayton@nps.gov&gt;, Tom Crosson &lt;thomas\_crosson@nps.gov&gt;, "brian\_hall@nps.gov" &lt;brian\_hall@nps.gov&gt;, "mike\_litterst@nps.gov" &lt;mike\_litterst@nps.gov&gt;, "tina\_boehle@nps.gov" &lt;tina\_boehle@nps.gov&gt;

The exception is applied to all bureaus when public safety was involved

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 7:16 PM, Amber Smigiel &lt;amber\_smigiel@nps.gov&gt; wrote:

Please see this request from NAMA. Fire and LE accounts would also like to know if they can share emergency messages if necessary.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hall, Brian" <brian\_hall@nps.gov>  
**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 6:48:39 PM EST  
**To:** Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>  
**Cc:** Michael Litterst <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** Twitter exceptions

Amber

How about for NAMA?... we have the Women's March tomorrow... and we want to be able to track folks that are within our park(s).

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Brian Hall

Web Manager  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
National Capital Region  
(202) 359-1537 cell  
(202) 245-4490 desk



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Twitter directive is now a story

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Larry Gillick &lt;larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:40 PM

To: rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov

Hmm. My strongest recommendation is (b) (5)

But hey, that's just me...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 11:32:39 PM EST

**To:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Twitter directive is now a story

trying desperately to get a decision now megan bloomgren is working it but seems disinclined to respond tonight

On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:30 PM, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm inclined to see if this dies by Monday. If not, I'm inclined to agree in principle with April.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 10:10 PM, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov> wrote:

The statement should likely come from DOI not NPS - I would recommend the statement say something along the lines of:

While we investigate the situation involving some questionable tweets published on Friday, the Department's communications team determined that it was important to stand down Twitter activity across the Department temporarily, with an exception made for public safety messages.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 9:58 PM, Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov> wrote:

This story is prompting the WashPost to ask about this. Also have other national outlets asking too. My strongest recommendation is to get a statement out ASAP. Even if it just confirms the main points.

Tom Crosson  
NPS Public Affairs

On Jan 20, 2017, at 9:49 PM, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov> wrote:

Frank and all:

The information about the Twitter moratorium is now in the news:

<http://gizmodo.com/national-park-service-banned-from-tweeting-after-anti-t-1791449526>

1/23/2017

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Twitter directive is now a story

We are getting press inquiries about this - how should we proceed? Should we refer them to DOI Comms? Or is there a statement we should make?

Sent from my iPhone



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Twitter directive is now a story

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Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
To: rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:36 PM

So, NPS is basically "rebel" territory right now?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 11:32 PM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

trying desperately to get a decision now megan bloomgren is working it but seems disinclined to respond tonight

On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:30 PM, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm inclined to see if this dies by Monday. If not, I'm inclined to agree in principle with April.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 10:10 PM, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov> wrote:

The statement should likely come from DOI not NPS - I would recommend the statement say something along the lines of:

While we investigate the situation involving some questionable tweets published on Friday, the Department's communications team determined that it was important to stand down Twitter activity across the Department temporarily, with an exception made for public safety messages.

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On Jan 20, 2017, at 9:58 PM, Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov> wrote:

This story is prompting the WashPost to ask about this. Also have other national outlets asking too. My strongest recommendation is to get a statement out ASAP. Even if it just confirms the main points.

Tom Crosson  
NPS Public Affairs

On Jan 20, 2017, at 9:49 PM, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov> wrote:

Frank and all:

The information about the Twitter moratorium is now in the news:

<http://gizmodo.com/national-park-service-banned-from-tweeting-after-anti-t-1791449526>

We are getting press inquiries about this - how should we proceed? Should we refer them to DOI Comms? Or is there a statement we should make?

Sent from my iPhone





Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Twitter

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**Larry Gillick** <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:38 PM

To: Rebecca Matulka &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

I know. My iPhone really wanted to reply to the most recent email in the stack.

It should get a job at NPS

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 11:37 PM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

That isn't the email I sent. It was from the PNW region

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 11:33 PM, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Of course, since Gizmodo has a copy of your email, they also have your phone number. Good luck w/the call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 10:17 PM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com>  
**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 10:14:53 PM EST  
**To:** Rebecca\_Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Twitter

Hey Rebecca-

Just wanted to see if you could tell me anything (doesn't have to be on the record) about what's going on with the NPS Twitter accounts, and whether that spreads to the rest of Interior. Signal/WhatsApp info below if you need.

Thanks.

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Timothy Cama, Staff writer  
The Hill  
(202) 695-6245 (Also on Signal and WhatsApp)  
www.thehill.com



Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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**(no subject)**

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**Gillick, Larry** <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 12:38 AM

I agree with Frank on this one. I don't think we should go all wishy-washy in the face of this. A weekend of thought and some enhanced guidance aren't bad things.

I understand, after reading the WaPo article, that NPS also retweeted about missing policy areas on the WH site; so I imagine that's the "secretarial priorities" reference.

Larry

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Larry Gillick  
Deputy Director of Digital Strategy  
Drupal PaaS Evangelist  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
202-208-5141 (o) / 202-573-0306 (c)

**Drupal Questions?**

<https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/doi-gov-cms/>

On Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 12:34 AM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

2. I thought per the note from Megan via frank that all normal twitter activity can resume minus tweets related to secretarial priorities until the new secretary is confirmed.

i don't understand what Megan means by that how are Friday's tweets --or other potential tweets like them --related to secretarial priorities??

perhaps we can let megan decide



Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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**(no subject)**

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 12:38 AM

To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>

Well, climate change was a secretarial priority. One of the RTs was about all the info "scrubbed" from [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov).

I assume she means landscape, park updates are allowed.

Sent from my iPhone

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Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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**just thinking out loud is this the crux of the issue and an accurate statement**

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Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 1:23 AM

ok understood

On Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 1:22 AM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

There is a NPS employee Facebook group, and a lot of the commentary is that these were fact-based and not partisan.

Again, how would (b) (5) help the situation? It spreads possible misinformation.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2017, at 1:16 AM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

(b) (5)



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## NPS has responded to the media inquiries it received

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Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
To: paul\_ross@ios.doi.gov

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:45 AM

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 21, 2017 at 9:43:45 AM EST  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Cc:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: NPS has responded to the media inquiries it received

Send them the internal email.  
Provide the first sentence on background.

On Jan 21, 2017, at 9:40 AM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

so oco will respond to the Fox News inquiry we received this morning and any other inquiries on the subject with this statement does everyone agree???????

DOI suspended activity temporarily, reviewed the incidents, and issued necessary new guidance this morning.

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Now that social media guidance has been clarified, the Department and its bureaus are resuming Twitter engagement as normal this weekend, with the exception of social media posts on the Secretary's policy priorities, which will be outlined upon confirmation.



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Updated guidance on the use of Social Media

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**Nathan Adams** <nathan\_adams@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 1:27 PM

Okay. Let me know if I can help.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2017, at 9:59 AM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

If you are checking, I'm just going to go ahead and post social this morning since we're back on regularly scheduled programming.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Date:** January 21, 2017 at 9:01:12 AM EST  
**To:** Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Danielle Brigida <danielle\_brigida@fws.gov>, Amy Krause <alkrause@blm.gov>, "Robinson, Blossom" <blossom.robinson@boem.gov>, Scott Horvath <shorvath@usgs.gov>, "Merony, Kristin" <kristin\_merony@ios.doi.gov>, Scott M Layman <slayman@usgs.gov>, "Morris, George" <george.morris@bia.gov>, "Peterson, Jodie F" <jodie.peterson@onrr.gov>, Stephen Major <smajor@usbr.gov>, Sarah McBride <smcbride@usbr.gov>, Robyn Broyles <robyn.broyles@bia.gov>, Emily Quinn <emquinn@usbr.gov>, Christopher Holmes <cholmes@osmre.gov>, Nathan Adams <nathan\_adams@ios.doi.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, "april\_slayton@nps.gov" <april\_slayton@nps.gov>  
**Cc:** "Gillick, Larry" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Frank J Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Updated guidance on the use of Social Media

Good morning,

Below is updated social media guidance:

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Sent from my iPhone



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Updated guidance on the use of Social Media

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**Rebecca Matulka** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 8:48 AM

To: "Gillick, Larry" &lt;larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Larry, did you end up copying Megan and Heather on the email you sent?

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Meg,

Quick follow-up: This guidance is essentially coming from you, with me as an additional point of contact?

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Larry

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<https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/doi-gov-cms/>

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Good Morning Meg,

I seem to be the first one up, so I'll get the new guidance rolling. I'll loop you back in as the messaging goes out.

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

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Frank, Larry, and Rebecca,

This note to the bureaus is good to go out. Thanks for drafting it last night. Let me know when it's out.

Meg

(b) (6)

On Jan 21, 2017, at 7:09 AM, Megan Bloomgren <(b) (6)@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Larry. This looks good to me. I shortened it below. I don't want to link to the policies because I reviewed them and they're not as clear as I'd hoped on content.

Do you think this can go out this morning? Do you think there's a chance that we'll see other questionable tweets if we do this or not in your experience?



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Thanks,  
Megan

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Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com&gt;

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 8:38 AM

To: "Gillick, Larry" &lt;larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Frank Quimby &lt;Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Rebecca Matulka &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Heather Swift (b) (6) @gmail.com&gt;

Please have it come from you or Frank. Ok to bcc me and Heather.

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Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## In case of change of plans

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Heather swift (b) (6) @gmail.com&gt;

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 1:52 PM

To: Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Rebecca Matulka &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;, "Gillick, Larry" &lt;larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Frank Quimby &lt;Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Many thanks indeed. Hope everyone has a restful weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2017, at 1:44 PM, Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you!

On Jan 21, 2017, at 1:43 PM, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Megan,

In case you need it, my work mobile is 202-495-8399.

Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2017, at 1:12 PM, Gillick, Larry <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hello Meg,

On the off-chance that anything comes up, I thought I'd better give you both of my cell #s and other contact info. Frank and Rebecca already have them.

202-573-0306 (work cell)

(b) (6) (personal cell)

[larry\\_gillick@ios.doi.gov](mailto:larry_gillick@ios.doi.gov) (work email)

(b) (6) (personal email)

(b) (6) (GChat/Google Hangouts to my phone)

I've been mulling-over what to do in case the tweet-storm doesn't subside. I won't go into detail here -- there's plenty of time to talk, plenty of other news circulating, and I'm sure you have plans of your own.

Have a great weekend.

Larry

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Larry Gillick

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Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## No tweets this weekend

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**Amy Krause** <alkrause@blm.gov>  
To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 5:20 PM

Thank you. Will do.

Amy Krause  
New Media Lead | Bureau of Land Management  
o: 202-912-7236 c: 202-580-5897  
[www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

----- Original message -----

From: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Date: 1/20/17 4:54 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Danielle Brigida <danielle\_brigida@fws.gov>, Amy Krause <alkrause@blm.gov>, "Robinson, Blossom" <blossom.robinson@boem.gov>, Scott Horvath <shorvath@usgs.gov>, "Merony, Kristin" <kristin\_merony@ios.doi.gov>, Scott M Layman <slayman@usgs.gov>, "Morris, George" <george.morris@bia.gov>, "Peterson, Jodie F" <jodie.peterson@onrr.gov>, Stephen Major <smajor@usbr.gov>, Sarah McBride <smcbride@usbr.gov>, Robyn Broyles <robyn.broyles@bia.gov>, Emily Quinn <emquinn@usbr.gov>, Christopher Holmes <cholmes@osmre.gov>, Nathan Adams <nathan\_adams@ios.doi.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>, april\_slayton@nps.gov

Cc: "Gillick, Larry" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Frank J Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: No tweets this weekend

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Cc: "Gillick, Larry" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Frank J Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: No tweets this weekend

The new administration has said that the Department and all Bureaus are not supposed to tweet this weekend and wait for guidance until Monday.

Please make sure to that any scheduled tweets are no longer scheduled.

If you have questions, you can contact me at 202-495-8399.

Sent from my iPhone



Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

## Updated guidance on the use of Social Media

**Gillick, Larry** <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:07 AM

To: Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov>

Cc: "czwemke@blm.gov" <czwemke@blm.gov>, "rebecca\_goodman@fws.gov" <rebecca\_goodman@fws.gov>, "slayman@usgs.gov" <slayman@usgs.gov>, "genevieve\_billia@ost.doi.gov" <genevieve\_billia@ost.doi.gov>, "jack.sullivan@bia.gov" <jack.sullivan@bia.gov>, "nedra\_darling@ios.doi.gov" <nedra\_darling@ios.doi.gov>, "robert.garcia@bsee.gov" <robert.garcia@bsee.gov>, "deron\_m\_johnson@ios.doi.gov" <deron\_m\_johnson@ios.doi.gov>, "richard.reibeling@bsee.gov" <richard.reibeling@bsee.gov>, "karmstrong@usgs.gov" <karmstrong@usgs.gov>, "trent\_randall@ios.doi.gov" <trent\_randall@ios.doi.gov>, "danielle\_brigida@fws.gov" <danielle\_brigida@fws.gov>, "gary.garrison@bia.gov" <gary.garrison@bia.gov>, "kim.vigue@bie.edu" <kim.vigue@bie.edu>, "temery@osmre.gov" <temery@osmre.gov>, "stephen\_carlisle@ost.doi.gov" <stephen\_carlisle@ost.doi.gov>, "kraynal.alfred@bia.gov" <kraynal.alfred@bia.gov>, "emily\_bokar@ios.doi.gov" <emily\_bokar@ios.doi.gov>, "rgabour@usbr.gov" <rgabour@usbr.gov>, "alkrause@blm.gov" <alkrause@blm.gov>, "dawn.buras@boem.gov" <dawn.buras@boem.gov>, "shorvath@usgs.gov" <shorvath@usgs.gov>, "mstthomas@blm.gov" <mstthomas@blm.gov>, "treci.johnson@onrr.gov" <treci.johnson@onrr.gov>, "george.morris@bia.gov" <george.morris@bia.gov>, "david\_yeargin@fws.gov" <david\_yeargin@fws.gov>, "djhenry@blm.gov" <djhenry@blm.gov>, "rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov" <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, "ken\_handwerger@nps.gov" <ken\_handwerger@nps.gov>, "shawn.pensoneau@bia.gov" <shawn.pensoneau@bia.gov>, "ralph.johnson@onrr.gov" <ralph.johnson@onrr.gov>

You are welcome.

Larry

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**Drupal Questions?**

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On Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:05 AM, Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Larry.

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Tim Cash

Chief of Digital Strategy

Office of Communications

National Park Service

(202) 436-6206

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

On Jan 21, 2017, at 7:46 AM, "larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good morning Web Council:

We have the following updated guidance confirmed.

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Thanks for your help yesterday. Your response speed was much appreciated.

Larry

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Larry Gillick  
Acting Director of Digital Strategy  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
202-573-0306 (c)

### DOI Weekly Web Council Meeting

When Fri Jan 27, 2017 11am – 11:30am Eastern Time

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Who

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- Scott Layman
- Michelle Thomas
- Nedra Darling
- Scott Horvath
- George Morris
- Gary Garrison







Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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## Updated guidance on the use of Social Media

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Amy Krause &lt;alkrause@blm.gov&gt;

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 9:23 AM

To: Rebecca Matulka &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Shared. Thanks, Rebecca!

Amy Krause  
New Media Lead | Bureau of Land Management  
o: 202-912-7236 c: (b) (6)  
[www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

----- Original message -----

From: Rebecca Matulka &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Date: 1/21/17 9:01 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Amber Smigiel &lt;amber\_smigiel@nps.gov&gt;, Danielle Brigida &lt;danielle\_brigida@fws.gov&gt;, Amy Krause &lt;alkrause@blm.gov&gt;, "Robinson, Blossom" &lt;blossom.robinson@boem.gov&gt;, Scott Horvath &lt;shorvath@usgs.gov&gt;, "Merony, Kristin" &lt;kristin\_merony@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Scott M Layman &lt;slayman@usgs.gov&gt;, "Morris, George" &lt;george.morris@bia.gov&gt;, "Peterson, Jodie F" &lt;jodie.peterson@onrr.gov&gt;, Stephen Major &lt;smajor@usbr.gov&gt;, Sarah McBride &lt;smcbride@usbr.gov&gt;, Robyn Broyles &lt;robyn.broyles@bia.gov&gt;, Emily Quinn &lt;emquinn@usbr.gov&gt;, Christopher Holmes &lt;cholmes@osmre.gov&gt;, Nathan Adams &lt;nathan\_adams@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Leah Duran &lt;leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov&gt;, april\_slayton@nps.gov

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Sent from my iPhone



Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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## Heather still waiting for WH guidance

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**April Slayton** <april\_slayton@nps.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:51 PM

To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks - standing by.

Sent from my iPhone

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Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 7:16 PM

To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>

I am going to be off email for about an hour or so (b) (6) - if you need me please call my cell (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

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Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:19 PM

To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>

Understood - thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 20, 2017, at 6:18 PM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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## OK on grand Canyon exemption

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Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 6:15 PM

To: April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Heather says public safety issue so yes Grand Canyon NP can still twitter as they normally do



Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

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**Fwd: tell amber to take down the inappropriate tweet...she says she can't unless you tell her**

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**Quimby, Frank** <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 5:39 PM

see april's note

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From: **April Slayton** <april\_slayton@nps.gov>  
Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 5:38 PM  
Subject: Re: tell amber to take down the inappropriate tweet...she says she can't unless you tell her  
To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

I told her just now

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 20, 2017, at 5:37 PM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
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Re: BuzzFeed News query

**Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>**

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**From:** Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sun Jan 22 2017 11:59:20 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.subbaraman@buzzfeed.com>  
**CC:** interior\_press@ios.doi.gov  
**BCC:** frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov  
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**From:** "Duran, Leah" <[leah\\_duran@ios.doi.gov](mailto:leah_duran@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Mon Jan 23 2017 07:00:47 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Rebecca Matulka <[rebecca\\_matulka@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov)>, Frank Quimby <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: BuzzFeed News query  
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**Sent:** Mon Jan 23 2017 07:29:49 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Duran, Leah" <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: BuzzFeed News query

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**From:** Larry Gillick (b) (6) gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 23:03:37 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Lawrence Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
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**Sent:** Sun Jan 22 2017 07:49:02 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Larry Gillick (b) (6) gmail.com>  
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**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: After Silent Period, Park Service Says It Regrets 2 Trump-Related Retweets - NYTimes.com

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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 14:16:26 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** this was sent to the DOI web council this morning as well as to media that inquired

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## Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>

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**From:** Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 16:22:46 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: this was sent to the DOI web council this morning as well as to media that inquired

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**To:** DOI\_OPA\_Bureau\_Contacts  
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### Gavin Shire <gavin\_shire@fws.gov>

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**From:** Gavin Shire <gavin\_shire@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 08:08:25 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Updated Social Media Guidance

Thanks, Frank.

