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**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

Washington, DC

**4:00pm: DOI Staff Notified of Secretary's Swearing-In & C Street Arrival**

**6:00pm: Swearing-In**

Location: The White House

**6:30pm: Press Email Sent Out Announcing Secretary's Swearing-In**

Sending: COMMS

**Email Invitations Sent Out for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reception**

Sending: Nancy Guiden

**Green Highlights is where the photographer & videographer will be present**

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

Washington, DC

Advance: Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour

**7:30-8:00am: Depart Residence for U.S. Department of the Interior via H1 Stables**

**8:00-8:30am:**

**Depart H1 Stables via Horseback for U.S. Department of the Interior**

**\*Note: There will be a stop at the Lincoln Memorial for Secretary's individual photo op and group photo op with Park Police**

**\*Note: Mrs. Zinke to be dropped off at DOI prior to Secretary's arrival**

**8:30-9:15am:**

**Arrive at U.S. Department of the Interior / Greet Employees / Brief Remarks**

Location: 1849 C Street NW Main Entrance/Foyer

Met by: Jack Haugrud, Former Acting Secretary

Jim Cason, Acting Deputy Secretary

Format: Enter middle right doors, proceed to right of low riser in middle of foyer. BIA Honor Guard presents colors (USA / DOI / BIA Flags), Jack Haugrud takes stage and introduces Secretary. Secretary takes stage and thanks crowd for coming and gives brief remarks. Upon completion of remarks, Secretary waits for Honor Guard to begin departure before greeting crowd.

Indoor Setting: Blue pipe and drape backdrop / 6 inch riser/ Handheld wireless mic. Interpreter will be stage left.

Arrival Setting: Staff on steps leading to entrance include DOI Political appointees, Park Police, Park Rangers, Fish & Wildlife security officers.

Lance Fisher, a graduate of Haskell Indian Nations University, will be playing the drums and chanting a Veteran's Honor song.

Press: Closed press

**\*Mrs. Zinke invited**

**9:15-9:45am:**

**Fingerprinting and Mandatory Drug Testing**

Location: Fingerprinting: #1320 (Steve Hargrave)

Drug Testing: #1327 (Steve Hargrave)

Staff: Scott Hommel

**9:45-10:30am:**

**Office of the Secretary Tour**

Location: 6100 Wing  
Staff: Scott Hommel

**\*Mrs. Zinke invited**

**\*Note: Tracy Baetz (DOI Museum Curator) will give a brief history of the Secretary's office**

**10:30am-11:30am:**

**Ethics Briefing**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Briefing: Melinda Loftin, Designated Agency Ethics Officer  
Ed McDonnell, Ethics Officer  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Doug Domenech  
Dan Jorjani  
Meg Bloomgren

**\*Photo Opportunity at Start**

**\*Mrs. Zinke invited**

**11:30-11:55AM:**

**Secretarial Order Signing Ceremony for Two Secretarial Orders with Sportsmen**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Dan Jorjani, Amy Mitchell  
Participants: Jeff Crane (Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation)  
Chris Cox (National Rifle Association)  
Larry Keane (National Sports Shooting Foundation)  
Mitch Butler (Boone & Crockett Club)  
Greg Schildwachter (Wild Sheep Foundation)  
Whit Fosburgh (Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership)  
Mike Nussman (American Sportfishing Association)  
Glenn Le Munyon (Dallas Safari Club)  
Gary Taylor (National Wild Turkey Foundation)  
Jay Mac Aninch (Archery Trade Association)  
Ron Regan (Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)  
Collin O'Mara (National Wildlife Foundation)  
Anna Seidman (Safari Club International)  
Steve Williams (Wildlife Management Institute)  
Derrick Crandall (American Recreation Council)  
Miles Moretti (Mule Deer Foundation)  
Dave Nomsen (Pheasants Forever)  
Jeff Trandahl (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)  
Thom Dammrich (National Marine Manufacturers Association)  
Dale Hall (Ducks Unlimited)  
Don Peay (Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife)  
Greg Sheenan (Utah Wildlife Resources)  
Press: Closed  
Format: Backdrop is Secretary's fireplace, American and Interior flags, Teddy Roosevelt portrait on easel, and group of sportsmen  
Orders will be signed on table in front of fireplace

**\*Mrs. Zinke Invited**

**\*Prior to Secretary's arrival, guests will be held in Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Conference Room; Jim Cason to stop by for brief visit**

**11:55-12:00pm:**

**Meeting with Chris Cox**

Location: Office of the Chief of Staff  
Participants: Chris Cox, NRA Executive Director  
Staff: Scott Hommel

**12:00-12:40pm:**

**Lunch with Mrs. Zinke**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Nancy Guiden to coordinate lunch

**12:40-1:00pm:**

**Depart DOI for The White House**

**1:00-2:15pm:**

**Principals Infrastructure Meeting**

**2:15pm-2:30pm**

**Depart The White House for DOI**

**2:30-3:00pm:**

**Records Briefing**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Briefing: Tim Murphy, Office of the Solicitor--General Law  
Sylvia Burns, Chief Information Officer  
David Alspach, Office of the Secretary Records Officer  
Tony Irish, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Solicitor  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Doug Domenech  
Dan Jorjani  
Meg Bloomgren

**\*Mrs. Zinke to tour art in Museum (Nancy Guiden to coordinate)**

**3:00-3:30pm:**

**Park Police Security Detail Meeting**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Rusty Roddy  
Caroline Boulton  
Wadi Yakhour

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**\*Mrs. Zinke Invited**

**3:30-4:30pm:**

**One-on-One Visits to DOI Employee Offices**

Location: Offices of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs  
4100 West Corridor, Main Interior Building  
Met By: Mike Black, Acting Assistant Secretary  
Ben Keel, Political Counterpart

**\*Mrs. Zinke to view Museum collection and art options (Nancy Guiden to coordinate)**

**4:30-5:30pm:**

**Meet Department of the Interior Leadership**

Location: Deputy Secretary's Conference Room  
Staff: Jim Cason, Acting Deputy Secretary  
Career Acting Assistant Secretaries & Political Counterparts

**\*Mrs. Zinke to view Museum collection and art options (Nancy Guiden to coordinate)**

**5:30-7:00pm:**

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reception**

Location: Office of the Secretary / Secretary's Conference Room  
Attendees: 150-175  
Attire: Business attire  
Format: Backdrop is Secretary's fireplace, American and Interior flags, Teddy Roosevelt portrait on easel, handheld wireless mic. Secretary introduced by John Faraci (Chairman of the Board, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation). Secretary welcomes guests and gives brief remarks.  
Setting: Blue pipe and drape backdrop / 6 inch riser/ Handheld wireless mic. Interpreter will be stage left.  
Staff: Amy Mitchell, Nancy Guiden  
Press: Closed  
**\*Mrs. Zinke Invited**

**Friday, March 3, 2017**  
Washington, DC  
Advance: Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour

**7:30am:**  
**Cafeteria**

**Email Sent Out to DOI Staff Detailing Secretary's Remarks in Bison Bistro at 11:00am**

**8:00-8:30am:** **Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**

**8:30-8:55am:** **Arrive at U.S. Department of the Interior / Greet Employees**  
Location: E Street Entrance  
Staff: Scott Hommel