FYI, this directive yesterday caused some concern in our offices around the county. The perception was that this was a government-wide halt ordered by the administration, rather than Interior-specific direction as a result of specific problematic actions, fueling concern that there was some scheme afoot to silence federal bureaus in their social media

activities. A little more information would have gone a long way to calming those fears and stopping the wild assumptions. Please pass that along to folks on your end for future reference.

Best,

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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 08:24:02 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** [frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)  
**Subject:** Fwd: tweet ban?

Thoughts on below?

Tom Crosson  
NPS Public Affairs

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Farhi, Arden" <[FarhiA@cbsnews.com](mailto:FarhiA@cbsnews.com)>  
**Date:** January 21, 2017 at 10:18:29 AM EST  
**To:** Thomas Crosson <[thomas\\_crosson@nps.gov](mailto:thomas_crosson@nps.gov)>  
**Subject: RE: tweet ban?**

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2017 10:09 AM  
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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 08:08:46 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>  
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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:56:31 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Lesa.Jansen@foxnews.com  
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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:52:32 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: statement from oco in response to Fox news inquiry and any others that come in today and tomorrow

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**Cc:** [larry\\_gillick@ios.doi.gov](mailto:larry_gillick@ios.doi.gov); [frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov); Heather Swift  
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**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2017 7:45 AM  
**To:** Thomas Crosson  
**Subject:** Re: Email

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**Megan Bloomgren** (b) (6) @gmail.com>

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**From:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:49:50 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Thomas Crosson <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Email

Thanks - I spoke to AP and ABC News ((b) (6)) and got them the updated guidance email. Frank emailed updated guidance email to Fox News who inquired with him. Let's keep in close touch if there are more inquiries.

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By the way...here are the reporters who have asked for comment.  
Lisa Rein (WashPo)  
Ari Natter (Bloomberg)  
Arden Farhi (CBS News)

But there have been quite a few stories based on the Gizmodo piece.  
I'm going to give the statement to the three folks above...and probably a few high-viz outlets who have written about this. I'll dish it out to anyone else who asks from here on out.

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**From:** Megan Bloomgren [mailto:(b) (6) @gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2017 8:02 AM  
**To:** Thomas Crosson  
**Cc:** Larry Gillick; Frank Quimby; Heather Swift  
**Subject:** Re: Email

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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:48:17 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Duran, Leah" <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** i have final clearance on this statement for oco

to issue to Fox News and other media inquiries that may come in today. NPS has already responded to media that contacted NPS last night

Is it possible to send them this italicized the internal guidance we sent out this morning and on background: DOI suspended activity temporarily, reviewed the incidents, and issued necessary new guidance this morning.

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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:05:18 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Megan Bloomgren <(b) (6)@gmail.com>  
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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:10:59 GMT-0700 (MST)  
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**Subject:** Re: question

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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:12:59 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Megan Bloomgren <(b) (6)@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: question

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**From** "Jansen, Lesa" <Lesajansen@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Date** January 21, 2017 at 7:12 21 AM EST  
**To** "interior\_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior\_press@ios.doi.gov>  
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**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: question

Does the policy address bureaus retweeting content from outside groups?  
Noticed the Wilderness Society post yesterday.  
I didn't see mention in the DOI policy or digital guide.

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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:18:07 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: question

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**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: question

NPS has responded to the other three. You're good on FNC.  
I spoke to AP and ABC News whom I know personally.  
Hopefully we're on the backend of this.

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**To:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com, Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
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**Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com**

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**From:** Megan Bloomgren <(b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:43:45 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: NPS has responded to the media inquiries it received

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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:30:15 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>, Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** has nps responded to media as per Crosson's email to megan this morning

### Thomas Crosson <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>

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**From:** Thomas Crosson <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:31:32 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: has nps responded to media as per Crosson's email to megan this morning

Yes

**From:** Quimby, Frank [mailto:[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2017 9:30 AM  
**To:** April Slayton; Thomas Crosson  
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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:33:07 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Thomas Crosson <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>  
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**From:** Thomas Crosson <[Thomas\\_Crosson@nps.gov](mailto:Thomas_Crosson@nps.gov)>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:33:46 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Frank Quimby <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)>  
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how is this as a oco statement in response to media that have inquired

## "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:29:21 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:32:05 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**CC:** Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: how is this as a oco statement in response to media that have inquired

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Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Sat Jan 21 2017 07:04:01 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: good morning- Fox News question

tom, can you also respond to this media

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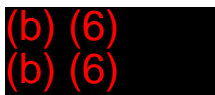
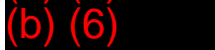
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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 23:16:27 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Megan Bloomgren - (b)(6)@gmail.com  
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We will update you as information becomes available. In the mean time, employees with social media responsibilities should review the [DOI Social Media Policy](#) and appropriate entries in the [Digital Media Guide](#). As ever, we welcome suggestions for improving the Guide.

Larry

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Thanks for your help yesterday. Your response speed was much appreciated.

Larry

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On Jan 21, 2017, at 12:17 AM, Gillick, Larry <[larry\\_gillick@ios.doi.gov](mailto:larry_gillick@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Here's the current text. It's meant to go out as guidance to our comms folks. I imagine we'll aim it at the same folks we targeted today. Frank's leadership note, my Web Council note, and your Social Gurus note -- but the same, this time.

--- Please feel free to blue-pencil this as you see fit ---

Subject: Updated guidance on the use of Social Media

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Out of an abundance of caution, while we investigated the situation involving these questionable tweets, the Administration and the Department's communications team determined that it was important to stand down Twitter activity across the Department temporarily..

This initial guidance was not intended to hamper any divisions from communicating on administrative and other public functions via twitter, but only to cease inappropriate use of twitter accounts. Use of social media to maintain public safety (e.g., USGS earthquake monitors, NPS wild/dangerous animal alerts) is authorized as appropriate.

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202-208-5141 (o) / (b) (6) (c)

**Drupal Questions?**

<https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/doi-gov-cms/>

On Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 12:14 AM, Rebecca Matulka  
<[rebecca\\_matulka@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

(b) (5)

Also, I'm confused. Is this just for us emailing guidance? Or is Interior putting out a press statement?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2017, at 12:04 AM, Gillick, Larry  
<[larry\\_gillick@ios.doi.gov](mailto:larry_gillick@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Sure. We're blowing through some revisions right now.

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<[rebecca\\_matulka@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I don't have my work computer so I can't access this. Can you send via email?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 11:52 PM, Larry Gillick (via Google Docs) <[drive-shares-noreply@google.com](mailto:drive-shares-noreply@google.com)> wrote:

Larry Gillick has invited you to **edit** the following document:

 **Revised Twitter Guidance**



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**To:** Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** I told April to call Megan Bloomgren

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 21:51:29 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
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**From:** Thomas Crosson <Thomas\_Crosson@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 22:05:28 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: I told April to call Megan Bloomgren

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**Subject:** Re: I told April to call Megan Bloomgren

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 22:28:38 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Frank Quimby <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: I told April to call Megan Bloomgren

Got it...thanks. Don't think much will happen tonight anyway. Will stand by until the morning. Thanks. Hopefully you'll get some rest.

**From:** Quimby, Frank [mailto:[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)]  
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**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 21:44:21 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Larry Gillick <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
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**To:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
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reply

Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com>

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**From:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 21:37:10 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: another story on the issue

Thanks - hadn't seen this one.

We need to note guidance has been clarified and divisions should continue Twitter engagement as normal this weekend with the exception of tweets on the Secretary's policy priorities, which will be outlined upon confirmation.

How can we do that best? Could you clarify your earlier email to the bureaus first thing tomorrow and we'll release that guidance to these reporters?

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**To:** Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov, larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov, Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>, Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov>, Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Twitter directive is now a story

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Sent from my iPhone

## Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>

**From:** Thomas Crosson <thomas\_crosson@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 19:58:50 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** April Slayton <april\_slayton@nps.gov>  
Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, "rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov" <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, "larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov" <larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov>  
**CC:** Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov>, Amber Smigiel <amber\_smigiel@nps.gov>, Leah Duran <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov>  
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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <[frank\\_quimby@ios.doi.gov](mailto:frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 20:17:01 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** heather.swift83@icloud.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Twitter directive is now a story

several media asking about twitter issue do you want NPS to respond with their statement?

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From: **Thomas Crosson** <[thomas\\_crosson@nps.gov](mailto:thomas_crosson@nps.gov)>  
Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 9:58 PM  
Subject: Re: Twitter directive is now a story  
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**To:** Megan Bloomgren (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
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# National Park Service Banned From Tweeting After Anti-Trump Retweets



William Turton

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Today 8:04pm Filed to: TWEETS



TWEETS **7,623** FOLLOWING **2,634** FOLLOWERS **304K** LIKES **3,781** LISTS **7** MOMENTS **1**

## NationalParkService

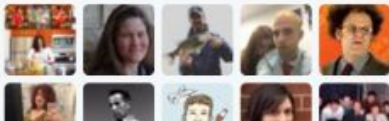
@NatlParkService

America's Best Idea. #FindYourPark  
#NPS100 RT/follow/likes#endorsement

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**Binyamin Appelbaum** @BCAppelbaum · 5h

Compare the crowds: 2009 inauguration at left, 2017 inauguration at right.

#Inauguration 🇺🇸



The National Park service retweeted some sick Donald Trump burns, noting how, uh, lightly attended his inauguration was compared to Barack Obama's in 2009. But now, the NPS has been ordered by its Washington support office to "immediately cease use of government Twitter accounts until further notice," according to an internal email obtained by Gizmodo.

## National Park Service Owns Trump on Twitter One Last Time [Updated]

[Inline image 1](#)

President Trump's administration apparently hasn't gotten its hands on the National Park Service...

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already noted it will cease tweeting.

The NPS later removed the retweets, but one NPS account has

Here's the email sent to National Park employees earlier today:

All:

We have received direction from the Department through [the Washington Support Office] that directs all [Department of Interior] bureaus to immediately cease use of government Twitter accounts until further notice.

PWR parks that use Twitter as part of their crisis communications plans need to alter their contingency plans to accommodate this requirement. Please ensure all scheduled posts are deleted and automated cross-platform social media connections to your twitter accounts are severed. The expectation is that there will be absolutely no posts to Twitter.

In summary, this Twitter stand down means we will cease use of Twitter immediately. However, there is no need to suspend or delete government accounts until directed.

This does not affect use of other approved social media platforms. We expect further



guidance to come next week and we will share accordingly.

Thanks for your help!

One Park Ranger tells Gizmodo “Unofficial word on the employee facebook page is that it was because of those two [retweets] (which might have been an accident).”

Hail to our glorious new leader!

**William Turton** @williamturton

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Copy, Frank....thanks for tracking this down. Standing by.

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**April Slayton**

10:10 PM (21 minutes ago)

to Thomas, me, rebecca\_matulka, larry\_gillick, Tim, Amber, Leah

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**To:** Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Good Evening

Please contact Tom Crossing, ASAP at (b) (6) or (b) (6). In ref to the ongoing twitter issue.

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Thanks for the update, Frank. Larry and I have guidance on [doi.gov](http://doi.gov). We'll look into it on Monday to see if it needs to be updated.

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**To:** Tim Cash <tim\_cash@nps.gov>, "Quinn, Michael" <michael\_quinn@nps.gov>, frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov  
Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski <kirbylynn\_shedlowski@nps.gov>,  
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April and Tom- the weather and road conditions are deteriorating. The forecast hasn't been totally on target for this storm so far (we've received more snow in the first 24 hours than predicted). Current visibility is poor.

Being able to provide visitors with up-to-date information is imperative.

Please feel free to call me.

Kirby

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Sorry if someone else already sent this to you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2017, at 5:58 PM, Shedlowski, Kirby-Lynn <[kirbylynn\\_shedlowski@nps.gov](mailto:kirbylynn_shedlowski@nps.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Tim!

April and Tom- the weather and road conditions are deteriorating. The forecast hasn't been totally on target for this storm so far (we've received more snow in the first 24 hours than



predicted). Current visibility is poor.

Being able to provide visitors with up-to-date information is imperative.

Please feel free to call me.

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**From:** "Quimby, Frank"

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**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 5:10:22 PM EST

**To:** DOI\_OPA\_Bureau\_Contacts

[<doi\\_opa\\_bureau\\_contacts@ios.doi.gov>](mailto:doi_opa_bureau_contacts@ios.doi.gov)

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The new administration has said that the Department and all Bureaus are not supposed to tweet this weekend and wait for guidance until Monday.

Please make sure to that any scheduled tweets are no longer scheduled.

If you have questions, you can contact Rebecca Matlulka at (b) (6) .

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**To:** frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov, larry\_gillick@ios.doi.gov  
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**From:** "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 20 2017 11:59:24 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Simpson, Moshay" <msimpson@osmre.gov>, Christopher Holmes <cholmes@osmre.gov>  
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Greenwire story said "Also today, the National Park Service's Twitter account [retweeted](#) a story about how climate change and civil rights issues had been scrubbed from the White House website.

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nps horrified this happened working with heather to get guidance for responses to media questions nps willing to take the blame and apologize publicly

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Thanks, Frank - we got the message and are forwarding it. Can we get on the phone with you and anyone else at DOI Comms this afternoon to develop an appropriate response to incoming media queries?

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#### Trump erases climate, CEQ from website

Robin Bravender, E&E News reporter

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The Council on Environmental Quality page has been removed from the White House website.

The Trump administration has scrubbed references to climate change and the Council on Environmental Quality from its website.

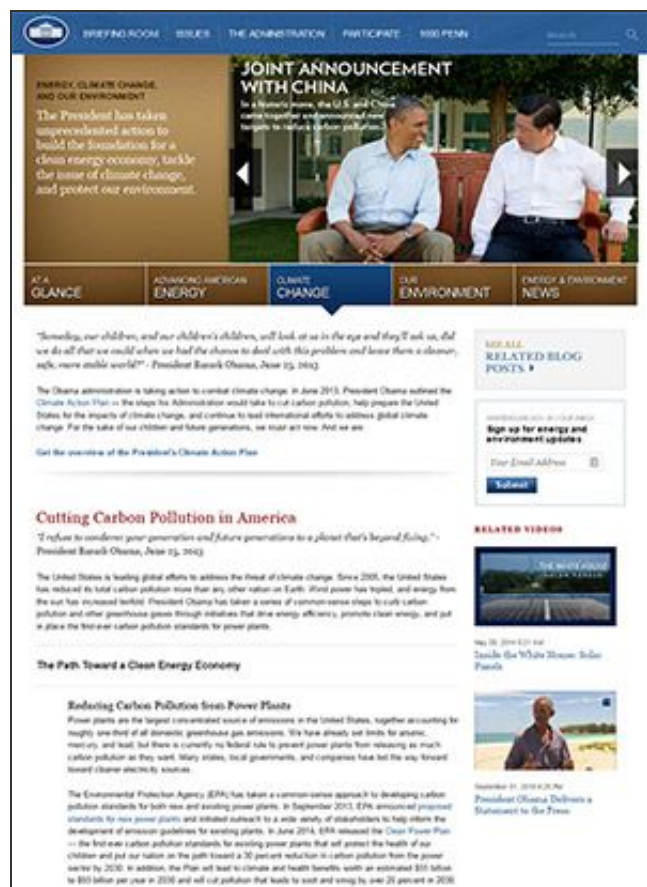
Just minutes after President Trump was sworn in today, his team overhauled the White House website, replacing a photo of President Obama and the line "Yes, we did. Yes, we can" with a new home page featuring a photo of Trump. The site now says, "Let's Make America Great Again, Together."

Also gone are the references to the Obama administration's work on climate change that were there earlier today.

Instead, the Trump team inserted the new administration's "top issues," including the "America First Energy Plan." That plan pledges to eliminate policies like Obama's Climate Action Plan and the so-called Waters of the United States rule.

The [website](#) for the White House CEQ has been eliminated.

At U.S. EPA and the Interior and Energy departments, climate change pages on their websites were still in place as of press time. Those websites will likely be overhauled, too, as Trump administration staffers get to work in the coming weeks.



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Also today, the National Park Service's Twitter account [retweeted](#) a story about how climate change and civil rights issues had been scrubbed from the White House website.

The NPS account also [retweeted](#) images showing bigger crowds at Obama's inauguration in 2009 compared with Trump's inauguration today.

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### Kornze urges staff to keep engaged despite 'pendulum' swings

Scott Streater, E&E News reporter  
Published: Friday, January 20, 2017



Neil Kornze was the 19th director of the Bureau of Land Management. Photo courtesy of @BLMDirector via Twitter.

Neil Kornze, who yesterday ended more than two years as director of the Bureau of Land Management, told the agency's staff in a farewell email that they have much to be proud of, and he urged them to "continue to tackle the nation's most exciting and complicated natural resource issues."