**8:55-9:00am:** **Pick Up Department of the Interior ID Card**

**9:00-10:00am:** **Senior Staff Meeting/Daily Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani  
Doug Domenech  
Micah Chambers  
**\*Mrs. Zinke Invited**

**10:00-11:00am:** **Budget Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason, Acting Deputy Secretary

**11:00-12:00pm:** **Remarks to DOI Employees on the 168th Birthday of the U.S. Department of the Interior**  
Location: Bison Bistro Cafeteria, Main Interior Building basement  
Guests: DOI employees  
Format: Secretary will be introduced by Former Acting Secretary Jack Haugrud, Secretary gives remarks  
Setting: 100 seats and standing area, blue pipe and drape backdrop / No riser / Handheld wireless mic, Slideshow of Secretary's first day will be displayed on flat screen monitors on both sides of the staging area that will switch to the DOI seal when the program begins.  
Interpreter will be stage left  
Event will be livestreamed  
Staff: Megan Bloomgren  
Heather Swift  
**\*Mrs. Zinke Invited**

**12:00-12:30pm:** **Meeting with Karl Simich**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Scott Hommel

**12:30-12:40pm:** **Call with Senator Orrin Hatch**  
Number (b) (6) (Senator Hatch's Personal Cell Phone)  
Back-up #: (b) (6) (John Tanner, Legislative Director for Senator Hatch)

**12:40-1:00pm:** **Lunch**  
Location: Office of the Secretary

**1:00-1:30pm** **Media Interview: Billings Gazette**  
Location: Office of the Secretary

Staff: Megan Bloomgren  
Heather Swift

**1:30-2:00pm:**

**HR Meeting to Sign On-Boarding Forms**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room

Briefing:

Staff:

**2:00-2:20pm:**

**Depart Department of the Interior en route Fox News**

**2:20-2:40pm:**

**Interview: Dana Perino (Fox News)**

Location: 400 North Capitol St, NW

Note: 10 minutes for makeup, 10-15 minutes for interview

**2:40-3:00pm:**

**Depart Fox News en route Department of the Interior**

**3:00-3:30pm:**

**One-on-One Visits to DOI Employee Offices**

Location: Offices of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management  
& Offices of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science  
6th Floor, Main Interior Building

**\*Met by:** Kerry Rae, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science  
Scott Cameron, Political Counterpart  
Rich Cardinale, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals  
Management  
Kate MacGregor, Political Counterpart

**3:30-5:30pm:**

**Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Briefing**

Location: 3400 Conference Room / SCIF

Staff: Scott Hommel

Doug Domenech

Jim Cason

**5:30-6:00pm:**

**Political Appointees Staff Meeting**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room

Attending: DOI Political Appointees

**\*Mrs. Zinke Invited**

**6:00-7:30pm:**

**Political Appointees Reception**

Location: Office of the Secretary

Attending: DOI Political Appointees

**\*Mrs. Zinke Invited**

**Monday, March 6, 2017**

Washington, DC

Advance: Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour

**8:15-8:45am:**

**Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**

**8:45-9:00am:**

**Private Time**

**9:00-9:30am: Senior Staff Meeting / Daily Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani  
Doug Domenech  
Micah Chambers

**9:30-10:00am: Travel Card Rules Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Briefing: Kevin Goins, Office of Financial Management

**10:00-11:00am: Office of Management and Budget Meeting**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room

**11:00-11:45am: Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs Briefing on Indian Affairs Hearing**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Staff: Amanda Kaster Averill  
Micah Chambers  
Tracy Goodluck  
Chris Salotti  
Darren Peete, BIA Congressional Affairs

**11:45am-12:00pm: Depart Department of the Interior en route Eisenhower Executive Office Building**

**12:00-1:00pm: Office of Presidential Personnel Meeting | Jonny DeStefano**  
Location: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Room 144A  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Doug Domenech  
Lori Mashburn

**1:00-1:30pm: Office of Cabinet Affairs Meeting | Bill McGinley**  
Location: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Room 124

**1:30-2:00pm: Robert Porter Meeting**  
Location: The White House, West Wing  
*Note: Cabinet Affairs will escort the Secretary from EEOB 124 to the West Wing*

**2:00-2:15pm: Depart Eisenhower Executive Office Building en route Department of the Interior**

**2:15-3:00pm: One-on-One Visits to DOI Employee Offices**  
Location: Office of the Executive Secretariat (7300 Hallway)  
Met by: Juliette Lillie, Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat

**3:00-4:00pm: Acting Assistant Secretaries Weekly Meeting**  
Location: Deputy Secretary's Conference Room  
Attending: Jim Cason  
Acting Assistant Secretaries  
Political Appointee-Counterparts

**4:00-4:30pm: Travel Rules Briefing**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Briefing: Tim Murphy, Office of the Solicitor - General Law  
Jennifer Heindl, Office of the Solicitor - General Law

Staff: Scott Hommel  
Doug Domenech  
Dan Jorjani  
Meg Bloomgren

**\*Mrs. Zinke invited to call in**

**4:30-4:45pm:**

**IT Briefing**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Briefing: Jerrell Calhoun  
Staff: Caroline Boulton  
Nancy Guiden

**4:45-5:15pm**

**Representation Fund / Office Procedures Briefing**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Nancy Guiden

To be scheduled week of March 6-10:

- Daily 9:00AM Senior Staff meeting
- Assistant Secretary budget meetings (5 additional)—to coordinate: Jim Cason
- Interviews for Interior positions (hour blocks)—to coordinate: Lori Mashburn
- Daily: tour a DOI hallway—to coordinate: Wadi Yakhour
- Option: Skyline in Alexandria (meet employees) + South Interior (tour)
- White House Military Office (1 hour, at White House)

Upcoming Events:



- March 4: potential trip to Utah/Bears Ears with Congressional delegation and Governor
  - If departing March 3—bump 3/3 afternoon meetings to week of March 6-10
- March 8: Senate Indian Affairs Committee Hearing on Indian Priorities
- March 14: NFWF and NPF Board Meeting reception

TO ADD:

**1.5 Hours: Informal Tour of the Department of the Interior Building**

Tour Begins: South Penthouse  
 Participants: **LEADER OF TOUR:** Diana Ziegler, Director of the Department of the Interior Museum or Mariane Gately  
 Rusty Roddy  
 Wadi Yakhour

**1 hour: Speak to Senior Executive Service (SES) Employees**

Location: South Interior Auditorium  
 Attending: Scott Hommel  
 Heather Swift  
 Secretary's Staff  
 100 SES employees  
 Coordinating: Jim Cason

**Meet with Labor-Related Group**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
 Staffing: Melissa Simpson  
 Group: Melissa Simpson Coordinating

30 minutes **Office of Scheduling & Advance Meeting**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
 Staff: Scott Hommel  
 Rusty Roddy  
 Caroline Boulton  
 Nancy Guiden  
 Wadi Yakhour