"Tonight I will turn the lights out in the Director's office for the last time," Kornze wrote in an email sent to the agency's 10,000 employees on the eve of the incoming Trump administration.

BLM announced last week that Kristin Bail, who most recently served as assistant director for BLM's Resources and Planning Directorate, will take over today as acting director ([Greenwire](#), Jan. 13).

In the email to staff — under the subject line "#BLMproud," a Twitter hashtag — Kornze wrote that being director of the agency that oversees nearly 250 million acres "has been the honor of a lifetime," and he complimented employees for doing "extraordinary work."

He listed eight BLM accomplishments during his tenure "that stand out," including completing sweeping greater sage grouse conservation plans covering millions of acres and advancing "landscape-level planning" measures, such as master leasing plans, that have made onshore oil and gas production "safer and more responsible."

He also cited the agency's unprecedented efforts to promote renewable energy development. Since 2009, BLM has approved 60 commercial-scale solar, wind and geothermal power projects covering more than 305,000 acres of federal lands across the West. All told, the 60 projects would have the capacity to generate 15,569 megawatts of electricity.

"More than 5 million homes will be powered with clean renewable energy produced on public lands," he wrote.

Some fear a Trump administration will scale back renewables development and other landscape-level planning. Trump has vowed to roll back regulations and open more federal lands to oil and gas drilling and mining activity.

But Kornze, who previously worked three years at BLM and several years for former Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), wrote in the email that dealing with a changing political climate is just part of working for the agency.

"As you know, the BLM sometimes gets treated like a pendulum," he wrote. "One group of leaders pulls it this way; the next group tugs it that way. I have seen how disruptive those swings can be and, as a result, I have fought each day for initiatives that add strength and weight to the core of the organization."

As director, Kornze made tough calls over where to allow oil and gas development, livestock grazing and off-highway vehicles, and which lands to set aside for recreation, wildlife and solitude ([Greenwire](#), Dec. 23, 2014).

Just days after his April 2014 confirmation, BLM faced an armed crowd of ranchers and militia groups as it tried to round up rancher Cliven Bundy's cows that were illegally grazing on federal lands in the Nevada desert.

Kornze encouraged agency staff in the email to continue to reach out to BLM leaders in the Trump administration, just as they did with Kornze during his tenure. "Those conversations had a major impact on where I spent my time and where the agency focused its limited resources," he wrote.

"Please keep that dialogue going with your new and current leadership," he concluded. "And in the meantime, know that I will be out there rooting for you as you continue to tackle the nation's most exciting and complicated natural resource issues."

He added, "Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this amazing journey."

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#### CLIMATE

### Dusting for Trump fingerprints on agency websites

Hannah Hess, E&E News reporter  
Published: Friday, January 20, 2017

As President Trump placed his hand on Lincoln's Bible today, activists convened on the West Coast for a workshop on political action to sustain access to essential climate data.

Reports that the Trump team could scrub nonregulatory information from U.S. EPA's website before the end of the day corroborate the mission of the Environmental Data & Governance Initiative, which help spread word of the six-hour event on the UCLA campus.

"Websites are going to be the first thing to change because they are the most easily changeable," said Nick Shapiro, an EDGI leader who has been answering emails from government scientists sent to the data preservation project's encrypted account.

In the final sprint before Trump's inauguration, hackers have been capturing and coding federal data sets to remote servers ([Greenwire](#), Dec. 19, 2016). Philadelphia, Chicago and Indianapolis have hosted data rescues in the past week.

EDGI started as a race against time, but it's now trying to pivot toward the long term.

Three doctoral students in the applied physics program at Harvard University's John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, who spoke to E&E News earlier this month, have compiled agency [primers](#) that identify key programs, data sets and documents that they believe are vulnerable to change or loss under the Trump administration.

On the day after the election, they started compiling a spreadsheet of contact information for people in key posts at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Energy Department, U.S. EPA and NASA. Initially, they aimed to capture institutional knowledge through interviews, thinking the current record of work could be transferred to a nongovernmental organization that could continue the research.

"I think we spent a few days being like, this is absurd; we can't tackle the breadth of an agency or even part of an agency," said Andrew Bergman, a third-year student.

But they forged ahead. By mid-December, Bergman said, the trio had gotten excited and made a lot of contacts within agencies. Around that time, they learned about EDGI and realized their ambitious goals might be a great fit for the collaborative effort ([Greenwire](#), Dec. 15, 2016).

A report this week from *Inside EPA*, citing an anonymous source familiar with the Trump EPA transition team saying the removal of President Obama's 2013 Climate Action Plan was imminent, appeared to validate their speculation.

EDGI affirmed yesterday that it would be tracking changes across agency websites.

A fundraising effort aimed at implementing online monitoring tools has been less successful. The website launched in early January, in collaboration with 314 Action, had raised around \$12,500 by Trump's swearing-in — about 40 percent of its goal.

Today at UCLA, organizers will talk about methods of visualizing the broad ecosystem of climate data.

EDGI's next data rescue takes place Feb. 4 in New York City.

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**HAUGRUD TO TAKE HELM AT INTERIOR PENDING ZINKE'S CONFIRMATION.** [E&E](#) (1/19) reports that "career staffers are in line to take the helm of energy and environmental agencies while Donald Trump's incoming Cabinet officials await confirmations." At the Interior Department, Jack Haugrud will "take over as acting secretary, according to outgoing agency spokesman Blake Androff." Haugrud is "currently acting principal deputy solicitor at Interior." Trump's nominee to lead Interior, Ryan Zinke, "testified before the Senate this week and is expected to be confirmed and on the job relatively quickly."

[Politico Pro](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication) reports that it is unclear when the Senate will vote on Zinke, "but it is not unusual for a senior career official to serve as acting administrator for a few days between administrations, and typically they do little aside from keeping the agency running."

***Trump Energy, Environment Nominees Express Similar Messaging On Climate Change.*** [Bloomberg News](#) (1/19, Dlouhy, Natter, 2.41M) reports in confirmation hearings this week Donald Trump's nominees for key energy and environmental posts "rejected the idea that global warming is a hoax," but they debate its the effects. The responses "deviated from what they've said in the past," but critics say "the new formulation may just be another way for Republicans to avoid pursuing policies to curb the use of fossil fuels." The shift in tone "reflects the reality on the ground," as temperatures are trending upward and "public opinion has shifted." The nominees are trying to "avoid the outright 'climate denier' label by vaguely admitting that warming is occurring and may have something do to with emissions," said Paul Bledsoe, a former climate adviser in the Clinton administration, calling the rhetorical strategy a "non-denial denial."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Dennis, Mooney, 11.43M) reports Interior Secretary nominee Ryan Zinke said: "I do not believe it is a hoax. . . . I think where there's debate on it is what [the human] influence is, what can we do about it."

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/19, 387K) reports to most climate scientists, the comments are "deliberately misleading," says Susan Joy Hassol, director of Climate Communication.

***NYTimes Analysis: Trump Nominees Present Picture Of "Still Evolving" Police Agenda.*** The [New York Times](#) (1/19, Shear, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) reports that "in dozens of hours of testimony," President-elect Trump's "nominees told senators that they favored less regulation, a smaller federal government, more state control over policy decisions and taxpayer money, and greater personal responsibility by Americans across the country." The article notes that Zinke of Montana, the nominee to lead the Interior Department, said he supported drilling, mining and logging on federal lands Yet "taken together, the congressional testimony reflects a domestic policy agenda that is still evolving," as "during his campaign, Mr. Trump was often contradictory in laying out a domestic policy blueprint."

***Zinke Wins Approval From Ag Groups.*** [Tri-State Livestock News \(SD\)](#) (1/19) reports that "with the Senate Hearing for the Secretary of the Interior nominee Ryan Zinke completed, those most affected by federal lands management in the west are giving Montana's sole Congressman a nod of approval." The article notes that "throughout his opening statement, Zinke reiterated his willingness to meet with people most affected by the department's policies, and listed his three immediate tasks." According to the article, "despite the lack of agriculturally related comments, ranchers believe the Congressman will listen to the concerns of those whose



livelihoods depend on grazing public lands.”

**Editorial: Zinke Likely To Pass Senate Muster.** In an editorial, the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/19, 208K) believes that Zinke will “soon be confirmed as U.S. Interior secretary.” According to the editorial, “Zinke mostly, but not completely, agreed with comments from GOP senators,” and “he deftly answered harder questions from Democratic senators.” Notably, “he spoke on points of bipartisan agreement: encouraging collaborative solutions, ensuring multiple use of federal lands to include recreation and natural resource development, protecting public access, respecting Native American treaty obligations, shrinking the \$12.5 billion National Park Service deferred maintenance backlog.” The paper concludes that “Zinke is well qualified to become the first Montanan to serve as secretary of a U.S. government department.”

**Zinke’s Stance On National Monument Designations Appreciated.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (1/20, 676K) editorializes that “Zinke did make eminent sense when he said during the hearing that it would be appropriate to work ‘with, rather than against, local communities and the states’ when making determinations about federal monuments.” According to the paper, “Zinke’s approach would be a breath of fresh air and long overdue.”

**LAND SWAP FOR SCHOOL TRUST LAND IN BEARS EARS ON INDEFINITE HOLD.** The [AP](#) Raleigh, NC (1/19, 135K) reports that “a land swap for 109,000 acres of state school trust land within the newly created Bears Ears National Monument won’t happen before President Barack Obama leaves office and is on indefinite hold, federal and state officials said this week.” The article notes that “the presidential proclamation creating the monument on Dec. 28 set Thursday as a deadline for a progress report to Obama on the land exchange.” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “conceded in a letter sent Wednesday to Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and the White House that president-elect Donald Trump’s administration will have to carry out the exchange.” Jewell “says her staff made significant progress toward a framework for the land exchange with the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration last fall.” However, “that organization’s board recently voted not to take any action because it wants to wait and see if Utah’s congressional delegation can reverse the designation.”

The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) reports that Jewell wrote, “Such an exchange would benefit the State’s schoolchildren by providing revenue-generating property to SITLA and benefit all Americans by conserving the natural and cultural resources on State lands within the Monument boundary. It is unfortunate that, due to this vote [by the SITLA board to not pursue a land exchange], the Department is now unable to memorialize the work that had been done by our teams.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/19, McCombs, 272K), the [Cache Valley \(UT\) Daily](#) (1/19, 639), and the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (1/19, 2.2M).

**SECRETARY JEWELL ORDERS CONTINUED WORK ON COLORADO RIVER BASIN WATER AGREEMENTS.** [E&E](#) (1/19) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell has “ordered the department to continue negotiations over a deal to share Colorado River water in the Southwest.” According to the article, “Lower Basin states that depend on the Colorado River Basin for drinking water and irrigation have long been working on a deal to take voluntary conservation measures in order to avoid a dramatic fall in water levels at Lake Mead.” They had “hoped to come to an agreement before the Colorado River Water Users Association’s annual meeting in December but have yet to strike a deal.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Aspen \(CO\) Times](#) (1/19, 58K) and [KRWG-FM](#) Las Cruces, NM (1/18, 1K).

**SECRETARY JEWELL APPOINTS TWO NEW MEMBERS TO PATERSON GREAT FALLS ADVISORY BOARD.** The [Paterson \(NJ\) Times](#) (1/19) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “appointed two university professors with lengthy history of supporting public spaces and historic preservation to the Great Falls National Historical Park Advisory Commission to succeed two outgoing board members.” Jewell appointed John Lawrence and Hilary Ballon at the recommendation of Rep. Bill Pascrell.

**SECRETARY JEWELL’S PENS “EXIT MEMO”.** The [West Seattle Blog](#) (1/19, 2K) reports that outgoing Interior Secretary Sally Jewell has published her “exit memo.” It “touts a variety of resource and land accomplishments, and notes challenges for the future that don’t often get headlines.” However, the article notes that while Jewell’s “‘exit memo’ touts the department ‘restor(ing) our nation-to-nation relationships with tribes,’ it does not mention those – including the Duwamish Tribe – that did not get treaty rights restored. It’s

been almost a year and a half since Duwamish chair Cecile Hansen went to Jewell's neighborhood to make her case, after another denial."

**CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT EXPANSION BRINGS POTENTIAL BACKLASH.** The [Coos Bay \(OR\) World](#) (1/19, 32K) reports that the expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument "last week has been lauded as a triumph for some and a catastrophe for others, especially the O&C counties who say the expansion will further restrict logging." Jim Whittington, Bureau of Land Management public affairs officer for the Medford district, "said he's sure there will be backlash." He said, "It's pretty much a given on any major land management decision. We'll do our best to come up with a public outreach plan."

**Trout Unlimited Applauds Expansion Of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.** The [Los Alamos \(NM\) Daily Post](#) (1/18) reports that Trout Unlimited praised the expansion of Cascades-Siskiyou National Monument, "saying this action will better protect a population of native redband trout and one of the country's most unique ecosystems." Steve Kandell, Sportsmen's Conservation Project director for Trout Unlimited, said, "We are very pleased this expansion has included more of the Jenny Creek watershed, which will help protect supplies of clean, cold water for this stream and its rare redband trout. We greatly appreciate the recognition by President Obama, Senators Merkley, Wyden and Boxer, and many other local and national leaders that this part of our natural heritage deserves permanent protection."

**Decision Not To Create Owyhee Canyonlands Monument Welcomed.** In an editorial, the [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (1/19, 113K) is hopeful that plans to create the Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument really have been "shelved." According to the paper, "If the president doesn't proclaim the Owyhee Canyonlands a national monument, it's a near certainty that such a designation won't be made during the Trump administration." The paper is also "encouraged that Congress is considering curbing executive authority under the Antiquities Act, if not repealing the law outright."

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (1/19, 894K) and the [Salem \(OR\) Statesman Journal](#) (1/19, 140K).

**OBAMA'S EPA REFUSES TO PAY CLAIMS FROM GOLD KING MINE SPILL.** In what the [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Richardson, 272K) describes as an "ugly blot on its [environmental] record," the Obama Administration will leave power having failed to "to hold itself financially accountable for the Gold King Mine spill." Obama's EPA, in "one of its final moves," refused "to pay 73 claims totaling \$1.2 billion filed by tribes, farmers, river-rafters and local governments from the August 2015 wastewater spill, citing sovereign immunity under the Federal Tort Claims Act," a decision that "floored" Western lawmakers, who cited EPA Administrator McCarthy's "numerous assurances that the agency would take responsibility for the damage caused by the EPA-led crew." According to the Times, Republicans, who are "hoping President-elect Donald Trump will clean up the mess," were "heartened after Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, tapped by Mr. Trump to head the EPA, agreed Wednesday at his Senate confirmation hearing to revisit the decision."

**TRUMP TEAM REVERSES COURSE ON REMOVING IGS.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Mufson, Eilperin, 11.43M) reports that while officials from President-elect Trump's transition last Friday phoned the inspectors general at the Treasury Department, the Labor Department, "and at least one other key department," to "indicate that they could soon be removed from their posts," after "some IGs protested, a more senior member of the Trump transition team ordered a new round of phone calls within days to reassure the inspectors general that they would not be forced from their posts." The Post cites the "confusion" as "another indication of how parts of the Trump transition team appear unfamiliar with the workings of the federal government," and adds that the incident "underscores the sometimes-tense relationship between the incoming administration and portions of the federal workforce, which could lead to friction after Trump takes office."

**OBAMA'S CONSERVATION LEGACY IN FOUR CORNERS PONDERED.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (1/18, 31K) reports that President Obama's impact has "been felt in the Four Corners, where he designated national monuments and enacted countless energy policies, including regulations on methane gas releases and pushing toward renewables." According to the article, "as with any U.S. president, Obama's legacy will be interpreted a myriad of ways, from those who feel he went too far or not far enough." Dan Olson, executive director of San Juan Citizens Alliance, called Obama's legacy a "mixed bag." Conservation Colorado's southwest spokeswoman Micha Rosenoer said, "We'll look back on Obama's legacy and wonder how much he could have done if Congress wasn't so obstructionist. Given the challenges with partisanship heavier than it's ever been, I think he did a wonderful job."

**OBAMA CABINET HAS FAREWELL LUNCH AT TOSCA WEDNESDAY.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Andrews-Dyer, 11.43M) reports the entire Obama Cabinet went out for a “final power lunch in Washington on Wednesday.” The group, which included Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, at lunch at Tosca, an “Italian restaurant just three blocks from the White House.”

**POLL: 28% OF FEDERAL WORKERS CONSIDERING RESIGNATION ONCE TRUMP TAKES OFFICE.** The [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Harper, 272K) reports that a [survey](#) (1/18, 25K) conducted by the Government Business Council and Government Executive found that nearly “two-thirds of federal employees voted for Hillary Clinton during the presidential election.” Moreover, “six of 10 felt that the election itself gave Americans a negative impression of federal service.” The survey also says, “More than one in four federal workers, or 28 percent, will definitely or possibly consider leaving their jobs after Jan. 20 when Trump is sworn into office and becomes leader of the executive branch.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR SHARES PHOTO OF FISH FROZEN IN WALL OF ICE.** Additional coverage that the Interior Department shared a photo on social media showing a school of dead fish that appear to be suspended in the air inside a wall of ice was provided by the [New York Times](#) (1/19, Klein, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) and [GrindTV](#) (1/13, 71K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FEDERAL OFFICIALS HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON PARADISE VALLEY MINERAL WITHDRAWAL.** Additional coverage of the public meeting on a proposed mineral withdrawal in the Paradise Valley was provided by the [Bozeman \(MT\) Daily Chronicle](#) (1/19, 52K).

**OBAMA’S RECOGNITION OF LGBTQ HISTORY AND PLACES LAUDED.** The [Wilderness Society](#) (1/19) recognizes “President Obama’s accomplishments in land conservation, energy reforms, efforts to help more Americans visit our great outdoors and honoring America’s diverse culture and history.” It also highlights Obama’s “recognition of places and events associated with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Americans, including his designation of the Stonewall Inn in New York City as a national monument.”