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

Washington, DC

Advance: Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour

- 8:30-8:50am: Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**
- 8:50-9:00am: Private Time**
- 9:00-10:00am: Senior Staff Meeting / Daily Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani  
Doug Domenech  
Micah Chambers  
Heather Swift
- 10:00-10:30am: Office of Scheduling & Advance Meeting**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Rusty Roddy  
Caroline Boulton
- 10:30-11:00am: Ethics Briefing: Political**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Briefing: Melinda Loftin, Designated Agency Ethics Officer  
Ed McDonnell, Ethics Officer  
Ed Keable, Acting Solicitor  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Doug Domenech  
Dan Jorjani  
Meg Bloomgren
- 11:00am-12:00pm: Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs Briefing & Mock Hearing on Indian Affairs Hearing:**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Staff: Amanda Kaster Averill  
Micah Chambers  
Tracy Goodluck  
Chris Salotti  
Darren Peete, BIA Congressional Affairs  
Heather Swift  
Megan Bloomgren
- 12:00-1:00pm: Lunch**  
Location: Office of the Secretary
- 1:00-1:15pm: Call with Senator Dole**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Number: 202-654-4848 (Pia or Maurine will answer)
- 1:15-1:30pm: Call with Brian Hays, Park Ranger (Son of Frank Hays, Associate Regional Director for Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship & Science)**  
Location: Office of the Secretary

Number:435-210-1616

**1:30-2:00pm:**

**One-on-One Visits to DOI Employee Offices**

Location: Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, 2400 Hallway  
Staff: Nickolao Pula, Acting Assistant Secretary

**2:00-3:00pm:**

**One-on-One Visits to DOI Employee Offices**

Location: Bureau of Land Management, 5600 Hallway  
Staff: Kristin Bail, Acting Director  
Marshall Critchfield, Political Counterpart  
Rusty Roddy

**3:00-3:30pm:**

**Mike Reynolds Meeting**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff:

**3:30-5:00pm:**

**Informal Tour of the Department of the Interior Building**

Tour Begins: South Penthouse  
Participants: Tracy Baetz, Department of the Interior Museum Curator  
Jason Jurgena, Registrar/Art Collections Manager for Office of the Secretary  
Rusty Roddy  
Caroline Boulton

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

Washington, DC

Advance: Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour

- 8:30-8:50am: Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**
- 8:50-9:00am: Private Time**
- 9:00-10:00am: Senior Staff Meeting / Daily Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani  
Doug Domenech  
Micah Chambers  
Heather Swift
- 10:00-10:30am: Jim Cason Meeting Regarding Personnel**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Mary Pletcher  
Ed Keable
- 10:30-11:00am: Call: Catherine McKenna, Canadian Minister of Environment & Climate Change**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Number: (b) (5)  
Code: (b) (5)  
Staff: Ryan Close, Office of International Affairs  
Downey Magallanes  
Tim Williams, Intergovernmental Affairs  
Participating: Stephen Lucas, Deputy Minister of Environment & Climate Change  
Marlo Reynolds, Chief of Staff of the Minister  
Daniel Watson, CEO of Parks Canada
- 11:00-12:00pm: Acting Assistant Secretary Fish, Wildlife, & Parks Meeting**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Staff: Maureen Foster, Acting Assistant Secretary  
Virginia Johnson, Political Counterpart
- 12:00-12:30pm: Lunch**
- 12:30-1:00pm: White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office Meeting**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Attending: Justin Clark, White House Intergovernmental Affairs  
Billy Kirkland, White House Intergovernmental Affairs  
Staff: Ben Keel
- 1:00-1:30pm: One-on-One Visits to DOI Employee Offices**  
Location: Human Capital & Diversity, 4300 hallway (4349 Conference Room)  
Staff: Wadi Yakhour
- 1:30-2:00pm: Depart Department of the Interior en route Dirksen Senate Office Building**
- 2:15-3:30pm: Senate Indian Affairs Committee Hearing**

Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building #628  
Staff: Amanda Kaster Averill  
Ben Keel  
Heather Swift

**3:30-4:00pm: Depart Dirksen Senate Office Building en route White House**

**4:00-5:00pm: Meeting with the President of the United States and the Alaska Senate Delegation**  
Location: Oval Office (Likely)

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**  
Washington, DC

**8:30-8:50am: Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**

**8:50-9:00am: Private Time**

**9:00-10:00am: Senior Staff Meeting / Daily Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani  
Doug Domenech  
Micah Chambers

**10:00-10:30am: Travel Briefing (Montana)**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Caroline Boulton  
Megan Bloomgren

**10:30-11:00am: Phone Call with Tom Farrell (President of Dominion Resources)**  
Number: (b) (6)  
Staff: Doug Domenech

**11:00am-12:00pm: Personnel Interview: Kiel Weaver**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Coordinating: Lori Mashburn

**12:00pm-12:30pm: Lunch**

**12:30-12:45pm: Call with Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)**  
Number: (b) (6)  
Topic: BLM Venting Flaring CRA

**12:45-1:00pm: Call with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)**  
Number: 202-224-1941 / Darci Greenacre will connect to Senator  
Topic: BLM Venting Flaring CRA

**1:00-1:30pm: Rick Puckett**  
Location: Office of the Secretary

**1:30-1:45pm: Call with Senator Roberts (R-KS)**  
Number: 202-224-9476 / Jensine will connect to Senator  
Backup: (b) (6) (Jackie Cottrell, Chief of Staff)  
Topics: Indian Gaming Issue

**1:45-2:00pm: Call with Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)**  
Number: 202-224-7090  
Topic: BLM Venting Flaring CRA

**2:00-2:45pm: Personnel Interview: Jana McKeag**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Coordinating: Lori Mashburn

**2:45-3:15pm:**

**Depart Department of the Interior en route Ronald Reagan National Airport**

**Monday, March 13, 2017**  
Washington, DC

**8:30-8:50am: Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**

**8:50-9:00am: Private Time**

**9:00-10:00am: Senior Staff Meeting / Daily Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani  
Doug Domenech  
Micah Chambers

**10:00-11:00am: Indian Country Strategic Conversation**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room, room 6151  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Ben Keel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani

**11:00-12:00pm: Assistant Secretary for Water & Science Meeting**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Scott Cameron, Political

**12:00pm-12:45pm: Lunch**

**12:45-1:00pm: Senator Heitkamp Phone Call**  
Number: 202-224-9889  
Topic: BLM Venting Flaring CRA

**1:15-1:30pm: Representative McClintock Phone Call**  
Number: (b) (6)  
Topic: Congratulations, new concessionaire at Yosemite

**1:30-1:45pm: Depart Department of the Interior en route the White House**  
Location: Executive Office Building SCIF

**1:45-2:30pm: White House Military Office Briefing**  
Location: Executive Office Building SCIF  
Participating: Jay Gilmore, White House Military Office Program Lead

**2:45-5:00pm: Cabinet Meeting**  
Location: White House

**5:00-5:15pm: Depart White House en route Department of the Interior**

**5:15-6:15pm: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Participating: Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff  
Staff: Scott Hommel