**TRUMP ADMINISTRATION URGED TO CHANGE COURSE IN THE WEST.** The [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (1/19, 22K) editorializes that with the incoming Trump Administration, “many in the West” are hoping for “big policy changes.” The paper believes that “places like Elko, where the economy is rooted in natural resources and the federal government controls the vast majority of acreage, would benefit the most from a new direction.” As an example, the paper says that “a key issue to be decided in the opening months of 2017 is the proposed ban on mining across 10 million acres for the next 20 years.”

## **America’s Great Outdoors:**

### *National Park Service:*

**NPS RELEASES “GAP ANALYSIS” FOR FUTURE DECISION-MAKERS.** The [Santa Clarita Valley \(CA\) News](#) (1/18, 431) reports the National Park Service “released a plan on Wednesday to identify gaps in the current National Park System to better inform future decision-makers of options that more fully represent the nation’s natural and cultural resources, and the experiences of all Americans.” Acting National Park Service Director Michael Reynolds said, “The National Park System continues to grow, largely through grassroots efforts led by passionate citizens; however, we rarely look at the park system holistically or think about its development in a deliberate, systematic way. The National Park System Plan is designed to identify the themes of the evolving American experience that are expressed through our National Park System and identify gaps where we could better express the full story of our nation. The system plan makes that information available when people think about future national park sites.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Estes Park \(CO\) Trail-Gazette](#) (1/19, 13K).

**FEDERAL AUTHORITIES LAUNCH SECURITY OPERATION FOR TRUMP INAUGURATION.** [USA Today](#) (1/19, Johnson, 5.28M) reports, “Federal authorities flipped the switch Thursday on a far-reaching inaugural security operation aimed at thwarting a range of potential threats, from weaponized drones and vehicle attacks to active shooters and thousands of protesters.” Early Thursday, “a rolling series of street closures began forming a protective perimeter around the city where up 900,000 people are expected for day-long ceremonies” related to President-elect Trump’s inauguration. USA Today adds, “The Secret Service, which is overseeing the plan, said Thursday there were no specific or credible threats targeting the events.”

Under the headline “Fortress Washington Girds For Days Of Anti-Trump Protests,” [Reuters](#) (1/19, Simpson) reports that before Trump takes the Oath of Office, “Washington will turn into a virtual fortress” as the city “braces for more than a quarter-million protesters.” Law enforcement has “forecast that some 900,000 people, both supporters and opponents, will flood Washington for the inauguration ceremony.” Approximately “28,000 security personnel, miles (kilometers) of fencing, roadblocks, street barricades and dump trucks laden with sand will be part of the security cordon clamped around 3 square miles (almost 8 square km) of central Washington.”

On the [CBS Evening News](#) (1/19, story 8, 2:15, Pelley, 11.17M), Jeff Pegues reported, “The Secret Service has gamed out numerous scenarios for protecting the new President tomorrow. From an active shooter to an assassin using a weaponized drone.” Pegues added, “The Coast Guard is patrolling the Potomac River, while Customs helicopters buzz the skyline. ... Thirty-one thousand federal and local law enforcement officers and 5,000 members of the National Guard will blanket the city.”

On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/19, story 3, 2:00, Holt, 16.61M), Lester Holt reported, “This year, planners are especially worried about potential attacks from big trucks or from drones.” NBC’s Pete Williams added, “More than 100 blocks of downtown Washington are closing to traffic with big heavy vehicles in place to stop any attacks by trucks like those carried out last year in France and Germany.” Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security: “That’s a precaution that we are doubling down on in particular this inauguration.” Williams added, “Secret Service agents have trained to respond to all kind of trouble, from objects thrown to presidential limo to people rushing past the crowd barriers. ... Another new worry, drones, with more than 1.5 million now in the hands of hobbyists.” However, “Homeland Security officials say they have the technology to neutralize them.”

On the [CBS Evening News](#) (1/19, story 4, 2:25, Pelley, 11.17M), Jericka Duncan spoke with “women headed to the inauguration with very different agendas.” Duncan reported, “Theresa Mungiola is chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party,” and she is attending the inauguration to celebrate Trump’s election. Duncan added, “Women who didn’t vote for him, women who were shocked when Trump turned a blue state red, assembled just 30 miles south in Detroit. They’re preparing to attend the women’s march on Washington this Saturday.”

**NPS Eases “No Umbrella” Policy For Friday.** The [AP](#) (1/19) reports that “with rain in the forecast, the National Park Service announced that it was easing its ‘no umbrella’ policy for Friday, allowing collapsible umbrellas along the parade route and on the National Mall.”

**THREE MEN FROM “HIGH ON LIFE” GROUP PLEAD GUILTY TO VIOLATIONS AT NATIONAL PARKS.** The [AP](#) (1/19, 1.27M) reports that “three Canadians will be banned from federal lands for five years after pleading guilty to walking on a sensitive hot spring in Yellowstone National Park and other crimes at parks across the Western U.S., park officials said Thursday.” Charles Gamble, Alexey Lyakh and Justis Price Brown “pleaded guilty during a hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Carman at the Yellowstone Justice Center, officials said.” The men were from the group High on Life SundayFundayz.

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by [U.S. News & World Report](#) (1/19, 1.02M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (1/19, 942K), the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (1/19), and the [Daily Mail](#) (1/19, 4.59M).

Additional coverage was provided by [KIFI-TV Idaho Falls \(ID\)](#) Idaho Falls, ID (1/19, 44K).

**ZION NATIONAL PARK ROAD OPEN AFTER BOULDERS CLEARED.** The [AP](#) (1/19, 272K) reports that “authorities say a scenic drive at Zion National Park in Utah is open again after crews using fire hoses removed massive boulders that tumbled onto the road nearly a week ago.” Park officials said Thursday Zion Scenic Drive is “passable to the increasing flow of visitors making the trip even during the winter off-season.” The new technique of using fire hoses “caused less damage to wildlife and the natural surroundings than the usual blasting.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by [Philly \(PA\)](#) (1/19, 942K), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/19, 1.27M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (1/19, 4.59M).

**DOLPHIN CARCASSES WILL BE LEFT IN EVERGLADES WATERS.** The [AP](#) (1/19, 1.27M) reports that “officials say they won’t remove the carcasses of large dolphins stranded in shallow waters off the western



edge of Everglades National Park.” In posts on social media, “park officials said Thursday that the dead dolphins are being left in place because national parks protect all aspects of the ecosystem.” According to officials, “the decomposing carcasses will ‘fuel the food web’ by providing nutrients to scavengers such as vultures, sharks and crabs.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by [Philly \(PA\)](#) (1/19, 942K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/19, 272K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/19, 4.59M), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (1/19, 453K).

**PROPOSED NEW YORK BUDGET INCLUDES FOURTH-GRADER PROGRAM.** [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (1/19, 1.3M) reports that “New York State parks would get an extra \$30 million for capital improvements under the governor’s proposed budget, raising the annual total to \$120 million.” According to the article, “the extra money is part of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo’s 10-year plan to invest \$900 million restoring buildings, systems, trails and boardwalks that were neglected for decades.” Notably, “a program allowing fourth-graders and their families who obtain passes the National Park Service provides for its parks will again be allowed to enter state parks for free, the budget plan said.”

**SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK GETTING NEW SUPERINTENDENT.** The [AP](#) (1/19, 272K) reports that Saguaro National Park is “getting a new superintendent, with Leah McGinnis being named to the position after completing a four-month stint as the southern Arizona park’s acting superintendent and moving on from her current position as superintendent of Capitol Reef National Park in southern Utah.” McGinnis is “a 28-year veteran of the National Park Service who became Capitol Reef’s superintendent in 2013 after serving as chief of staff at Grand Canyon National Park, where she spent 12 years.” McGinnis begins her new assignment in late February.

**25 ILLINOIS SITES ADDED TO NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER IN 2016.** The [AP](#) (1/19, 272K) reports that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency “added 25 significant properties to the National Register of Historic Places in 2016.” Also, “in addition to the 25 new locations, two existing sites had their designations expanded.”

**2016 HIGHLIGHTS OF EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS LISTED.** In a piece for the [Livermore \(CA\) Independent](#) (1/19, 137K), Beverly Lane, President of the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, lists the “many accomplishments in the past year.” She notes that “Tilden Regional Park’s 80th anniversary and the National Park Service’s centennial were celebrated with an unveiling of a restored 1932 relief map of the East Bay hills.” Also, “East Bay Regional Park District and the National Park Service co-hosted a celebration of the future Concord Hills Regional Park and a commemoration of the World War II Port Chicago ammunition ship disaster.”

### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**RECORD HIGH GUN SALES HELPS OBAMA’S CONSERVATION LEGACY.** [Outside](#) (1/19, 17.02M) reports that the Pittman-Robertson fund accumulated more than \$4.35 billion dollars during the Obama Administration. According to the article, “the rise in gun purchases has brought a cash bonanza to federal agencies tasked with enhancing, protecting, and conserving wildlife and wildlands.” As a result, the Obama Administration can “say they raised the most money for wildlife ever—even if it happened inadvertently.”

**STUDY: PREDICTIONS OF POLAR BEAR EXTINCTION BASED ON BAD SCIENCE.** The [Daily Caller](#) (1/19, Follett, 898K) reports that “predictions that global warming would wipe out polar bears are based on “scientifically unsound” computer models, according to a new study by a veteran zoologist at the University of Victoria.” According to the article, “some scientists predicted that shrinking Arctic sea ice threatened to kill off significant numbers of polar bears in the coming decades.” However, “those predictions were based on computer-modeled habitat loss; both models, released in 2006 and 2008, were produced by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).” The University of Victoria study “found data collected in 2008 contradicted prevailing dire predictions.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS PREPARING BISON RANGE TRANSFER STUDY.** Additional coverage that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service “published a notice of its intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan” for the National Bison Range, “accompanied by an environmental impact statement,” was provided by the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (1/19, 38K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: RESURGENCE OF BALD EAGLES THREATEN OTHER SPECIES.**

Additional coverage that the bald eagle's resurgence is threatening other species was provided by the [New York Times](#) (1/19, Williams, Subscription Publication, 13.9M).

**AMODEI CALLS DEPARTING FWS DIRECTOR'S SAGE GROUSE OP-ED "FICTION".** In an op-ed for the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/19, 426K), Rep. Mark Amodei criticizes outgoing Fish and Wildlife Director Dan Ashe's op-ed on the sage grouse that appeared in the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/7, 426K). Amodei takes issue with many of Ashe's assertions, and calls them "fiction." In conclusion, Amodei hopes "that the next administration learns from the mistakes of the last administration."

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM FISHERIES PROGRAM TO RESTART OPERATIONS IN LAKE HAVASU.** The [Havasu \(AZ\) News-Herald](#) (1/18, 27K) reports "for the past several months, work crews have beaten back the waters of Lake Havasu at Partners Point to install a seawall for a much needed upgrade to the Bureau of Land Management's Fisheries Improvement Program's field office." The article notes that "the approximately \$800,000 construction project is part of the agency's five year plan." When construction is finished in March, "the seawall will allow BLM a more efficient way to conduct operations along with providing an opportunity to put a shiny new \$150,000 boat to good use, said Jason West, BLM Lake Havasu field manager."

**WILD HORSES TRAINED AT A KANSAS PRISON GOING TO INAUGURATION.** The [AP](#) (1/19, 272K) reports that "wild mustangs trained at Kansas prison will be part of the inauguration parade for Donald Trump." Fort Riley and the U.S. Border Patrol agents are "bringing about 10 of the horses to the 1.5-mile parade Friday from the Capitol to the White House." Since 2001, the Bureau of Land Management has "sent horses to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility for training."

**BLM SETS MEETING ON RÍO GRANDE DEL NORTE NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Taos \(NM\) News](#) (1/19, 31K) reports that the Bureau of Land Management Taos Field Office will "hold an inventory review meeting Tuesday (Jan. 24) on a travel and transportation evaluation process to assess public access needs within the Río Grande del Norte National Monument, also known as the Taos Plateau Travel Management Area."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM, CONSERVATION GROUPS SETTLE OVER MOTORIZED VEHICLES DISPUTE.** Additional coverage that the BLM, conservation groups and off-highway vehicle interests have announced a proposed settlement was provided by the [Moab \(UT\) Sun News](#) (1/19).

**COLUMNIST: NEW ADMINISTRATION COULD MEAN NEVADA HAS MORE SAY ON SAGE GROUSE.** In his column for the [Mesquite \(NV\) Local News](#) (1/19, 16K), Thomas Mitchell decries how Nevada's input "on how to protect the sage grouse population" has "been roundly and almost universally ignored by the federal land agencies." With a new administration, Mitchell hopes that "working groups might actually be listened to."

## **Securing America's Energy Future:**

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**NATURAL GAS LEAKING FROM GULF PIPELINE.** The [AP](#) (1/19) reports officials with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the US Coast Guard are responding to a natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons leak from a pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana. The spill was reported Wednesday afternoon by Fieldwood Energy LLC who saw the leak less than a mile southeast of Platform West Cameron-165. The sheen is reported to be about one mile across and ten miles long. The pipeline's operator Kinetica Partners LLC estimated the spill volume to be approximately 750 gallons.

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/19, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (1/19), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/19, 272K), and the [Daily Mail](#) (1/19, 4.59M).

Additional coverage was provided by the [Lafayette \(LA\) Daily Advertiser](#) (1/19, 97K).

**INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS BLAST WITHDRAWAL OF OFFSHORE AREAS.** The [Offshore Support Journal \(UK\)](#) (1/19) reports that "President Obama's decision to make some offshore areas 'off limits' for exploration has drawn the ire of industry organisations" In response to President Obama's "December 2016



decision to permanently ban oil exploration in the Arctic and withdraw parts of the Atlantic from future leasing, Randall Luthi, president of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA), issued a statement in which he described the outgoing president's decision as 'short sighted', noting that unilateral withdrawal of Atlantic and Arctic Ocean areas from future oil and gas leasing 'not only risks the long-term energy security and energy leadership position of the US' but also "violates the letter and spirit of the law'."

**U.S., CUBA SIGN MARITIME BORDER TREATY.** [UPI](#) (1/19, Graeber) reports that "Jan. 19 (UPI) – The U.S. government said it signed a treaty with Cuba to delineate borders in the Gulf of Mexico, a week after reaching an oil-spill agreement." The U.S. State Department "signed the bilateral treaty to outline the shared maritime boundary in the eastern waters of the Gulf of Mexico." The article notes that "the treaty signing comes one week after both sides signed a bilateral agreement to prepare for and respond to any spills of oil or other hazardous substances in the Gulf of Mexico or the Straits of Florida."

**SUBSEA TIEBACK FORUM TO FEATURE "MEETING THE CHALLENGES" THEME.** [Offshore Magazine](#) (1/19, 129K) reports on the 17th annual Subsea Tieback Forum & Exhibition, which is scheduled for March 21-23 and features the theme "Meeting the Challenges." The article reports that during the final session on Wednesday, "Chevron will discuss the technologies that are being developed within the long-distance tieback program for global application," while "Chevron Australia will provide an overview and lessons learned of the subsea Gorgon and Jansz field developments."

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**FOURTEEN ATTORNEYS GENERAL URGE USE OF CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT TO NULLIFY STREAM PROTECTION RULE.** [Politico Pro](#) (1/19) reports that fourteen attorneys general asked Speaker Paul Ryan and Leader Mitch McConnell in a letter released Wednesday to use the Congressional Review Act to nullify the Obama Administration's "unlawful" stream protection rule. They wrote, "The regulation ignores Congress's instruction in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act that the States should be the primary regulators of coal mining, and it seeks to impose an unwarranted, top-down, one-size-fits all approach."

Also, [Politico Pro](#) (1/19) reports that Rep. Evan Jenkins has introduced a Congressional Review Act resolution, H.J. Res. 11, to permanently block the stream protection rule. According to the article, "though Senate debate rules mean Congress is likely to consider only a limited number of CRA resolutions, a resolution targeting the stream rule is considered a top contender for passage." Also, "a successful CRA resolution would also prevent Interior from ever issuing a rule that is 'substantially the same,' although that provision has never before been tested in court."

**TRUMP INAUGURATION SPURS ESCALATING TENSIONS AT PIPELINE PROTEST.** [Reuters](#) (1/19, Sylvester) reports that tensions between protesters and law enforcement have escalated this week ahead of Friday's inauguration. Almost 40 people have been arrested since Monday, most of them on the bridge that has been the site of frequent confrontations. Demonstrators have voiced declining morale and desperation because of weaker support from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the knowledge that a backer of the pipeline is slated to become president. Benjamin Johansen said, "It's closing in on the inauguration, and people want to make sure that their voices are heard while they still have a chance. ... There's a very real possibility that once the new president is inaugurated, our voices won't matter."

***Injuries, Arrests At Latest Pipeline Protest Clash.*** The [AP](#) (1/19) reports six police officers suffered minor injuries and one protester was taken to the hospital after a clash between law enforcement and Dakota Access pipeline protesters. The Morton County Sheriff's Office said the clash occurred Wednesday night at a blockaded bridge near the main encampment and that officers used non-lethal ammunition, including bean bag rounds and tear gas, against protesters. The officers suffered ankle, shoulder, wrist and hand injuries, while the protester was taken to the hospital with a face injury. Police arrested 21 protesters, bringing the arrest total since August 10 to 624.

***ND Landowners Suing Dakota Access Over Easements.*** The [AP](#) (1/19, Nicholson) reports around two dozen North Dakota landowners are suing Energy Transfer Partners alleging deceit and fraud in acquiring land easements. The Morton County landowners filed a lawsuit this month in US District Court and are seeking more than \$4 million from Dakota Access LLC, a subsidiary of ETP. They say Dakota Access "engaged in unfair tactics and fraud while negotiating to lay pipeline on private land, resulting in compensation that was as much as nine times lower than what other landowners got," and that the company said "if they didn't agree to

the offered amount, they faced losing money or getting nothing either because their land would be condemned through eminent domain or the pipeline would be moved elsewhere.” ETP spokeswoman Vicki Granado said the allegations are without merit.

**OSM ORDERS INSPECTION INTO STATE PERMITS FOR WISHBONE HILL MINE PROSPECT.** [KTUU-TV](#) Anchorage, AK (1/19, 36K) reports that the Office of Surface Mining is “ordering an inspection into two state mining permits issued to Usibelli Coal Mine for its Wishbone Hill prospect near Sutton.” The OSM, “in a Wednesday letter to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, said the state wrongfully extended the deadline for Usibelli to begin mining operations when the company renewed its permits for the site.” According to the article, “depending on the outcome of the inspection, OSM could decide to block further development of the proposed mine.”

**BLM SEEKS INPUT ON PLANS FOR JUNE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (1/19, 362K) reports that the Bureau of Land Management’s Color Country District is seeking public input “on environmental assessments analyzing a plan to offer 23 parcels covering nearly 28,500 acres in the Richfield and St. George areas at a June oil and gas lease sale.”

**ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PLANNED FOR KING II COAL MINE EXPANSION.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (1/19, 31K) reports that “federal agencies announced this month they will conduct additional environmental analyses of a Hesperus coal mine’s expansion plans.” GCC Energy, “which owns the King II coal mine, wants to expand mining on about 950 acres adjacent to the existing operation on County Road 120.” The U.S. Bureau of Land Management started “an environmental assessment process in 2011, but now the U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is joining the BLM in preparing one environmental assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: 13 STATES SUE TO BLOCK STREAM PROTECTION RULE.** Additional coverage that thirteen states are asking a federal court to halt the Stream Protection Rule was provided by [Fox News](#) (1/18, 11.07M), [Courthouse News](#) (1/19, 2K), the [Marshall \(MO\) Democrat-News](#) (1/19), the [West Virginia Record](#) (1/19, 313), the [Floyd County \(KY\) Times](#) (1/19, 1K), [KOLR-TV Springfield \(MO\)](#) Springfield, MO (1/19, 3K), and [WKSU-FM Kent \(OH\)](#) Kent, OH (1/19, 6K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR ALLOWS MORE COAL EXTRACTION AT COLOWYO COAL MINE.** Additional coverage that “the federal government has approved a plan that allows for coal mining to continue for the long term at the Colowyo Mine between Meeker and Craig” was provided by the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (1/19, 73K).

### ***Renewable Energy:***

**INTERIOR APPROVES FIRST PHASE OF CHOKECHERRY AND SIERRA MADRE WIND ENERGY PROJECT.** [E&E](#) (1/19) reports that The outgoing Obama Administration “moved one last time” to “promote large-scale renewable energy development, finalizing documents that clear the way for a southeast Wyoming project expected to become the largest wind farm in North America.” The Bureau of Land Management “issued a decision record, and a finding of no new significant impacts, approving the siting of the first 500 turbines for the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project.” Also, the Fish and Wildlife Service issued a record of decision “approving the issuance of two permits that would allow for the incidental ‘take’ of bald and golden eagles — one covering construction of the first 500 turbines and the second covering the first five years of the wind project’s operation.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Windpower Monthly](#) (1/19).

**CAPE WIND’S \$88K LEASE PAYMENT SHOWS PROJECT NOT DEAD.** The [Cape Cod \(MA\) Times](#) (1/19, 81K) reports that “it appears Cape Wind President Jim Gordon’s vision is still alive for a project that in 2010 secured U.S. Department of Interior approval.” Bureau of Ocean Energy Management spokeswoman Tracy Moriarty said, “Cape Wind did make the lease payment.” Project opponent Audra Parker of the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound confirmed that “the federal government in December had informed her group that Cape Wind made its annual \$88,000 payment to keep their six-year-old lease intact.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM TO HOLD NORTH CAROLINA OFFSHORE WIND AUCTION IN MARCH 2017.** Additional coverage of the North Carolina offshore wind auction scheduled for March 2017 was provided by [Workboat](#) (1/19) and [WRAZ-TV](#) Raleigh, NC (1/18, 1K).

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**JEWELL AIDE HEADED TO SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS.** [E&E](#) (1/19) reports that “a top aide to outgoing Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is heading back to Capitol Hill to defend many of the Indian Country policies she helped to implement.” Jennifer Romero, Jewell’s senior adviser for Native Hawaiian affairs, will “take over on Jan. 25 as Democratic staff director for the Senate Indian Affairs Committee,” spokeswoman Jennifer Talhelm confirmed yesterday. Romero will “report to Democratic Sen. Tom Udall, the vice chairman of Indian Affairs, who represents her home state of New Mexico.”

**FORT SILL ACCUSES NIGC OF SHIRKING COURT ORDER.** The [AP](#) (1/19, 272K) reports that the Fort Sill Apache tribe is accusing the National Indian Gaming Commission of “shirking a federal court order to reconsider an earlier decision that prohibited the tribe from conducting gambling on its land in southern New Mexico.” Attorneys for the tribe “filed a motion Tuesday, calling for the commission to be held in contempt.” Fort Sill Chairman Jeff Haozous “says the commission is violating the tribe’s right to a speedy resolution of the gaming dispute.”

**LUMBEE TRIBE MEMBERS TO MARCH IN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION PARADE.** [Robesonian \(NC\)](#) (1/19, 41K) reports that “history will be made Friday when for the first time members of the Lumbee Tribe will be marching in a presidential inauguration parade representing their tribal nation.” Lumbee Tribe Chairman Harvey Godwin Jr. “said the tribe’s participation in the inaugural events is an excellent opportunity for the Lumbee Tribe to showcase the tribe’s culture and make people worldwide aware of the tribe’s existence.” Godwin “said the opportunity comes at an important time in tribal history, just about a month after the Office of the Solicitor rendered an opinion that reinterprets the Lumbee Act of 1956, allowing a path to federal recognition through the Department of the Interior, which oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs.”

Additional coverage that the Interior Department will “allow the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to apply for full federal recognition” was provided by [WUNC-FM](#) Chapel Hill, NC (1/19, 10K).

**US REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH NAVAJO NATION ON CLEANUP OF ABANDONED URANIUM MINES.** The [Walker \(MN\) Pilot-Independent](#) (1/18) reports that the US Department of Justice and the Navajo Nation have “entered into a \$600 million settlement agreement targeted at cleaning up 94 abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo reservation.” Under the settlement, “Cyprus Amax Minerals Company and Western Nuclear, Inc., will perform the work and the United States will contribute approximately half of the costs.” Alexis Strauss, EPA’s Acting Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest, said, “This historic settlement will clean up almost twenty percent of the abandoned mines on the Navajo Nation.” The work to be conducted is subject to oversight of the EPA, “in collaboration with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency.”

**COURT RULES TRIBE’S SUIT AGAINST BNSF CAN PROCEED.** The [Anacortes \(WA\) American](#) (1/18) reports that a federal court ruled BNSF “breached its contract with the Swinomish tribe by increasing the number of rail cars crossing over the reservation without permission and in failing to notify the tribe about the cargo.” According to the article, the tribe cannot necessarily stop the trains, but the lawsuit can now proceed, with the “possibility that the tribe could win damages, rent adjustments and court-ordered disclosures about cargo.”

**ALMOST 60,000 ACRES RETURNED TO RED LAKE BAND.** [KQDS-TV](#) Duluth, MN (1/18, 777) reports that “in support of meeting the nation’s obligations to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) announced Friday, that the BLM has completed its land surveys and legal identification of nearly 60,000 acres, scattered across five northern Minnesota counties, that were restored to the Red Lake Band.” According to the article, “the completion of surveys will add nearly 60,000 acres to an already identified 121,000 acres of land that were returned to the Red Lake Band in 1999 and 2001, bringing the total amount surveyed to more than 181,000 acres.”

**BIA COPS ON TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE PINE RIDGE.** [KOTA-TV](#) Rapid City, SD (1/19, 6K) reports that “late last year the Bureau of Indian Affairs ordered five officers” to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for “stop-gap duty.” However, “those officers are scheduled to depart at the end of January and there is no new temporary – and no permanent – solution in sight.” Stanley Little White Man who chairs the Law and Order Committee for the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, said, “This transferring officers in and out isn’t working. The problems are still here all you did was add maybe four officers here now they’re gone

and they'll be gone for a while until the next time something comes up and (they) transfer more officers.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: HAVASUPAI NATION STUDENTS FILE LAWSUIT OVER LACK OF “BASIC” EDUCATION.** Additional coverage that “nine students in the Havasupai Nation have filed a lawsuit against the federal government claiming that agencies including the Bureau of Indian Education ‘have knowingly failed to provide basic general education’ to children in the remote area of Arizona” was provided by [Cronkite News](#) (1/18).

## Office of Insular Affairs:

**INTERIOR FINDS PROBLEMS AT PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM.** The [Pacific \(GUM\) Daily News](#) (1/19, 61K) reports that the Interior Department “found a number of potential issues concerning the Port Authority of Guam’s cargo handling facilities and equipment during inspections in 2016 despite modernization efforts.” According to the article, “during visits in early June and late August 2016, the federal agency noted concrete roofing leaks, crumbling surfaces and congested spaces at the Port’s maintenance building.” The department “said it’s giving the Port time to implement corrective steps before doing a more thorough federal review.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: JOINT 902 REPORT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.** Additional coverage that the 902 report is now in the hands of Congress was provided by the [Pacific Islands Report](#) (1/18, 2K) and the [Marianas Variety](#) (1/20).

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**BOR AGREES TO GET PERMIT FOR GRAND COULEE DAM POLLUTANTS.** The [AP](#) (1/19, Le) reports the US Bureau of Reclamation agreed on Thursday to obtain a pollution permit to settle allegations that operations at the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington polluted the Columbia River. The Bureau said it would obtain a permit for discharges at the site, investigate the use of more environmentally friendly oils, and disclose the amount of oil, greases and other pollutants that could possibly be released into local waters. The settlement, filed in US District Court in Spokane, resolves a 2016 lawsuit by the Columbia Riverkeeper, which alleged the agency released pollutants into the river without a permit designed to monitor and control water pollution. The group’s executive director Brett VandenHeuvel said, “The settlement will result in less oil discharged into the river. Oil is toxic. It harms fish and wildlife and it harms people who rely on that fish and wildlife.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Oklahoman](#) (1/19, 380K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/19, Le, 272K), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (1/19, 942K), the [Southern Illinoisan](#) (1/19, 23K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/19, 4.59M), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/19, 8.62M), and [KTAR-FM Glendale \(AZ\)](#) Glendale, AZ (1/19, 34K).

Additional coverage was provided by [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/19, 3K).

**CALIFORNIA TRIBES WANT COURT TO BLOCK BOR’S CONTROL OF WATER PROJECT.** [Law360](#) (1/19, 23K) reports that “two California tribes again urged a federal judge Wednesday to halt the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s operation of an irrigation project, saying that allowing the agency to maintain control could cause irreparable harm to salmon that are vital to the tribes.” The bureau “said in a Jan. 11 filing that the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Yurok Tribe hadn’t shown they needed an injunction on the bureau’s operation of the Klamath Irrigation Project in Northern California and southern Oregon.”

**VIDEO SHOWS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE DRIVING RECKLESSLY.** [KSL-TV](#) Salt Lake City (1/19, 547K) reports that “cell phone video shot by an unnamed source captured a federal government employee driving erratically.” According to the article, “the incident occurred on SR-189 near Deer Creek Reservoir on Thursday.” Marlon Duke, public affairs officer for the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Reclamation, “viewed the video and called it ‘disappointing’ and ‘scary’ when he saw a government-issued vehicle being driven recklessly by someone in his department.”

## Top National News:

**OBAMA WRITES FINAL CHAPTER IN CLEMENCY INITIATIVE WITH 330 COMMUTATIONS.** President Obama on Thursday commuted the sentences of 330 federal inmates convicted of drug crimes. The single-



day record brings the total number of prisoners released during the Administration to 1,715, which is more than any other president. The wide-spread media coverage – which did not, however, include any reporting on the three network broadcasts – casts the action as a closing chapter in the President's initiative to curtail what he views as unfairly long sentences for drug crimes. In reporting that is indicative of the overall coverage, the [AP](#) (1/19, Lederman) says the "last major act" by Obama as president "bring[s] his bid to correct what he's called a systematic injustice to a climactic close." White House Counsel Neil Eggleston said in an interview that Obama "wanted the opportunity to look at as many as he could to provide relief."

Eggleston added, according to [Voice of America's](#) (1/19, 57K) website, "He saw the injustice of the sentences that were imposed in many situations, and he has a strong view that people deserve a second chance." Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates said, "By restoring proportionality to unnecessarily long drug sentences, this administration has made a lasting impact on our criminal justice system."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Horwitz, 11.43M) says that while Obama "did not seriously focus on pardons and commutations until" two years into his second term, he has "granted commutations to more people than the past 12 presidents combined, including 568 inmates with life sentences." Obama has granted 1,715 clemencies, which includes 568 inmates with life sentences and 212 pardons. [Bloomberg Business](#) (1/19, Sam, 2.41M) similarly reports that Obama "stepped up efforts to use his clemency power over his final years in office" and his efforts "primarily" focused "on reversing decades of drug-war punishments." Bloomberg says its analysis of Justice Department data shows that more than 98 percent of commuted sentences were for drug charges. Charlie Smith says on [FiveThirtyEight](#) (1/19, Smart, 1.15M) that Thursday's announcement "was typical of how Obama's approach to clemency has differed from that of his predecessors" as he "almost always given by freeing people from prison with commuted sentences, not pardoning people after their release." Because commutations "actually free people from prison," according to Smith, "they tend to be politically riskier," but Obama "has not appeared to be overly concerned with the optics of freeing hundreds of prisoners."

Eggleston said in a [blog](#) post, according to the [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Boyer, 272K), that "the vast majority of these men and women are serving unduly long sentences for drug crimes." [Reuters](#) (1/19, Mason) reports that Eggleston added that Obama "set out to reinvigorate clemency, and he has done just that." The [New York Post](#) (1/19, Halper, 3.82M) quotes a portion of Eggleston's statement that was directed toward the clemency recipients and calls on them to make the most of their opportunity. Eggleston wrote, "You have been granted a second chance because the President sees the potential in you." He added, "Make the President proud with how you use your second chance." The [Topeka \(KS\) Capital-Journal](#) (1/19, Wingerter, 106K) – in a story that focuses on the commutation of a Topeka resident Julius Shaner Hayes – says Eggleston added, "After reviewing each of your stories, the president concluded that you have taken substantial steps to remedy your past mistakes and that you are deserving of a second chance."

While [USA Today](#) (1/19, Korte, 5.28M) similarly says Thursday's action "capp[ed] an unprecedented clemency effort," it adds that "the effort ultimately fell far short of the 10,000 clemency grants former attorney general Eric Holder predicted when the initiative began." USA Today adds that while Obama "set a record for granting commutations, he also set a record for denials." [Politico](#) (1/19, Wheaton, 2.46M) reports that the Administration "faced early criticism from criminal justice reform advocates for not moving fast enough on the clemency petitions," but Yates in August promised to review every petition from drug offenders received up until that point. Politico says that Yates indicated that she is "proud to say we kept that promise" and the [Huffington Post](#) (1/19, Reilly, Foley, 237K) says she explained it was "as enormous as it was unprecedented."

**Final Batch Of Commutations Includes No "Big Names."** [The Hill](#) (1/19, Wheeler, Fabian, 1.25M) reports that unlike two days earlier when Obama commuted the sentence of Chelsea Manning and pardoned Ret. Gen. James Cartwright, "Thursday's batch did not contain those types of big names." It instead, according to The Hill, "was made up of non-violent drug offenders on whom Obama has focused his attention" during the initiative.

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (1/19, Sweet, Seidel, 798K) highlights that former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich "was not on the list" of people receiving clemency, despite filing a request to have his sentence commuted. The [AP](#) (1/19) says President-elect Trump "could be left to decide the fate of Blagojevich, who appeared on Trump's 'Celebrity Apprentice' TV show in 2010."

[Breitbart](#) (1/19, Ortiz, 2.02M) reports that four family members "who ran one of the largest cartel smuggling operations in south Texas were among the individuals receiving commutations this week." Breitbart says

Cesar Moreno Sr., Eduardo Moreno, Lazaro Moreno, and Luis Moren – who “had been at the helm of a large-scale drug distribution operation” run out of Roma, Texas and used by Mexico’s Gulf Cartel “will likely be returning to” the border city “from where they ran their criminal empire.”

***Krauthammer: Commuting Of Manning’s Sentence “Shocking,” Damaging To US, Hypocritical.*** In his [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 11.43M) column, Charles Krauthammer says Obama’s commuting of Manning’s sentence, along with his decision to “abandon Israel” on the recent UN Security Council resolution on settlements, is “simply shocking.” Krauthammer characterizes the decision on Manning, “one of the great traitors of our time,” as “finger-in-the-eye willfulness” that risks hurting the US standing throughout the world. Krauthammer argues that while Obama “considered Manning’s 35-year sentence excessive,” it “was lenient.” In addition, Krauthammer says, the decision was “so spectacular in-your-face hypocrisy” because Obama “spent weeks banging the drums over the harm inflicted by WikiLeaks” with its release of Democrats’ emails and Russia’s involvement in the hacking.