**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
Washington, DC

- 8:30-8:50am:**           **Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**
- 8:50-9:00am:**           **Private Time**
- 9:00-10:00am:**       **Senior Staff Meeting / Daily Briefing**  
Location:       Office of the Secretary  
Staff:           Jim Cason  
                  Scott Hommel  
                  Megan Bloomgren  
                  Dan Jorjani  
                  Doug Domenech  
                  Micah Chambers
- 10:15-10:30am:**       **Call with Senator Gardner**  
Number:        **(b) (6)**  
Topic:          BLM Venting Flaring CRA
- 10:30-11:00am:**       **Meeting with Jim Cason**  
Location:       Office of the Secretary
- 11:00-12:00pm:**       **Wildland Fire Briefing**  
Location:       Secretary's Conference Room, #6151  
Staff:           Jim Cason  
                  Scott Hommel  
                  Bryan Rice, Director of Office of Wildland Fire
- 12:00-1:30pm:**       **Ride-Along with U.S. Park Police**  
Pick Up: C Street Entrance  
To View:        Snow removal activities
- 2:00-2:30pm:**        **Coal Royalty Policy Committee**  
Location:       Secretary's Conference Room, #6151  
Staff:           Jack Haugrud  
                  Jim Cason  
                  Scott Hommel  
                  Dan Jorjani
- 2:30-3:00pm:**        **The Nature Conservancy Meeting**  
Location:       Secretary's Conference Room, #6151  
Participants:   Mark Tercek, TNC President & CEO  
                  Lynn Scarlett, TNC Managing Director of Public Policy  
                  Kameran Onley, TNC Director of U.S. Government Relations  
                  Tom Cors, TNC Director of Lands  
                  Mark Aagenes, TNC Montana Director of External Affairs  
Staff:           Tim Williams
- 3:00-3:30pm:**        **OPEN**
- 3:30-4:00pm:**        **Meeting about Travel**  
Location:       Office of the Secretary  
Staff:           Caroline Boulton  
                  Rusty Roddy

**4:00-4:30pm:**

**National Park Service Events/Tours Briefing**

Location: Office of the Secretary

Staff: Elaine Hackett

Caroline Boulton

**4:30-5:00pm:**

**Veterans and National Parks Proposal Briefing**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room, #6151

Staff: Amy Mitchell

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

Washington, DC

- 9:10-9:30am: Depart Residence en route Washington Court Hotel**  
Location: 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC  
Drive Time: ~12 minutes without traffic
- 9:30-9:45am: Remarks at AwakeAmerica Capitol Connection Conference**  
Location: Washington Court Hotel  
Grand Ballroom  
Advance: Rusty Roddy  
Attendees: 800 - 1,000  
Note: Introduced by Steve Sturgeon. Remarks should be 10 minutes, topic is  
"Journey from Navy SEAL to Congressman to Secretary"  
Event POC: Steve Sturgeon, Chaplain  
**(b) (6)**
- 9:45-10:00am: Depart Washington Court Hotel en route Department of the Interior**  
Drive Time: ~10 minutes without traffic
- 10:00-10:15am: Call with Senator Angus King**  
Number: He will call; Nancy will transfer
- 10:15-10:30am: OPEN**
- 10:30-11:00am: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Meeting**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Participants: Milford Donaldson, Chairman  
John Fowler, Executive Director  
Staff: Dan Jorjani
- 11:00-11:30am: One-on-One Visits to Department of the Interior Employees**  
Location: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife & Parks,  
3100 Hallway  
Note: If time permits, meet with leadership in room # 3144
- 11:30-12:00pm: Invasive Species Briefing**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room, #6151  
Staff: Scott Cameron
- 12:00-1:00pm: Lunch**
- 1:00-2:00pm: Border Briefing**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room, #6151  
Staff: Jon Andrews  
Harry Humpert  
Dan Jorjani
- 2:00-3:00pm: Wildland Fire Briefing**  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room, #6151  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Bryan Rice, Director of Office of Wildland Fire

**3:00-3:30pm:**

**Fracking Rule Meeting**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Jack Haugrud

**3:30-4:00pm:**

**One-on-One Visits to Department of the Interior Employees**

Location: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Hallway, 5200 Hallway  
Staff: Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director of BOEM  
Kate MacGregor, Political

**4:00-5:00pm:**

**Reorganization Meeting**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Scott Hommel  
Jim Cason  
Doug Domenech  
Dan Jorjani

**5:30-6:00pm:**

**Secretary Perry Meeting**

Location: Office of the Secretary  
Participating: Secretary Rick Perry  
Brian McCormack, Chief of Staff (Tentative)

**Monday, March 20, 2017**  
Washington, DC

**8:30-8:50am: Travel to U.S. Department of the Interior**

**8:50-9:00am: Private Time**

**9:00-10:00am: Senior Staff Meeting / Daily Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Scott Hommel  
Megan Bloomgren  
Dan Jorjani  
Doug Domenech  
Micah Chambers

**10:45-11:15am: National Bison Range Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Amanda Kaster Averill  
Ann Navaro  
Jack Haugrud  
Virginia Johnson  
Dan Jorjani  
Scott Hommel

**11:15-11:45am: Sage Grouse Briefing**  
Location: Office of the Secretary  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Doug Domenech  
Kate MacGregor  
Kathy Benedetto  
Dan Jorjani  
Rich Cardinale  
Scott Hommel

**12:00-1:00pm: Metropolitan Infrastructure for Department of the Interior Briefing**  
Location: 3400 West Wing Interior Operations Center  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Doug Domenech  
Dan Jorjani  
Scott Hommel  
Elena Gonzalez  
Olivia Ferriter  
Amy Holley  
Debra Sonderman

**1:00-1:30pm: Lunch**

**1:30-2:30pm: Personnel Interview: (b) (6)**  
Location: Office

**2:30-3:00pm: California Water Briefing**  
Location: Office  
Staff: Scott Cameron

**3:00-3:30pm:**

**9/11 Memorial and Museum Meeting**

Location: Secretary's Conference Room

Attending: Debra Burlingame, Board Member for 9/11 Memorial and Museum  
Rick Alcalde, President of Potomac Partners DC  
Jay Weinkam, Senior VP of Government and Community Affairs for  
9/11 Memorial and Museum

**3:30-4:30pm:**

**One-on-One Meetings with DOI Employees**

Location: Office of Surface Mining, South Interior Building Auditorium

Staff: Glenda H. Owens, Deputy Director of OSM  
Tucker Davis, Political

Format: Remarks and then Deputy Director's office in #233

**5:00-6:00pm:**

**Meeting with Members of Congress**

Location: Office of the Secretary

Attending: Chairman Calvert  
Rep. Cook  
Rep. Simpson  
Rep. Cole

## **PARTICIPANTS**

1. Jeff Crane , President, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation)
2. Chris Cox , Executive Director, National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action
3. Larry Keane, SVP, Assistant Secretary and General Counsel National Sports Shooting Foundation
4. Dale Hall, CEO, Ducks Unlimited
5. Mitch Butler, Boone &Crockett Club
6. Greg Schildwachter, D.C. Representative, Wild Sheep Foundation
7. Whit Fosberg, President, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
8. Mike Nussman, President, American Sportfishing Association
9. Glenn Le Munyon, D.C Representative, Dallas Safari Club
10. Gary Taylor, D.C. Representative, National Wild Turkey Foundation
11. Jay Mac Aninch, President & CEO, Archery Trade Association
12. Ron Reagan, Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
13. Collin O'Mara, President & CEO, National Wildlife Foundation
14. Anna Seidman, Director of Government Affairs, Safari Club International
15. Steve Williams , President, Wildlife Management Institute
16. Derrick Crandall, President, American Recreation Council
17. Miles Moretti, President, Mule Deer Foundation
18. Dave Nomsen, Vice President of Government Affairs, Pheasants Forever
19. Jeff Trandahl, Executive Director & CEO, National Fish and Wildlife Federation

## Senate Venting & Flaring CRA Calls

### **Most Certain No Votes:**

- **Susan Collins (Maine)** – Famously moderate, most likely opposed because it will help her conservation record.

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**

- **Lindsey Graham (South Carolina)** – Doesn't like CRA process but has voted for all the previous.

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**

### **Lean No, But Maybe:**

- **Rob Portman (Ohio)** - Will vote no unless convinced otherwise. He's been very open with us on a staff level, trying to get the facts. He's a numbers guy but is also close with conservation community, so views this a potentially good no vote to boost his conservation record. He was just reelected and can be swayed. His staff knows that we want him to be yes.

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**

### **Quiet:**

- **Cory Gardner (Colorado)** - He remains quiet but believe he's a yes, just hasn't committed yet.

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**

- **Jeff Flake (Arizona)** - He's quiet, but they believe he's a yes. He is up for reelection though.

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**

- **Dean Heller (Nevada)** - He's quiet. He has an extensive BLM presence but no oil/gas of note, so he could potentially vote no as he's up for reelection in lean blue state.

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**

- **Lamar Alexander (Tennessee)** – He's quiet on the issue, but he's a solid team player and would probably just appreciate a call from the Secretary. Note: he's a former cabinet member, he knows how this works.

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**

- **Heidi Heitkamp (N. Dakota)** – She's pro energy and pro infrastructure development, but she remains quiet on the issue. Good time to talk about expediting infrastructure approvals on federal land to keep federal land viable for capital investment

- **Call Time & Info:**

- **Response:**



# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

03/10/17 - Cabinet Meeting at the White House

**DATE:** Date of Memo  
**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number  
**SUBJECT:** Short statement of topic being briefed

## I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

First Cabinet meeting with POTUS minus Secretary of Agriculture and Labor.

## II. BACKGROUND

Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

## III. DISCUSSION

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson  
Secretary of the Treasury Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary of Defense James Mattis  
Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke  
Secretary of Agriculture-designate Sonny Perdue (announced)  
Secretary of Commerce Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary of Labor-designate Alexander Acosta  
Secretary of Health and Human Services Thomas Price  
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Benjamin S. Carson, Sr.  
Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Energy James Richard Perry  
Secretary of Education Elisabeth Prince DeVos  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs David J. Shulkin  
Secretary of Homeland Security John F. Kelly

White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus  
U.S. Trade Representative-designate Robert Lighthizer  
Director of National Intelligence-designate Daniel Coats  
Representative of the United States to the United Nations Nikki R. Haley  
Director of the Office of Management and Budget Mick Mulvaney  
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Mike Pompeo  
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency Scott Pruitt  
Administrator of the Small Business Administration Linda E. McMahon

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Nature Conservancy Meeting, Tues, March 13, 2017

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 13, 2017, 2:30-3:00 pm

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, Special Assistant to Secy, 202-706-9330

**SUBJECT:** Nature Conservancy Meeting (information for 'meeting proposal form')

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To discuss how we can best work together to identify and advance shared goals. TNC's priorities include reauthorizing and fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). TNC also supports Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs), a more effective and flexible Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the implementation of pre-listing conservation action programs. We promote public access to public lands. In general, TNC supports Administrative proposals that strengthen recovery objectives and establish conservation priorities through cooperative conservation and large landscape conservation approaches.

### II. BACKGROUND

The Conservancy is the largest conservation organization in the United States, with chapters in every state. We have helped protect approximately 21 million acres in the United States and more than 103 million globally. We currently own nearly 2 million acres in the US and hold more than 3 million acres in conservation easements in the US. Outside the U.S., the Conservancy does not generally acquire land for its own protection but, instead, works with local communities and national governments to encourage conservation practices on ecologically-sensitive land through approaches that generate economic and environmental benefits.

### III. Expected meeting participants (names and titles):

Mark Tercek, TNC President/CEO, joined in 2008

- former managing director and Partner for Goldman Sachs
- Resources for the Future
- Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions
- Council on Foreign Relations
- M.B.A. from Harvard in 1984, B.A. from Williams College in 1979

Lynn Scarlett, TNC Managing Director of Public Policy, 2013 - present

- Bracy Tucker Brown Valenzano,, Strategic Policy Advisor, 2010 - 2013
- Environmental Defense Fund, Consultant, 2009 - 2013
- DOI, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer, 2005-2009
- DOI, Acting Secretary of the Interior in 2006.
- DOI, Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget from 2001 to 2005

Kameran Onley, TNC Director of US Government Relations

- The Nature Conservancy, Director U.S. Government Relations, 2013 - present
- The Nature Conservancy, Director US Marine Policy, 2010 - present
- DOI, Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, 2006-2009
- W.H., Associate Director for Environmental Policy, 2001 - 2006

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Nature Conservancy Meeting, Tues, March 13, 2017

Tom Cors, TNC Director of Lands

- The Nature Conservancy, Director of Government Relations, 2007- present
- Altarum, Senior Environmental Counsel, 2001 - 2004

Mark Aagenes, TNC Montana Director of External Affairs, Montana, 2015 - present

- Political.
- His mother was the state's first female secretary of the Senate and his grandfather was mayor of Wolf Point. Aagenes received his degree in political science from the University of Montana.
- The head of the Montana Mining Association called for a swift backlash to Mark for comments he made about a mine accusing him of attempting to frighten farmers and ranchers.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Council on Historic Preservation Meeting - March 15, 2017, 10:30-11 am**

**DATE:** March 15, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Council on Historic Preservation - Meeting with Secretary Zinke

**I. ATTENDING**

Milford Wayne Donaldson, Chairman

- June 2010, appointed by President Barack Obama
- architect of innovative design receiving several awards in preservation architecture

John Fowler, Exec Director,

**II. BACKGROUND**

National Historic Preservation Act in 1966 (NHPA)

Congress made the Federal Government a full partner and a leader in historic preservation.

- The Federal Government, led by the National Park Service (NPS) would provide funding assistance, basic technical knowledge and tools, and a broad national perspective on America's heritage.
- The States, through State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) appointed by the Governor of each State, would provide matching funds, a designated State office, and a statewide preservation program tailored to State and local needs and designed to support and promote State and local historic preservation interests and priorities.
- Section 106: granted legal status
  - requires all Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their actions on historic properties,
  - provides ACHP an opportunity to comment on Federal agencies 'actions' and 'the manner' in which they take historic properties into account in their decisions.

Membership

- Four members of the general public and four historic preservation experts are appointed by the President, including the chairman and vice chairman.
- A member of an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, a governor, and a mayor are appointed by the President.
- **Two federal agency heads and the Architect of the Capitol are permanent members of ACHP.**
  - Secretary of Agriculture
  - **Secretary of the Interior (Hon. Ryan Zinke)**
  - Architect of the Capitol (Hon. Stephen T. Ayers, FAIA, LEED AP)
- Seven federal agency heads are designated by the President to terms on ACHP
- Ex-officio representatives of national preservation organizations round out ACHP's

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Invasive Species Briefing - March 15, 2017, 11:30-12:00 pm**

**DATE:** 3/14/17

**FROM:** Scott Cameron - Lead political in Water and Science, 208-0969

**SUBJECT:** Invasive species

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The briefing will address the Secretary's role and opportunities to lead the federal agencies through the National Invasive Species Council, and provide an overview of priority DOI activity on invasive species

**II. BACKGROUND**

Invasive species cost the US economy an estimated \$120 billion annually, and are implicated in 43% of Endangered Species Act listings. They also kill and hospitalize a number of Americans each year.