**TRUMP HERALDS “REAL CHANGE,” LAUDS HIS CABINET’S IQ AS HE ARRIVES IN DC.** The President-elect’s arrival in Washington on the eve of his inauguration generated extensive media coverage – including segments on all three major TV network broadcasts. Reporting on Trump highlighted his jesting about his Cabinet’s IQ, and his call for “real change” during inauguration festivities last night. On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/19, lead story, 3:05, Holt, 16.61M), Kristen Welker reported that Trump on Thursday touched “down in Washington just hours before taking the Oath of Office, already surrounded by many of the trappings of the presidency. Arriving by military jet to Joint Base Andrews, joined by wife and all five of his children. His first stop, a thank you lunch for supporters touting the hotel that wears his name.”

In the lead story for [ABC World News Tonight](#) (1/19, lead story, 5:50, Muir, 14.63M), David Muir reported that there were “fireworks over the Lincoln Memorial, all part of the welcoming celebration concert.” Trump addressed the gathering, “perhaps with a preview of the tone of his inaugural speech tomorrow. He spoke about the movement, about the unity, and about jobs.” Trump was shown saying, “So, this journey began 18 months ago. I had something to do with it, but you had much more to do with it than I did. I’m the messenger. ... It’s a movement that started, and it’s a movement like we have never seen anywhere in the world, they say. There’s never been a movement like this. And it’s something very, very special. And we’re going to unify our country, and our phrase, you all know it, half of you are wearing the hat. Make America Great Again. But we’re going to make America great for all of our people.” On the [CBS Evening News](#) (1/19, lead story, 2:45, Pelley, 11.17M), Scott Pelley noted Trump “promised to create jobs, expand the military, secure the border, and unite the nation.” CBS’ Major Garrett added that after arriving in Washington on Thursday, Trump’s “first stop in the nation’s capital was a lunch at his own hotel. ... Later, the President-elect and the Vice President-elect paid a solemn tribute at the tomb of an unknown soldier Arlington National Cemetery, a pre-inauguration tradition.”

Under the headline “Trump’s Arrival On Eve Of Inauguration Ushers In ‘Real Change’ To Washington,” the [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Rucker, Wagner, 11.43M) reports that when Trump arrived in Washington on Thursday ahead of today’s inauguration, it “snapped the capital city into its new reality, as the buoyant business mogul celebrated his unlikely political ascent with signature bravado and spontaneity.” Appearing at Thursday’s inauguration concert, Trump “reveled in the moment and delivered a tribute to the populist movement that propelled him into office. ‘We all got tired of seeing what was happening and we wanted change, but we wanted real change,’ Trump said on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.” He added, “We’re going to work together and we are going to make America great again – and, I’ll add, greater than ever before!”

Under the headline “Trump Can’t Stop Talking About How He Won,” [Politico](#) (1/19, Dawsey, 2.46M) reports that since his victory in November’s election, “Trump has relished talking about his win, sometimes telling donors it was a surprise, while other times telling friends he knew he was going to win all along.” He “has left allies feeling that he was genuinely surprised that he won, and he has punctuated dozens of unrelated meetings and phone calls with tales from the campaign, according to people close to him.” Trump’s “inability to sometimes move on has sometimes left allies scratching their heads, as they want him to home in on hiring and running the government.”

Earlier yesterday, during a Thursday luncheon in Washington at the Trump International Hotel, Trump boasted, “We have by far the highest IQ of any Cabinet ever assembled,” according to a spate of reports. On [ABC World News Tonight](#) (1/19, story 2, 5:05, Bruce, 14.63M), Mary Bruce reported, “As his cabinet nominees barrel through Capitol Hill... Trump is offering his support, with this bold declaration.” Trump was shown saying, “We have by far the highest IQ of any cabinet ever assembled!”



The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Rucker, Wagner, 11.43M) reports that “a buoyant” Trump, who had returned to the nation’s capital for his inaugural festivities, “turned a staid lunch honoring his Cabinet into an irreverent celebration of Washington’s new power players – and to his own ‘genius.’” At the luncheon, which was “attended by hundreds of supporters, lawmakers and allies, Trump made a characteristically grandiose declaration: ‘We have by far the highest IQ of any Cabinet ever assembled!’”

In its online “Transition Briefing,” the [New York Times](#) (1/19, Haberman, Baker, Eder, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) reported, “Of course, [Trump] put himself into the high I.Q. category when he boasted, ‘This is a gorgeous room. A total genius must have built this place.’” In parenthesis, the Times said, “As an aside, it is impossible to do the math, but President Obama’s starters did include a Nobel Laureate in physics at the Energy Department, a former president of Harvard heading the National Economic Council and the president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank as Treasury secretary.”

Under the headline “Trump Jokes: ‘Highest IQ Of Any Cabinet Ever’”, [USA Today](#) (1/19, Slack, 5.28M) described Trump as having “quipped” with his remark about his Cabinet’s IQ. [The Hill](#) (1/19, Greenwood, 1.25M) reported that Trump’s “claim would put his Cabinet’s collective intelligence against other prominent presidential Cabinets, including George Washington’s, which included Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.”

On the [CBS Evening News](#) (1/19, story 3, 1:30, Pelley, 11.17M) reported, “Mr. Trump said today that his nominees collectively have the highest IQ ever assembled for a cabinet. We talked to his new press secretary, Sean Spicer. Have you told him that it might be better for you if he didn’t exaggerate so much.” Spicer was shown saying, “I think, look, he has been highly successful as a negotiator and businessman. I don’t tend to tell him what to do. He’s done very well on his own.”

[Politico](#) (1/19, Nelson, 2.46M) reported that Trump’s remark came as he was praising HHS Secretary-designate Tom Price, “who was the subject of several pointed questions from Democratic senators during his confirmation hearing.” Referring to those Democratic Senators, Trump said, “They wanted to end his career so fast. And then they found out, man, he’s smart. We have a lot of smart people. I tell you what. One thing we’ve learned we have by far the highest IQ of any Cabinet ever assembled.”

The [New York Post](#) (1/19, Fredericks, 3.82M) reports that Trump “called out many Republican supporters by name as the crowd cheered, including Sen. Jeff Sessions, his pick for Attorney General, and UN ambassador nominee Nikki Haley.” The [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Dinan, 272K) reports that Trump listed off his Cabinet picks’ “names to the crowd at the lunch, offering his thoughts on their performance. For Betsy DeVos, his pick to head the Education Department, he seemed to dismiss complaints that she was going to upend the bureaucracy with a radical approach to schooling. ‘It’s called, ‘We want our children educated,’ Mr. Trump said.” [Breitbart](#) (1/19, Mansour, 2.02M) also reports on Trump’s remarks.

***Spicer Says Trump’s Address Will Be “A Philosophical Document.”*** [Politico](#) (1/19, Nussbaum, 2.46M) reported that incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer on Thursday said Trump’s inaugural address “will be a ‘philosophical document’ rather than a description of policy plans.” Addressing reporters at a briefing, Spicer said of Trump’s address, “It’s going to be a very personal and sincere statement about his vision for the country. He will discuss what it means to be an American and the challenges that we face.” Spicer added, “I think it’s going to be less of an agenda and more of a philosophical document, a vision of where he sees the country, the proper role of government, the role of citizens.”

In an “analysis” for [USA Today](#) (1/19, 5.28M), Susan Page asserts, “Never has a new president needed a spectacular inaugural address more than Donald Trump does now.” Page says that while “presidential transitions typically have been marked by a sense of national unity and goodwill, even if it doesn’t last long,” that isn’t the case “this time. The polarized era, the blunt weapon of social media, critics’ questions about the legitimacy of his election and his own divisive rhetoric since Election Day means that Trump actually seems to be losing ground.” Page cites polls that have shown Trump with low approval and high disapproval ratings, and adds that the inaugural address “will be a test for a man known more for his ability to communicate in blistering 140-character tweets than in what has been by tradition a scripted, long-form oration.”

In his “Talking Points Memo” segment on [Fox News’ The O’Reilly Factor](#) (1/19, 767K), Bill O’Reilly said there are “powerful forces in America committed to destroying” President-elect Trump, “and the national media is a big part of that.” O’Reilly argued that in his inaugural address, Trump “should not only say what his vision for

America is, but why he feels his policies will help the folks. The only way to overcome the hatred against him is to communicate directly to the people. ... The more the new President can direct his remarks to the folks, the stronger his position will become.”

**Balz: Remains To Be Seen Whether Trump Will Try To Unite Nation.** In an analysis for the [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 11.43M), Dan Balz writes that “Trump’s America is as deeply divided as it has been in years and with no signs of a reconciliation on the horizon. The condition is hardly new.” Balz adds, “Embedded in the political system today are partisan and ideological differences so deep and abiding that it likely would take a supreme effort on Trump’s part – and a willingness of his opponents to respond in kind – to see it changed.” Balz says it remains to be seen whether Trump will attempt to unify the nation.

Under the headline “Donald Trump Breaks With Political Traditions On Triumphant Ride To White House,” the [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Dinan, Miller, 272K) reports that Trump, “the country’s first non-statesman president,” will “take...the oath of office promising to break with the politics of the past and usher in a new style of government. And few, if any, across the political spectrum say they have any idea what to expect over the next four years.”

**Obama, Trump Will Ride To Inauguration Together.** On [ABC World News Tonight](#) (1/19, story 3, 1:40, Muir, 14.63M), David Muir reported on Friday’s “transfer of power,” saying, “President Obama and President-elect Trump will be in the car together tomorrow morning, riding from the White House to the Capitol right before the inauguration. After tea at the White House.” ABC’s Jonathan Karl added, “Tomorrow morning at the White House, [Obama and Trump] will get into that limo together. It’s about a 15-minute ride...and it’s one of the great traditions of American democracies. Presidents incoming and outgoing have been taking that ride going back to 1837 with Martin Van Buren and Andrew Jackson.” Muir added, “In the meantime, amid the growing boycott here – Congressional Democrats who say they won’t be here at the inauguration – Hillary Clinton keeping her promise to attend the inauguration. She has kept a low profile since her stunning loss, taking selfies with her. Tomorrow, she will be standing there as a former first lady witnessing the transfer of power.”

**Trump Expected To Make Traditional Inaugural Walk.** The [New York Times](#) (1/19, Hauser, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) reports, “In 1977, after he took the oath to become president, Jimmy Carter set out on the longest inaugural walk in the history of the office, strolling with his” family “for more than a mile along Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House. Walking the parade route, which started with Mr. Carter, became a feature in many of the presidential inaugurations that followed.” Today, “Trump is expected to keep the custom and set off along the parade route after the swearing-in ceremony and other events, following in the path of his predecessors.”

**Varied Group Of Religious Leaders To Offer Prayers At Inauguration.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/19, Lovett, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) reports that Trump has invited six members of the clergy to offer prayers at his swearing-in today – the biggest number of religious leaders at an inauguration in a number of decades. The Journal says the strong backing of conservative voters of faith – particularly Catholics and white evangelicals – was critical to Trump’s election win. According to the Journal, the religious leaders who’ll offer prayers at the inauguration are: Cardinal Timothy Dolan; Billy Graham; Rabbi Marvin Hier; African-American Detroit pastor Bishop Wayne T. Jackson; Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, leader of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference; and Florida megachurch pastor Paula White.

On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/19, story 8, 2:20, Holt, 16.61M), Lester Holt reported that when Trump is inaugurated, “the ceremony will feature controversial pastor, Paula White Cain, often called Trump’s spiritual adviser. Some critics have slammed her as a charlatan.” NBC’s Anne Thompson added, “Televangelist Paula White Cain is glamorous, controversial. ... Is it accurate to describe you as Donald Trump’s spiritual adviser?” White: “Other people put that label on. I would never say that about myself.” Thompson: “Did you bring Donald Trump to Jesus?” White: “I have laid out the gospel very clearly. I know that Donald is saved.” Thompson: “Critics say she preaches the prosperity gospel, emphasizing material riches over spiritual ones. ... Do you tell them if they give to you, they will get financial riches from God?” White: “I have probably said that. My 50-year-old self wouldn’t do what my 20 or 30 or 40-year-old self did.”

The [New York Times](#) (1/19, Weiland, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) reports that White “has been associated with ‘prosperity gospel,’ which holds that if believers give generously, God will reward them with earthly and heavenly riches.” White’s “former ministry, the Without Walls International Church, was one of six investigated in the past decade by the Senate Finance Committee over possible financial improprieties. At the time, Ms.

White and her husband, Randy, from whom she is now divorced, refused to cooperate with the inquiry, and kept their lavish spending hidden behind tax laws that allowed religious organizations to operate tax-free with little transparency.”

***Pence’s Swearing-In Will Be Fraught With “Symbolism.”*** Under the headline “Mike Pence’s Swearing-in Is Full Of Symbolism,” [USA Today](#) (1/19, Groppe, 5.28M) reports that while Vice President-elect Pence “won’t address the crowd after he’s sworn into office” today, he “has two other ways to send a political message. He’s chosen conservative Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, a man of few words on the bench, to administer the oath of office, and he will swear the oath with his hand on Ronald Reagan’s Bible. Reagan is the politician who inspired Pence to leave the Democratic Party of his youth.”

The [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Sherfinski, 272K) reports, “A decade ago, Mr. Pence was the happy voice of fierce conservatism on Capitol Hill, serving as a foil to President George W. Bush when the Republican in the White House tried to deepen deficits or expand government entitlement programs. Now, Mr. Pence,” the vice president-elect, is poised to be “a powerful role as consigliere and explainer for Mr. Trump. Analysts said the Republican Party couldn’t have lucked into a better person for the job.”

***WPost: After He’s Sworn In, Trump “Will Be The Legitimate President.”*** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 11.43M) criticizes Trump, but says that after being sworn in, “will be the legitimate president of the United States.” The Post says “support[s] and respect[s] the office. We hope that henceforth – not just in his inaugural address, but in the conduct of his administration – Mr. Trump reaches out to opponents as well as supporters. But even if he does not, he will have been lawfully chosen by the electoral college.”

***McClatchy Highlights Secret Service Code Names.*** [McClatchy](#) (1/19, Bennett, Cioffi, 74K) reports on the “code names for” presidents, “first ladies, children and other prominent figures” that the Secret Service has used throughout the years, and says President-elect Trump’s “code name is ‘Mogul,’ according to a CNN [report](#),” while Vice President-elect Pence, a former Indiana governor, “is ‘Hoosier.’ Melania Trump is ‘Muse,’ while Karen Pence is ‘Hummingbird.’” McClatchy adds, “The names originally were for security, beginning in a time when electronic communication wasn’t routinely encrypted. But now the names are used mostly for tradition and brevity.”

***Editorial Writers, “Leading Thinkers” Ponder Trump Presidency.*** In an editorial, [USA Today](#) (1/19, 5.28M) says that while Trump is well known, “the paradox is how little Americans really understand” him. USA Today adds, “The unknowns about” Trump “are substantial, both from a personal standpoint and a policy one.” Among the “personal” unknowns about Trump, says USA Today, “much about his finances remains” vague, due to his “steadfast refusal to release his tax returns.” And “we know only basic information about his physical health and little about his mental health.” USA Today also says, “We don’t know whether our new president is a serial sexual aggressor.” Among the “policy” unknowns, says USA Today, “The relationship between Trump and Russia remains murky”; his “foreign policy views leave the nation wondering whether he’s crazy like a fox – or merely crazy”; and he has “ill-defined or irreconcilable domestic policy views.”

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In a [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 11.43M) op-ed, conservative talk-radio host Hugh Hewitt writes, “People of moderate dispositions are unsettled by Trump’s approach, and the single word they use is ‘temperament.’”

However, Hewitt says that while “Trump is the temperamental opposite of President Obama,” people “alarmed by Trump should recognize that those personality characteristics do not define the entire man or his agenda for the next four years – and that, in fact, there are good reasons to welcome the brashness.” And, says Hewitt, “The Constitution is very, very strong. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), not to mention the independent judiciary, represent significant checks on Trump.” Hewitt urges moderates who are concerned about Trump to “please relax and give it a chance. Trump intends to do good things for a great country and to do them via constitutional means.”

As part of its Inauguration Day coverage, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) invited 12 “leading thinkers” to weigh in on the Trump presidency. [Andrew Ferguson](#) of the Weekly Standard casts a skeptical eye on Trump’s performance since the election, but praises his personnel picks and warns critics that betting against Trump’s success has so far been a losing proposition.

The [Shelby Steele](#) of the Hoover Institution praises Trump’s willingness to challenge cultural liberalism, and expresses hope that he will be able to bring back into vogue concepts such as personal responsibility. Author [Eric Metaxas](#) hopes he will steer the national dialogue to greater appreciation of America’s freedoms – and the sacrifices of previous generations that earned them for the present one.

[Heather R. Higgins](#) of the Independent Women’s Forum warns Trump that his success as president will be met with personal increasing attacks, as well as assaults on his very legitimacy.

[Charles Kessler](#), a professor at Claremont McKenna College, thinks Trump will lead US politics toward a businessman’s approach to governing – something judges favorably, though not as much as an unapologetic move toward constitutionalism.

[Heather Mac Donald](#) of the Manhattan Institute hopes Trump will address the current crime crisis by empowering police and otherwise using federal resources to attack crime.

[Sen. Ben Sasse](#) trusts Trump will appoint a conservative jurist to the Supreme Court.

Presidential scholar [Amity Shlaes](#) hopes Trump will bring needed reform to Washington while resisting the urge to indulge in excessive spending. [Former Sen. Tom Coburn](#) calls on Trump, meanwhile, to challenge the status quo by focusing on his agenda – not on his political survival.

[Charles Koch](#) calls on Trump to take steps to increase fairness in our society by reducing the advantages enjoyed by the wealthy and well-connected. Woodson Center founder and president [Robert L. Woodson Jr.](#) urges the new president to seek counsel outside the regular channels of DC analysts, and [former Sen. Jim Webb](#) calls on him to curtail the power and influence of unelected DC elites. Webb also believes Trump should seek a new dialogue on racial issues – and study how programs instituted in the 1960s affect the well-being of white as well as African-American working families.