**III. DISCUSSION**

The Secretary is first among equals of the three Co-Chairs of the National Invasive Species Council (NISC), along with the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce. The previous Administration provided no political leadership for NISC during its first seven years in office. However, with appropriate political level involvement, NISC can contribute real value for the Trump administration, America's biodiversity, and economic activity. NISC is currently housed within the Assistant Secretariat for Policy, Management, and Budget.

Most Interior bureaus have programs and activities addressing invasive species. Their effectiveness could be enhanced significantly through better coordination in Washington, and especially in the field.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

Pursue meaningful opportunities to make NISC more productive.

Enhance effectiveness of DOI bureau spending on invasive species through better inter-bureau coordination.

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Remarks at: Awake America Capitol Connection Conference

DATE: March 15, 2017  
LOCATION: Washington Court Hotel, Grand Ballroom  
TIME: 9:30 - 9:45 am

Remarks should be 10 minutes, topic is journey from Navy SEAL to Secretary

### **I. PURPOSE**

- 10 minute remarks
- Topic: Journey from Navy SEAL to Secretary

### **II. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

### **III. BACKGROUND**

Abrided from the website [awakeamericaonline.org](http://awakeamericaonline.org):

Awake America is an organization that is committed to three objectives: Education; Engagement; Encouragement.

- EDUCATION. Help God's people to gain an understanding of the times from a Biblical Worldview.
- ENGAGEMENT. Empower and urge God's people to get responsibly involved.
- ENCOURAGEMENT. Commend our representatives when they take a conservative stand and respectfully criticize them when they compromise or take a liberal stand.

BY PROVIDING THE ABOVE, AWAKE AMERICA CAN ASSIST IN RETAINING OUR GOD-GIVEN LIBERTIES, DEFENDING OUR CONSTITUTION AGAINST FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ENEMIES, AND MAINTAINING OUR REPUBLIC FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Date of Submission

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**9/11 Memorial and Museum Meeting**

**DATE:** March 17, 2017  
**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, OS, 202-706-9330  
**SUBJECT:** 9/11 Memorial and Museum Meeting

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To discuss the Secretary's vision going forward on making the 9/11 Memorial located at the World Trade Center in NYC a national memorial.

**II. BACKGROUND**

HR 3036 – 9/11 Memorial Act, 114th Congress - National 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center Act. Designates the memorial at the World Trade Center in NYC as a national memorial. (it will not be part of the National Park System).

The DOI may award a single grant per year to a tax-exempt, charitable nonprofit organization for operation and maintenance of any memorial in the U.S. established to commemorate and honor victims of terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 or Feb 26, 1993.

Attending:

- Rick Alcalde, President of Potomac Partners DC.
- Jay Weinkam, Senior VP of Government and Community Affairs at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.
- Debra Burlingame, Board Member for the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and the sister of the pilot for Flight 77, the plane that was flown into the Pentagon

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Tour a Hallway - Office Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement, OSMRE

DATE: March 20, 2017  
LOCATION: South Interior Building, Auditorium  
TIME: 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
FROM: Christine Bauserman, OS, 202-706-9330

### I. PURPOSE

### II.

To meet the DOI employees in OSMRE.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

- Tucker Davis, Special Assistant Secretary
- Glenda Owens, Deputy Director
- 50 - 90 OSM employees

### III. AGENDA

Meet and Greet in auditorium setting.

### V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS

Identify the speechwriter or person/persons who will be responsible for creating the Secretary's remarks. All remarks must be cleared with the Chief of Staff and the OS Communications office. Additionally, if this is a major event requiring lengthy remarks, a draft summary should be included as an attachment along with press releases and briefing papers.

### VI. BACKGROUND

- created in 1977 when Congress enacted the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.
- OSMRE is organized with Headquarters located in Washington DC, and three regional offices –
  - the Appalachian,
  - Mid-Continent, and
  - Western Regional Offices.



# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## California Water Briefing

March 20, 2017, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

**DATE:** March 17, 2017

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, OS, 202-706-9330

**SUBJECT:** Metropolitan Water District of Southern California meeting Pre-Brief with Scott Cameron

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To prepare Secretary Zinke for the meeting on Tuesday with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

### II. BACKGROUND

As the nation's largest municipal water agency (providing water to one in every 16 Americans), the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) sits at the confluence of major water policy issues that involve the federal government and the Department of Interior.

They will talk about:

1. Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan
2. Need to move ahead briskly to sign CA Water-Fix EIS Record of Decision with the State as a partner
3. Better science in the CA Bay-Delta to save endangered fish with less water diverted from cities and agriculture

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**National Bison Range Briefing  
March 20, 2017, 10:45-11:15 am**

***SUBJECT TO THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE - ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT***

**DATE:** March 17, 2017  
**FROM:** Ann Navaro, Acting Associate Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife (202.208.3125)  
**SUBJECT:** National Bison Range Litigation

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To inform the Secretary of current litigation concerning the National Bison Range and the implications for the management planning process.

**II. BACKGROUND**

In May 2016, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) and other plaintiffs including former FWS and National Bison Range (NBR) employees, filed a complaint in federal district court against the FWS, alleging that the FWS violated the Refuge Act and the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act (NWRISA) by failing to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the NBR within the statutory timeframe. Plaintiffs also allege that the FWS violated that National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by (1) submitting to Congress a legislative proposal to transfer the NBR out of the National Wildlife Refuge System and into a trust for the benefit of the Confederate Salish Kootenai Tribe (CSKT); and (2) issuing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS that flags transfer as the preferred alternative.

**III. DISCUSSION**

(b) (5)

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

(b) (5)

# **INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

## **Metropolitan Infrastructure for DOI**

**March 20, 2017, 12-1:00pm**

DATE: March 17, 2017

FROM: Olivia B. Ferriter, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, PMB, 202-208-4881

SUBJECT: DOI's Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area Infrastructure Footprint

### **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

You will be briefed on Monday, March 20, 2017, on DOI's current infrastructure footprint in the greater Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area.

### **II. BACKGROUND**

Over 6,500 DOI employees from every bureau and office work in the DMV, representing less than 10 percent of the total DOI workforce.

Three locations – the Main Interior Building (MIB), the South Interior Building (SIB), and the John Wesley Powell (Powell) Building, are federal space totaling 2.1 million square feet where DOI has delegated operational authority from GSA. Also within the DMV, DOI has approximately 600,000 square feet of leased office space with either termination rights or expiration dates in the next five years.

Within a fifty-mile radius of the MIB, DOI uses approximately 2.97 million square feet of office space acquired through direct leases (DLs) and occupancy agreements (OAs) with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

Within the DMV, DOI occupies 700,000 square feet of DOI-owned office space, primarily National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service field offices in parks and refuges.

### **III. DISCUSSION**

The National Park Service is eliminating a commercial lease and saving the Department \$9 million by moving into the MIB in May 2017.

OMB has recently asked agencies to identify properties that federal agencies currently occupy, but do not fully use, that might be considered for sale by GSA for commercial development. Within the DMV, the South Interior Building and the John Wesley Powell Building are potential candidates. Both buildings need significant investment to enable them to be fully occupied.

Further consolidation is possible by working with the GSA to exercise the 120-day cancellation clause that is available in most occupancy agreements.

More employees could be housed in the Udall Building with additional use of telework and other working arrangements.