**PERRY NOW REGRETS CALLING FOR DOE’S ELIMINATION, REVERSES HIMSELF ON CLIMATE CHANGE.** The [New York Times](#) (1/19, Davenport, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) reports that DOE nominee Rick Perry “said in his Senate confirmation hearing on Thursday that he regretted having recommended the abolition of the Energy Department in the past.” He also “offered a full-throated reversal of his views on the science of human-caused climate change, which he called a ‘contrived, phony mess’ in a 2010 book.” Perry said yesterday, “I believe the climate is changing. ... I believe some of it is naturally occurring, but some of it is also caused by man-made activity. The question is: How do we address it in a thoughtful way that doesn’t compromise economic growth, the affordability of energy or American jobs?” The Times adds that President-elect Trump, “by contrast, has called climate change a ‘hoax’ and has continued to express doubts about established climate science.” [Reuters](#) (1/19, Gardner) also reports Perry’s stance on climate change “clashes with Trump’s statements during his campaign for the White House.”

[Politico](#) (1/19, Dixon, Wolff, 2.46M) says “Perry left the swagger at the door, taking a contrite stance,” while [USA Today](#) (1/19, Collins, 5.28M) quotes him as saying, “My past statements made over five years ago about abolishing the Department of Energy do not reflect my current thinking. ... If confirmed, I will enter this role excited and passionate about advancing the core missions of the DOE.” The [AP](#) (1/19, Daly) notes the former Texas governor “said he was for ‘all of the above’ on energy production – oil and gas to renewable sources like wind and solar power – before President Barack Obama embraced the strategy.” Said Perry, “We truly advocated an all-of-the-above strategy, reducing carbon emissions not just through development of cleaner



fossil fuels, but through the development of renewable sources too.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/19, Harder, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) runs a similar report.

In a largely favorable assessment of the nominee, the [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Mufson, Sullivan, 11.43M) reports that as he “bowed out of the presidential campaign in September 2015, the former Texas governor took a not-so-veiled parting shot at...Trump,” saying, “The conservative movement has always been about principles, not personalities.” Now, adds the Post later in the story, “many people say that Perry, despite his past vow to dismantle the department, has valuable experience for running it,” because “as governor, he benefited from a rapid expansion of oil and gas exploration in new shale oil and shale gas plays” and “oversaw an expansion of transmission lines that made way for a rapid expansion of wind energy.”

***Perry To Franken: “I Hope You’re As Much Fun On That Dais As You Were On Your Couch.”*** [Roll Call](#) (1/19, McKinless, 63K) reported that “in a lighter moment,” Perry “said to Sen. Al Franken ‘I hope you’re as fun on that dais as you were on your couch.’” After the crowd “erupted with laughter,” the nominee added, “May I rephrase that?” The [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Wolfgang, 272K) notes Franken retorted, “Please, please. Oh my lord.” It was, adds the Times, “an exchange that might as well have been lifted from a late-night comedy sketch.”

***NYTimes Stands By Story On Perry Despite Criticism.*** A story in yesterday’s [New York Times](#), titled “‘Learning Curve’ As Rick Perry Pursues A Job He Initially Misunderstood,” is being denounced by some as grossly inaccurate. The [Daily Caller](#) (1/19, Pfeiffer, 898K), under the headline “New York Times Falsely States Rick Perry Didn’t Know What The Department Of Energy Does,” reported that the Times “former transition official” Michael McKenna said in an interview “that the Times misinterpreted him and Perry ‘of course’ understood that a key role of the Department of Energy is caring for the nation’s nuclear arsenal.”

[Politico](#) (1/19, Sutton, 2.46M) reported on its website that the Times, at any rate, “is standing by its story,” which has “faced criticism and additional scrutiny after the named source in the story said the Times misinterpreted what he said.” A NYTimes spokesman told Politico, “We stand by our story, which accurately reflected what multiple, high-level sources told our reporters.” After McKenna’s interview to the Daily caller, “additional scrutiny followed, much of it hinging on the fact that McKenna was the only named source in the Times story,” and “the Times was labeled ‘fake news’ by critics of the report, who also criticized many of the journalists who shared the Times’ initial story without adequate scrutiny.” Politico also said “some of those journalists who had shared the initial Times story have since deleted their initial tweet linking to the Times’ report.”

[The Federalist](#) (1/19, Hemingway) mentioned the story as one example that shows “why no one trusts media coverage of Trump,” and indicated that the Times pieces included “odd allegations...followed by a vague quote from an energy lobbyist who may have been around the transition for the first few days, but was apparently let go nearly a month before Perry was even named.” Added The Federalist, “To be clear, Perry was nominated on December 13, 2016. The man with the boring quote in The New York Times piece speaking to Perry’s knowledge was let go by November 18.”

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. “Rick Perry Studies His Job Description.”** In an editorial the [New York Times](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) writes that in preparation for the position, Energy Secretary-designate Rick Perry has “spoken several times with Ernest Moniz, the current energy secretary and a respected nuclear scientist, and also with others who have held the job. That shows a greater readiness to learn from his predecessor than other cabinet nominees have displayed.” However, the Times says, “the learning curve is steep.”

***“Can President Trump Be Presidential?”*** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) discusses what it says “is the question haunting [President-elect] Trump’s inauguration on Friday. Is he up to the job of uniting and leading the nation – of achieving and sustaining the tone that Americans for generations have called presidential? Or will self-absorption and free-flowing peevishness be the hallmarks of an era of domestic and global crises, stirred up by grossly uninformed perceptions of reality?” Referring to uniting the country, the Times adds, “The nation needs to hear Mr. Trump pick up this grand American theme and then find enough personal conviction to make it a central aspiration of his presidency.”

**“Regional Support For Gambia’s Elected Leader.”** A [New York Times](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 13.9M) editorial calls on Gambia’s “erratic dictator” Yahya Jammeh to step down from power. The Times says that if Jammeh “remains intransigent and the standoff leads to violence, he will bear sole responsibility. Mr. Jammeh will already be remembered as one of the region’s worst human rights abusers. But he still has time to avoid further damaging his legacy by stepping aside peacefully.”

**WASHINGTON POST. “On Inauguration Day, Respect For The Office And Hope For The Nation.”** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 11.43M) criticizes President-elect Trump, but says that after being sworn in, “will be the legitimate president of the United States.” The Post says “support[s] and respect[s] the office. We hope that henceforth – not just in his inaugural address, but in the conduct of his administration – Mr. Trump reaches out to opponents as well as supporters. But even if he does not, he will have been lawfully chosen by the electoral college.”

**“Trump’s Pick For Treasury Secretary Has His Pluses, And His Minuses.”** The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 11.43M) editorializes that “most refreshingly, [Treasury Secretary-designate Steven] Mnuchin was willing to dispute Republican orthodoxy regarding the Internal Revenue Service, the perennial whipping boy of the GOP,” telling lawmakers during his confirmation hearing that “modernizing” the agency “would be ‘one of my great priorities.’”

**“The GOP Loves Self-Government – Except In The District.”** The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 11.43M) calls on President-elect Trump in an editorial to make good on his campaign promises to “do what is best for the people of the District” and “stand up for self-government in Washington,” DC. The Post points to “Congressional Republicans’ determination to use their party’s control of the House, Senate and White House to undermine DC home rule,” with recent examples including the introduction this week “of bills to repeal the District’s gun-control laws and permanently bar the use of local tax money to subsidize abortions for low-income women,” and urges Trump to continue President Obama’s tradition of threatening to veto legislation that compromises DC’s interests.

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “The Audacity Of Trump.”** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) says that while many Americans oppose President-elect Trump and congressional Democrats intend to resist him, the President-elect has an opportunity to be successful and in the process win over skeptics. To do this, the Journal says Trump should focus on areas that that enjoy widespread support, such as tax reform, a stronger effort to decimate ISIL, bolstering the nation’s infrastructure, and improving healthcare. The Journal says Trump also must heavily focus on improving the economic outlook for the middle class, which he can do by relaxing regulations, reforming the tax code, unlocking energy production in the US, and returning markets to health insurance. The Journal also encourages Trump to be cautious in restricting trade.

**“Keeping Cool About Hot Temperatures.”** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) editorial disputes claims that climate change is of grave concern, arguing that the minute changes in temperature in recent years could have been caused by the El Niño weather phenomenon. Further, the Journal says, actual changes in global climate have failed to match the climate-change computer models’ predictions – falling short of the average predicted increased of 0.2 degrees Celsius per decade at an average closer to 0.05 degrees Celsius – and the models are unable to explain why upwards of 40% of the temperature increase since 1900 occurred between 1910 and 1945, even though that period accounts for just ten percent of the increase in carbon emissions. The Journal calls for a thorough debate about climate change evidence and warns that alarmists are fanning fears about rising temperatures that are making rational debate difficult.

**“Trump’s Taiwan Opportunity.”** In light of recent tensions prompted by President-elect Trump’s comments about the relationship between China and Taiwan, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) argues in an editorial that the US doesn’t need to change its official position on the “One China” policy or recognize Taiwan’s independence, but Trump should acknowledge that the latter is flourishing as a democracy with which the US should expand its official contacts. The Journal urges Trump to avoid using Taiwan to bargain with China, because doing so would unsettle the region and lead him into conflict with both the US Congress and potentially obligate the US to intervene to protect Taiwan – which it is obligated to do under the terms of the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act.

**Big Picture:**



## HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.

### **Wall Street Journal:**

[Mnuchin Defends Investments, Qualifications In Senate Hearing](#)

[Trump's Arrival In DC Starts Clock On Agenda](#)

[New Wall Street Conflict: Analysts Say "Buy" To Win Special Access For Their Clients](#)

[The Mortgage Market's \\$1 Trillion Pocket Of Worry](#)

### **New York Times:**

[Trump Nominees Make Clear Plans To Sweep Away Obama Policies](#)

[Toby Keith And Trump Light Up A Lower-Wattage Concert](#)

[Intercepted Russian Communications Part Of Inquiry Into Trump Associates](#)

[At Trump Hotel In Washington, Champagne Toasts In An Ethical "Minefield"](#)

[CIA Torture Detailed In Newly Disclosed Documents](#)

[Issues Of Riches Trip Up Steven Mnuchin And Other Nominees](#)

### **Washington Post:**

[First Winds Of Change Stir As Trump Arrives](#)

[Expect "Aggressive" Pace In Early Days, Aides Say](#)

[Treasury Pick Emerges Smiling From Testy Hearing](#)

[In Deep Blue Wis. Village, "You Could Feel It Coming"](#)

[Trump's Right: He Didn't Break It. But Can He Fix It?](#)

### **Financial Times:**

[Trump's Inaugural Show Rolls In To A Divided America](#)

[Mnuchin Reasserts Support For Strong Dollar](#)

[Russia's Mideast Ambitions Grow With Syria Success](#)

[Alibaba To Sponsor Next 6 Olympic Games](#)

### **Washington Times:**

[Trump Breaks With Political Traditions On Triumphant Ride To White House](#)

[President Obama Plans To Remain In Political Fray, Stay In DC](#)

### **Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** Trump Inauguration; Confirmation Hearing; Transfer Of Power, Hillary Clinton; Trump First Family; Mexican Drug Lord To US; Italy Avalanche; GHW Bush Health; Nixon Letter To Trump.

**CBS:** Trump Inauguration; Confirmation Hearing; Trump Cabinet; Inauguration Attendees; Mexican Drug Lord To US; Severe Weather; Italy Avalanche; Inauguration Security; US Bombing Libya ISIS; Iran Building Collapse; GHW Bush Health; Obama Presidency Review.

**NBC:** Trump Inauguration; Confirmation Hearing; Inauguration Security; Inauguration Protests; GHW Bush Health; Italy Avalanche; Iran Building Collapse; Trump's Pastor; Mexican Drug Lord To US; Trump-Social Media; Obama-Kids.

### **Network TV At A Glance:**

Trump Inauguration – 11 minutes, 40 seconds

Confirmation Hearing – 10 minutes, 15 seconds

Inauguration Security – 4 minutes, 15 seconds

Italy Avalanche – 3 minutes, 45 seconds

Mexican Drug Lord To US – 1 minute, 50 seconds

GHW Bush Health – 1 minute, 20 seconds

Iran Building Collapse – 40 seconds

### **Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Mexican Drug Lord To US; Trump Inauguration; Inauguration Protests; Confirmation Hearing.

**CBS:** Mexican Drug Lord To US; Trump Inauguration; Confirmation Hearing; GHW Bush Health; Italy Avalanche; Wall Street News.

**FOX:** Inauguration Rallies And Protests; Inauguration Security; Trump Pre-Inauguration Speeches; Trump Inauguration; Australia Shooting.

**NPR:** Confirmation Hearing; Inauguration Protests; Italy Avalanche; Wall Street News; Mexican Drug Lord To US; Latin America Obesity; Western Union Fined.

## Washington Schedule:

### **TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

#### **White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Welcomes President-elect Donald Trump and Melania Trump to the White House for tea; accompanies the president-elect to the U.S. Capitol; attends inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC; delivers remarks to a group of staff to bid farewell; departs to Palm Springs, CA.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Attends inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC.

**MICHELLE OBAMA** — Welcomes President-elect Donald Trump and Melania Trump to the White House for tea; attends inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC; departs to Palm Springs, CA.

**DR. JILL BIDEN** — Attends inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC.

**US Senate:** 11:30 AM Donald Trump sworn in as president, replacing Barack Obama – Inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC, with the 45th president – Donald Trump – sworn into office by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, bringing an end to President Barack Obama's eight years in office. Mike Pence is sworn in as Vice President \* The day traditionally begins with the president-elect attending a morning worship service, before the outgoing president accompanies the president-elect to the U.S. Capitol for the swearing-in ceremony, which is followed by the Inaugural Address from the new president. 'America's Got Talent' runner-up Jackie Evancho sings the national anthem, with performers also including the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and The Radio City Rockettes. Attendees include Trump's election opponent Hillary Clinton, Obama and Michelle Obama, and former presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter, and Laura Bush \* Trump is the oldest first-term president, at 70, and the first to have never previously held elected office or served in the military Location: West Front, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC [inaugural.senate.gov](http://inaugural.senate.gov) [#TrumpInaugural](https://twitter.com/jccic)

4:00 PM Senate convenes for a period of morning business Location: Washington, DC <http://www.senate.gov/>

**US House:** 10:00 AM House meets for the Presidential Inauguration – House of Representatives meets for the 58th Presidential Inauguration Location: TBD <http://www.house.gov/>

11:30 AM Donald Trump sworn in as president, replacing Barack Obama – Inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC, with the 45th president – Donald Trump – sworn into office by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, bringing an end to President Barack Obama's eight years in office. Mike Pence is sworn in as Vice President \* The day traditionally begins with the president-elect attending a morning worship service, before the outgoing president accompanies the president-elect to the U.S. Capitol for the swearing-in ceremony, which is followed by the Inaugural Address from the new president. 'America's Got Talent' runner-up Jackie Evancho sings the national anthem, with performers also including the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and The Radio City Rockettes. Attendees include Trump's election opponent Hillary Clinton, Obama and Michelle Obama, and former presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter, and Laura Bush \* Trump is the oldest first-term president, at 70, and the first to have never previously held elected office or served in the military Location: West Front, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC [inaugural.senate.gov](http://inaugural.senate.gov) [#TrumpInaugural](https://twitter.com/jccic)

3:00 PM Congressional Hispanic Caucus news conference on President Trump's 'anti-immigration policies' – Congressional Hispanic Caucus Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham news conference in connection with today's inaugural ceremonies, with members of the Caucus drawing a contracts between President Donald Trump's 'anti-immigration policies and those of past Presidents and prominent Republicans' Location: Rm 421 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [congressionalhispaniccaucus-lujangrisham.house.gov](http://congressionalhispaniccaucus-lujangrisham.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HispanicCaucus>

Numerous House Democrats expected to skip Donald Trump's inauguration – Numerous House Democrats are expected to skip today's inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump, including: Barbara Lee, John Lewis, Ted Lieu, Dan Lipinski, Zoe Lofgren, Grace Meng, A. Donald McEachin, Jerry McNerney, Jerrold Nadler, Grace Napolitano, Donald Payne, Chellie Pingree, Mark Pocan, Mike Quigley, Jamie Raskin, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Raul Ruiz, Jan Schakowsky, Kurt Schrader, Jose Serrano, Terri Sewell, Carol Shea-Porter, Louise Slaughter, Adam Smith, Darren Soto, Mark Takano, Bennie Thompson, Juan Vargas, Nydia Velazquez, Maxine Waters, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Frederica Wilson, and John Yarmuth Location: TBD <http://www.dems.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseDemocrats>

On recess until 23 Jan.