### **IV. ATTACHMENTS**

Maps will be provided at the meeting.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Chevron - Regulatory Reform, Business Priorities

March 21, 1:00 - 1:30 pm

**DATE:** March 20, 2017  
**FROM:** Kate MacGregor, Special Assistant to the Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Chevron Executives

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mr. Watson and Mr. Shellebarger requested the meeting to discuss regulatory reform in the gas sector and to share perspective on global oil and gas developments.

### II. ATTENDEES

- John Watson, Chevron Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
- Jeff Shellebarger, President of Chevron North American Exploration Production Co
- Maria Pica Karp, Vice President and General Manager, Government Affairs, Chevron
- Bill Koetzle, Manager, Federal Government Affairs, Chevron

### III. BACKGROUND

Chevron's upstream investments range from onshore and offshore resources, including the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, Permian (NM/TX), Marcellus (PA) and Kern River (CA) formations. Chevron has remained largely critical of the past Administration's regulatory actions as impediments to increased investment in federal lands at a time when the oil and gas industry capital expenditures are already reduced in a low-price environment. John Watson is particularly interested in fair review of the social *benefits* of responsible energy development rather than maintaining focus only on social *costs*. Discussion will likely touch on the cumulative impact of existing regulatory measures and the importance of greater access (i.e. leasing) offshore on the outer Continental Shelf and onshore federal lands in the West.

- **Venting and Flaring CRA:** As the largest leaseholder in the Permian basin (including federal lands in New Mexico), Chevron is opposed to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Methane and Waste Prevention Rule (i.e. Venting and Flaring rule). A Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolution disapproving of this rule has passed the House and awaits Senate consideration.
- **Offshore Access and Regulatory Burden:** Chevron will likely emphasize the importance of a new 5-year plan for offshore energy development that opens access to areas closed by the former Administration (Atlantic, Arctic, Eastern Gulf), while also supporting the DOI's recent announcement to delay implementation of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) new Notice to Lessees (NTL) on Financial Assurance - which Members of the Louisiana delegation have raised to the Secretary. As originally written, the NTL included \$98 million in erroneous charges for Chevron alone - largely related to the treatment of offshore rights-of-way. Moreover, Chevron may request revisions to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement's (BSEE) Well Control Rule (finalized in December 2016) for several provisions within the rule, namely Real Time Monitoring.

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
Hallway Tour - Indian Arts & Crafts Board, IACB  
March 21, 2017, 1:30 - 2:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
LOCATION: Hall Tour - Indian Art & Craft Store  
TIME: 1:30 - 2:00 pm  
FROM: Christine Bauserman, OOS, 202-706-9330

**I. PURPOSE**

Tour the DOI Indian Arts & Crafts Board.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

Meridith Stanton, Director U.S. DOI Indian Arts & Crafts Board

**VI. BACKGROUND**

- agency was created by Congress to promote economic development of American Indians and Alaska Natives through expansion of the arts and crafts market;
- enforcement of the IACB Act of 1990, a truth-in-advertising law which provides criminal and civil penalties for falsely marketing products as “Indian-made;”
- provides general business advice, information on the Act, fundraising, etc;
- promotes the economic development of American Indians and Alaska Natives through the expansion of the Indian arts and crafts market;
- operates three regional museums
  - Sioux Indian Museum, Rapid City, South Dakota
  - Museum of the Plains Indian, Browning, Montana
  - Southern Plains Indian Museum, Anadarko, Oklahoma
- produces a consumer directory of approximately 400 Native American owned arts and crafts businesses.

**STRUCTURE**

IACG’s policies determined by five commissioners who are appointed by the Secretary of Interior and serve without compensation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Meridith wanted to share the following:

- draft text for the Secretary’s PSA that has been submitted to the Office of Public Affairs;
- flyer on Darryl Growing Thunder who will have his work in the 2018 calendar. Darryl is a member of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck.

Hi Rebecca,

Thank you for your request to meet with the Secretary. Would you be able to provide the following details so we can best process your request?

- Any additional attendees and their titles – **Maria Pica Karp, Vice President and General Manager, Government Affairs, Chevron**
- Desired length of meeting – **30 minutes please**
- Any specific matters to address – **Regulatory reform, and Chevron's business priorities in the U.S.**
- With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? – **BOEM & BSEE**
- If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who? - **No thank you**

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

The Secretary would be happy to meet with the group on **March 21 at 1:00-1:30PM.**

We currently have the following participants scheduled to attend:

- **John Watson, Chevron** Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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- **Jeff Shellebarger, President of Chevron** North American Exploration and Production Company
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- **Maria Pica Karp, Vice President and General Manager, Government Affairs, Chevron**
- 

The meeting will take place at the following address:

1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

# Meeting Proposal Information Form

\*Please complete this form and send to [scheduling@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scheduling@ios.doi.gov)

**Specific request to the Secretary:** Meet and greet with the USFWS Executive Leadership Team

**Meeting date:** March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Meeting location:** MIB Meeting Room 3038

**Contact information:** Jim Kurth; [jim\\_kurth@fws.gov](mailto:jim_kurth@fws.gov); 202-208-4545

**Briefly describe the proposed meeting agenda in as much detail as possible, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:** Secretary Zinke is cordially invited to meet and address the USFWS executive leadership team (also referred to as the "Service Directorate") at a regularly scheduled USFWS leadership team meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Service's operational priorities. We welcome the opportunity for the Secretary to share his vision and priorities for the Department. If time permits, we will close the discussion by taking questions from the Service Directorate.

**Expected meeting participants (names and titles):**

The audience will consist of the USFWS executive leadership team: approximately 22 career Federal Senior Executives who serve on the Directorate as program Assistant Directors and as Regional Directors.

**Desired length of time for the meeting:**

15 – 60 minutes

**Are there any other specific matters you would like the Secretary to address?**

We would appreciate his views on public lands management issues, workforce engagement, his priorities for the budget, and other major policy focuses.

**Please supply any pertinent background information regarding the genesis of this meeting proposal:**

The Directorate meets quarterly; meetings are usually hosted by one of our 8 regions. All of our Directorate members being in the Washington DC area at one time is a rare opportunity that we hope the Secretary will be able to take advantage of.

**With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align?**

USFWS exclusively, due to the nature of our Directorate meeting focus.

**If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?**

This request is specifically to the Secretary's Office as an opportunity to build rapport with our agency leadership.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Meet USFWS Executive Leadership Team

March 21, 2017, 11:00 am - 12pm

**DATE:** March 20, 2017  
**FROM:** Charisa Morris, F&W Service Chief of Staff Office of the Director, 202-208-3843  
**SUBJECT:** Meet and greet with the USFWS Executive Leadership Team

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To discuss the Service's operational priorities at a regularly scheduled USFWS leadership team meeting and to hear the Secretary's vision and priorities for the Department.

To hear the Secretary's vision for the Department and priorities for day to day operations, particularly in the areas of organizational excellence and management.

### II. BACKGROUND

The executive leadership team consists of 22 career Federal Senior Executives, Program Assistant Directors and Regional Directors.

This is a regional quarterly meeting to develop plans to implement the agency's budget and organizational priorities. This is the first quarterly meeting of the Trump administration.

### III. DISCUSSION

Focus on budget prioritization and transformation issues to achieve the Administration's goals.