**Other:** Republican National Committee Winter Meeting continues – Republican National Committee Winter

Meeting continues with General Session \* Yesterday Michigan Republican Party Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel was elected as RNC chair, after she was selected for the role by President-elect Donald Trump. She is the first woman to hold the position in 40 years and replaces White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus  
Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St., NW, Washington, DC [www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com)  
<https://twitter.com/GOP>

7:00 AM Presidential Inaugural Prayer Breakfast – Presidential Inaugural Prayer Breakfast press conference, to pray for the Office of the Presidency, President-elect Donald Trump, Vice President-elect Mike Pence, and the U.S. Location: Trump International Hotel, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC  
[www.presidentialinauguralprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.presidentialinauguralprayerbreakfast.org)

8:00 AM National Governors Association Inauguration Breakfast – National Governors Association Inauguration Breakfast, ahead of the inauguration today of President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence Location: Hall of the States, 444 N Capitol St NW, Washington, DC <http://www.nga.org>  
<https://twitter.com/NatlGovsAssoc>

9:00 AM Flight restrictions extended over Washington, DC, during Trump's inauguration – Federal Aviation Administration modifies the Washington Special Flight Rules Area and Washington Metropolitan Flight Restriction Zone with additional flight restrictions (from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM EST), following a request from the Department of Homeland Security as part of airspace security measures for today's 2017 Presidential Inauguration Festivities. As well as a number of general aviation restrictions, the rules also prohibit operations including flight training, gliding, parachuting, hang gliding, tethered balloons, crop dusting, model aircraft, model rocketry, and aircraft/helicopters operating from ships or private/corporate yachts \* The airspace covered in the Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) is classified as 'National Defense Airspace', meaning anyone who does not adhere to the restrictions may be faced with possible interception, detention, and interviewing by law enforcement security personnel, civil penalties, and even criminal charges Location: TBD [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)  
<https://twitter.com/FAANews>

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Today of course was President Obama's last full day in office. The President and Mrs. Obama spent the day today scrubbing the bathrooms. They're hoping to get their security deposit back."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Trump flew to Washington on a plane that looked eerily like Air Force One. When I say 'flew,' I don't mean he flew the plane. I mean, you wouldn't want to trust something that important to someone with zero experience. Would be very dangerous."

**James Corden:** "Donald Trump will be inaugurated as our 45th President. Yeah, that killed the atmosphere."

**Trevor Noah:** "So today is officially President Obama's last day of office. And I can tell you the marine helicopter that's going to carry him off tomorrow better have extra juice in it because people are not ready to let him go. We coming for you, Barry!"

**Trevor Noah:** "Donald Trump was just promoting tomorrow's premiere of the 45th season of the TV show 'President.' Yes, that's all he was doing. It's also the final season, by the way, but that's a separate subject."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Tomorrow is the presidential inauguration. Yeah. People from all across country will be there. But don't worry if you can't make it, because the President will be live tweeting the whole thing."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "This is kind of nice. I read that Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka recently spoke with Michelle Obama and the conversation lasted a whole hour. Finally, Michelle was like, 'Okay, Ivanka. I'll buy the damn purse.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Today is President Obama's final day in office, and I just want to say, Mr. President, you weren't great for comedy. You were always sincere and eloquent. You never had a scandal or fell down the stairs. You carried yourself with grace and dignity for eight whole years. So, on behalf of comedians and talk show hosts everywhere, we're gonna miss you, Joe [Biden]! You got us through, buddy."

**Seth Meyers:** “Tomorrow at noon eastern time, Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 45th and final President of the United States.”

**Seth Meyers:** “Basically, we as a nation are going from the first season of ‘Lost’ to the last season. As it turns out, we’re all in purgatory. That’s the best-case scenario.”

**Seth Meyers:** “Donald Trump said in a speech today that his cabinet has by far the highest IQ of any cabinet ever assembled. Then when someone asked him what IQ stands for, and he yelled, ‘Fake news,’ and ran away.”

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### **Vanuatu Charity Groups Petition Australia To 'Stop Killing Melanesian People In West Papua'**

*Financial support, training for Indonesian military criticized*

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (The National, Jan. 20, 2017) – The five most prominent Ni-Vanuatu charitable organisations in the country led by the Vanuatu Free West Papua Association (VFWPA), have petitioned the Australian Government to “stop killing Melanesian people in West Papua” by way of providing financial support and military training for Indonesian Elite Kopassus and Detachment 88.

The training programme is made possible under the Australia/Indonesia bilateral military cooperation.

The petition was signed by the Chairman of VFWPA, Pastor Allan Nafuki, President of the Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs, Chief Seni Mao Tirsupe, Chief Executive Officer of the Vanuatu National Council of Women, Leias Cullwick, Chief Executive Officer of Vanuatu Non-Government Organisations, Charlie Harrison and President ... [+ continue reading](#)

### **Two Climate Change Experts To Assist Fiji Prepare To Lead COP23 Meeting**

*James Cameron, Patricia Espinosa to attend planning meeting in Suva*

By Nemani Delaibatiki

SUVA, Fiji (Fiji Sun, Jan. 20, 2017) – Two of the world's leading climate change experts will help build Fiji's capacity to preside over COP23.

James Cameron and Patricia Espinosa will attend a top level COP 23 planning meeting in Suva from January 30 to February 1.

Mr Cameron is a London-based barrister, policy adviser and entrepreneur.

He will represent SystematiQ.earth, an internationally-renowned consultancy group.

Ms Espinosa is the executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

They will meet Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, and Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum plus other Cabinet ministers and Permanent Secretaries involved in the Capacity Building Workshop (CBW) and the Planning Meeting (PM) starting on January 30.

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### **Manus Island Refugees Will Receive Interview With U.S. Immigration Officials**

*Australia deal with United States gives hope to 900 detainees*

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International, Jan. 19, 2017) – About 900 refugees detained on Papua New Guinea's Manus island have been told they'll be interviewed by immigration officials from the United States from next month.

The interviews are part of a deal Australia has brokered with the United States to grant asylum to refugees detained for four years in PNG and Nauru as part of Australia's border protection policy.

Interviews with refugees on Nauru were being conducted by US immigration officials this month when the Texan congressman Brian Babin threatened that President Trump would cancel the deal.

The Kurdish journalist and detainee, Behrouz Boochani, says he's been told by PNG immigration staff that US officials will come to Manus Island in mid-February.

Mr Boochani says the process ... [+ continue reading](#)

### **Solomon Islands Secures Concessional Loan To Build Hydro Project**

*Tina River renewable energy project is largest being developed in Pacific*

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International, Jan. 19, 2017) – Solomon Islands has been awarded a \$US15 million concessional loan, for its Tina River Hydro Project, by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD).

The award which was announced during IRENA's 2017 Assembly in Abu Dhabi last weekend is the first to be approved in support of the \$US120 million renewable energy project which is the largest for the country and the largest currently being developed in the Pacific.

According to online news service, Solomon Fresh-beat, the 20 megawatt hydro facility will provide access to renewable energy for more than 100,000 people in and around the capital Honiara.



More than 200 new jobs are expected to be created during its construction and... [+ continue reading](#)

## **Samoa Government Considers Separating Land And Titles Court From Civil And Criminal Courts**

*Recommendations by inquiry into troubled court being seriously considered*

By Sarafina Sanerivi

APIA, Samoa (Samoa Observer, Jan. 20, 2017) – The Land and Titles Court could be separated from the Civil and Criminal Courts. That is one of the options being considered by the government.

Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, revealed this during his weekly media session.

The plan follows the findings and recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry tasked to investigate the work of the Land and Titles Court Judges.

In its report tabled by Chairman of the Inquiry, Lopao'o Natanielu Mua, the Commission makes 30 recommendations on ways to address concerns raised by members of the public, especially in relation to ways to speed up the process.

The Inquiry also recommends a restructure of the Land and Titles Court. As part of this, Parliament has been u... [+ continue reading](#)

## **American Samoa Awarded \$1.1 Million To Fight Zika Virus**

*Federal funds to be used for prevention, increased screening*

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International, Jan. 19, 2017) – The US Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services has awarded American Samoa about \$US1.1 million in federal grant funding from the Zika Healthcare Services Program.

In announcing the funding, American Samoa's Congresswoman, Aumua Amata Radewagen said the additional funding from the Zika Health Care Services Program would go to preventative measures and increased screening for those at risk.

And she looks forward to continuing to work with the US Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that there would be continued efforts to provide these preventative measures and screening that is so important to combating the disease.

As of early this month, there were 1,036 Zika virus suspected case in American Samoa, with 62 confirmed through la... [+ continue reading](#)

## **U.S. Defense Department Denies Use Of Agent Orange On Guam**

*Congresswoman Bordallo requested briefing after veteran claimed he personally sprayed chemical*

By Kyla P Mora

HAGÁTÑA, Guam (Pacific Daily News, Jan. 19, 2017) – U.S. Department of Defense senior officials continue to assert Agent Orange “was not used on, stored or transhipped through Guam during the Vietnam War,” according to a statement issued Thursday by Guam Del. Madeleine Bordallo.

Bordallo released the statement after meeting with senior Defense Department officials on Jan. 18 to discuss multiple reports of Agent Orange being used on Guam’s military bases during the war.

“This was an initial meeting to discuss the deep concerns that have been raised in our community,” Bordallo said.

Given the military’s assertion, Bordallo said she looks forward “to reviewing their records that support this claim and continuing to engage with the DOD and local stakeholders so t... [+ continue reading](#)

### **Melanesian Spearhead Group Chair Postpones PNG Leg Of Regional Tour**

*Solomons PM Sogavare is discussing restructure of Secretariat, revised membership guidelines*

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International, Jan. 20, 2017) – The chairperson of the Melanesian Spearhead Group, Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare has postponed the PNG leg of his Melanesia tour.

The tour, his second as chairperson, is to discuss the restructuring of the MSG Secretariat in Vanuatu and the revision of MSG Membership Guidelines with other MSG leaders.

Earlier this week Mr Sogavare met with his Vanuatu counterpart, Charlot Salwai in Port Vila and also with FLNKS spokesperson Victor Tutugoro.

Today he is to meet with the Fiji's Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama in Suva.

Following that meeting Mr Sogavare was supposed to fly to Port Moresby to meet with PNG's prime minister Peter O'Neill.

But this leg of the tour has now been postponed... [+ continue reading](#)

### **University of the South Pacific To Build \$9.6 Million Residence Hall**

*Vice-Chancellor says about 400 student are on waiting list for accommodations on-campus*

By Alisi Vucago

SUVA, Fiji (Fiji Times, Jan. 20, 2017) – A new accommodation hall worth \$20 million [US\$9.6 million] is being constructed at the University of the South Pacific's Laucala campus to accommodate the school's growing student population.

The civil earthworks of 1.6 hectares of land had commenced at the site at a cost of \$634,000 [US\$304,000].

Vice-Chancellor and president of USP, Professor Rajesh Chandra said there were about 400 regional students on the waiting list for accommodation in the halls at the Laucala campus.

Prof Chandra also said there were more than 120 international students staying off campus, in

private accommodation although they preferred on-campus accommodation.

"The construction will enable the university to utilise available land earmarked for s... [+ continue reading](#)

### **CNMI Cargo Ship Owners Counter-Sue Investor In MV Luta Fiasco**

*Luta Mermaid accuses Yamamoto of fraudulent actions resulting in arrest of vessel, 'consequential damage'*

By Bryan Manabat

SAIPAN, CNMI (Marianas Variety, Jan. 20, 2017) – Luta Mermaid LLC officers Abelina Mendiola, Deron Mendiola and Fidel Mendiola III, through their counsel William M. Fitzgerald, have filed a counter claim against Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto.

Luta Mermaid LLC, registered owner of MV Luta, is asking the federal court for the immediate release of the vessel and to find the lien against it invalid.

Luta Mermaid is also seeking an order from the court for consequential damages caused by Yamamoto's "fraudulent actions" in securing a maritime lien and the arrest of the vessel, according to proof, to include, inter alia, lost profits and the cost of paying off the crew members, Norton Lilly and Long Consulting; and consequential damages for Yamam... [+ continue reading](#)

### **Former Mayor In French Polynesia Faces Abuse Of Public Funds Charge**

*Vernaudon allegedly mispent \$270,000 of funds meant for radio station*

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International, Jan. 19, 2017) – The trial has been held in French Polynesia of the former mayor of Mahina, Emile Vernaudon, for the alleged abuse of public funds with the running of a local radio station.

Vernaudon is one of three accused in the affair which dates back to the beginning of the last decade when they allegedly used the funds meant to be for the radio for personal use.

The sum reportedly misspent amounted to \$US270,000 and triggered the station's demise.

The prosecution wants Vernaudon to be jailed for a year and fined \$US90,000.

It has also asked for jail sentences for the co-accused Joinville Pomare and Gilles Tefaatau.

The criminal court will deliver its verdict on 28th March.

Vernaudon, whose political career included two terms in the Fren... [+ continue reading](#)

### **Top Polynesian High School Players Highlighted In Hawai'i Football Game**

*Inaugural Polynesian Bowl to be played at Aloha Stadium will be broadcast live on ESPN*

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (Matangi Tonga, Jan. 19, 2017) – The inaugural Polynesian Bowl will kick off this Saturday, January 21 at Aloha Stadium in Hawaii. The 2017 Polynesian Bowl will feature two teams made up of elite football players of Pacific Islander heritage from high schools around

the United States.

The Polynesian Bowl will be featured live on ESPN. "The live ESPN3 telecast will allow us to showcase the world's elite high school football players of Polynesian heritage and other ancestries" stated Jesse Sapolu, the Chairman of the Polynesian Hall of Fame.

The two teams in the one-off fixture are "Team Stanley" and "Team Mariota". Team Stanley is captained by Ronnie Stanley (of Tongan heritage) who plays for the Baltimore Ravens. Team Mariota is captained by Marc... [+ continue reading](#)

## Israel Prime Minister Reportedly Cancels Trip To Fiji

*Israeli media say Netanyahu visit would have been too long, complicated*

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International, Jan. 19, 2017) – Israel's prime minister has reportedly removed Fiji from his itinerary of next month's Australasia tour.

Benjamin Netanyahu had planned to visit Fiji as part of his country's efforts to bolster Israel's standing in international forums such as the United Nations.

While there, Mr Netanyahu was expected to participate in a summit of leaders of other Pacific island states.

But the Jerusalem Post newspaper reported that the visit has been cancelled, with diplomatic officials saying that leg of his trip would be too long and too complicated from a security point of view.

He still intends to visit Singapore and Australia despite political pressure at home as he faces multiple police investigations.

The Israeli embassy in ... [+ continue reading](#)

## Rabi Island Leaders Welcome Delegation From Kiribati

*Administrator hopes visit will strengthen ties to families on Banaba*

By Serafina Silaitoga

SUVA, Fiji (Fiji Times, Jan. 20, 2017) – The Kiribati government delegation's visit to Rabi Island will certainly strengthen ties with the people of Ocean Island, says Rabi Island administrator Karia Christopher.

Although the people of Rabi belong to the Fijian Government, Mr Christopher said their families on Ocean Island, who were under the care of the Kiribati Government, needed their support in strengthening such ties.

[PIR editor's note: Most of the people from Kiribati's Banaba (Ocean Island) were relocated to Rabi Island in Fiji during the colonial period when extensive phosphate mining took place on their home island.]

"The Kiribati Government has been in office for ten months and it is encouraging for them to make time to visit us here on Rabi," he said.

"This means ... [+ continue reading](#)

## **Fiji Firefighters Able To Contain Garment Factory Fire In Nadi**

*Investigator's seek cause of blaze the destroyed Jack's Group of Companies' facility*

By Shayal Devi

SUVA, Fiji (Fiji Times, Jan. 20, 2017) – Staff members of Jack's Group of Companies have been assured that the company will do all it can to assist them after a fire destroyed the retail chain's garment production facility in Nadi yesterday morning.

Firefighters at the scene were able to contain the blaze from spreading to surrounding buildings.

Speaking to this newspaper, company chairman Dilip Khatri said they were now looking ahead and would work alongside investigators to determine the cause of the fire.

"We'll do whatever is necessary," he said, adding the cost of damage had not been ascertained.

The company employs about 1450 staff, and an estimated 170 of them are employed at the garment factory.

While no major injuries were recorded, six people were taken ... [+ continue reading](#)

## **Second American Samoan Dies From Electrocution Incident**

*Two more injured men remain in hospital; police investigating accident*

By Joyetter Feagaimaali'i-Luamanu

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (The Samoa News, Jan. 19, 2017) – Saito Paulo of Fagaitua, who was one of the six people involved in the electrocution incident while working for Manu'a's Store in the Tafuna industrial park, last Saturday, passed away yesterday morning. He had been in a coma in the Intensive Care Unit since the day of the incident.

His family, at the LBJ chapel, where his body was resting while awaiting the prayer service to begin, was overcome with grief. Paulo leaves behind a wife and son, and is the second person to die from the deadly incident.

The first person to die as a result of the incident was Iosefa Elia, who has left behind his wife, who is seven months pregnant.

One other employee of Manu'a's Store remains in the Intensive Care Unit and is al... [+ continue reading](#)

## **Marianas Visitors Authority Unveils 'Paradise For Everyone' Campaign In Korea**

*Marianas Visitors Authority*

Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

January 20, 2017

The Marianas Visitors Authority's 2017 marketing campaign "Paradise for Everyone" was officially launched and shared with 230 major travel trade partners in Korea this month.

Large banners with stunning images of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota greeted representatives of travel agencies, airlines, media, and other industry partners at the launch events on Jan. 9 in Seoul and Jan. 10 in Busan, the second largest city in Korea.

"In cooperation with several industry partners from the Northern Marianas, we successfully launched 'Paradise for Everyone' to an enthusiastic audience in Korea this month, highlighted by information about the islands and specifics of the MVA's key activities and support programs this year," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion, who addressed ... [+ continue reading](#)

## Guam Port Authority Board Decides To Appeal \$14 Million Arbitration Award

*Port Authority accused of breaching lease with Guam YTK came*

By Shawn Raymundo

HAGÁTÑA, Guam (Pacific Daily News, Jan. 19, 2017) – The Port Authority of Guam's board of directors Thursday voted to appeal the Superior Court of Guam's latest order to pay former tenant Guam YTK Corporation a \$14 million arbitration award.

Port legal counsel Mike Phillips briefed the directors during the meeting, advising them to appeal the case to the Supreme Court of Guam.

"The next step, if we were to appeal, would be to go to the Supreme Court," Phillips said, adding: "I've spoken with the attorney general of Guam on a number of occasions and I believe she's also in support of this appeal."

In April 2016, an arbitration panel ruled the Port should pay a \$14 million award to Guam YTK on the grounds the agency breached its 45-year lease agreement with the failed fisheries busi... [+ continue reading](#)



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