Pending budget issues:

- prioritizing field operations for the remainder of FY 2017;
- preparation of the details to justify the FY 2018 President's Budget Request;
- initial planning to formulate the FY 2019 budget request.

Executive Orders impact on the Service:

- The Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch;
- hiring freeze;
- regulatory reform.

Prioritize Critical Mission

Given the budget, reorganization, hiring and regulatory orders, energy development and hunting and fishing access.

Internal Management and Personnel Issues.

- The annual Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) provides invaluable feedback from employees and is used to prioritize management actions, address employee concerns, and making sure folks have the tools they need to succeed. (The Service ranks significantly higher than other land management agencies in these annual ratings.)
- Enterprise level strategies, internal controls, approvals and data analytics to manage travel and other internal processes.

### IV. ATTACHMENTS

List of Executive Leadership Team members



# **INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

## **Tour Hallway - Office Budget Management**

**March 22, 2017, 3:30-4:00 pm**

### **Denise A. Flanagan, Director of Office of Budget, 2010-Present**

- grew up in Fargo, North Dakota
- 2003-2010 Director of Financial Management in Dept of Navy, Office of Naval Research
- managed a research and development budget of \$2.6 billion including
  - Navy's Science and Technology program.
  - 11 financial management awards from the Department of the Navy, the Department of Defense, and the American Society of Military Comptrollers.
- Feb 2010 - joined DOI as the Director of Budget
- Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from University of North Dakota
- Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Public Finance from Syracuse Univ
- Master of Science in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at National Defense University

**TELEPHONE CALL REQUEST**  
**CALL WITH CSKT**  
**March 22, 2017, 3:00 pm**

**FROM:** Amanda Kaster-Averill, Special Assistant, OCL  
**TO:** Chairman Vernon Finley, CSKT  
**DATE:** 3:00pm; (b) (6) is the direct line for the call

**I. PURPOSE**

Discuss the Secretary's position on the current Notice of Intent (NOI) specific to potential management options for the National Bison Range. The NOI was released on January 18, 2017.

--- The Chairman will also use this opportunity to formally congratulate you on your confirmation as Secretary of the Interior.

**II. TALKING POINTS**

- Explain where things stand with the Notice of Intent and your proposed path forward;
- Explain the shift away from the Preferred Alternative, which was an unusual move for the Fish and Wildlife Service to make;
- Discuss interest in reviewing the Alternatives identified equally;
- Discuss interest in reviewing a management plan completed in conjunction with the Tribe and Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the ongoing environmental analysis, rather than the legislative transfer alternative.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Meeting with Governor Otter Thur, March 23, 2017, 12 - 12:30 pm

**DATE:** March 22, 2017

**FROM:** Downey Magallanes, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Room 6126, 202-501-0654; Kathleen Benedetto, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Room 5650, 202-208-5934

**SUBJECT:** Background on items Governor Otter will discuss

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Discussion of issues of importance to Governor Otter.

### II. BACKGROUND

There are three issues the Governor is concerned about: the Greater Sage-grouse Resource Management Plans; the Gateway West Transmission line; and invasive species.

### III. DISCUSSION

Greater Sage-grouse Resource Management Plans (RMPs)

- In 2010, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) made a ‘warranted but precluded’ decision on the Greater Sage-grouse.
- BLM and the Forest Service subsequently amended or revised 98 Land Use Plans, culminating in two September 2015 Records of Decision (RODs)- the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains.
- The RODs were followed by a two year Segregation Order in September 2015, segregating 10 million acres from mineral entry in six western states. Approximately 4 million of these acres are in Idaho
- The State of Idaho has brought one of the nine current cases against the Department challenging the RMPs, and is particularly concerned that the state’s modified alternative was not ultimately included in the final plan.

Gateway West Transmission Line

- Gateway West is a 1,000 mile high voltage transmission line planned to carry wind power from Wyoming to central Idaho.
- On January 19, 2016, BLM issued a Record of Decision (ROD) which routed two segments of the line through populated areas and neighborhoods in order to avoid the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.
- Governor Otter is asking that you rescind the ROD, which was approved by the previous Administration over the objections of the state, local government officials, and project proponents.
- The State of Idaho has challenged the 2016 ROD to the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

Invasive Species

- Idaho is concerned about the spread of invasive species such as quagga and zebra mussels, and will hand you a letter asking that you convene a meeting with the Western Governors’ Association (WGA) to work on this issue.

### IV. NEXT STEPS

- Sage-grouse: The Solicitor’s office asked the Department of Justice to begin confidential

# **INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

## **Meeting with Governor Otter**

**Thur, March 23, 2017, 12 - 12:30 pm**

settlement discussions with Plaintiffs challenging the Greater Sage-grouse RMPs.

- Gateway West: BLM staff is exploring options to revisit the 2016 ROD with the Solicitor's Office.
- Invasive Species: Scott Cameron in the Water and Science office has contacted the executive director of WGA to help arrange a meeting of affected governors with federal agencies on keeping zebra and quagga mussels out of the Columbia River Basin.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Tour Hallway - Bureau of Reclamation

March 23, 2017, 3:30-4:30 pm

**SUBJECT:** Tour Hallway

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- David Murillo, Acting Director  
2012: Regional Director for the Mid-Pacific Region, (includes Calif.'s Central Valley Project)  
2006 to 2010: Power Manager for the Grand Coulee Power Office, largest hydroelectric facility in US.

### II. BACKGROUND

- Established in 1902
- Manages, with partners, 289 recreation sites that have 90 million visits annually.
- Management and recreation activities contribute \$46 billion in economic output, and support about 312,000 jobs.
- Nation's largest wholesale water supplier.
- operating 337 reservoirs with a total storage capacity of 245 million acre-feet
- Provides 1 out of 5 (or, 140,000) Western farmers with irrigation water
- Delivers 10 trillion gallons of water to more than 31 million people each year.
- 2nd largest producer of hydropower in the United States
- operate 53 hydroelectric powerplants that produce on average, 40 billion kilowatt-hours

### III. DISCUSSION

Result to BOR of FY 2018 OMB Passback Decisions

Bureau of Reclamation: (*\$1.137 billion, -\$125.3 million or 9.9 percent below FY 2017*)

Total of \$1.1 billion covers Reclamation and Central Utah Project Completion Act activities at the Department's discretion. The amount for Reclamation will increase in current authority once estimated program costs and fully offsetting receipts for the Central Valley Reclamation Program Fund are factored in. This is a technical adjustment.

- *Bureau Priorities:* California water and Colorado Basin, proportional funding for CUPCA
- *Bureau Proposed Reductions:* Rural water construction, Water and Power Technology Prize competitions supporting infrastructure sustainability, water availability, and ecosystem restoration

# Meeting Proposal Information Form

\*Please complete this form and send to [scheduling@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scheduling@ios.doi.gov)

**Specific request to the Secretary:**

None at this time, this meeting is for introductory purposes w/ BP America Chairman & President John Mingé.

**Meeting date:**

Available dates: Monday, March 20 (all day); Tuesday, March 21 (all day); Wednesday, March 22 (AM Only)

**Meeting location:**

Secretary Zinke's office at DoI

**Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):**

Ryan Walker, [ryan.walker@bp.com](mailto:ryan.walker@bp.com), (202) 907-4829

**Briefly describe the proposed meeting agenda in as much detail as possible, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:**

This meeting is primarily for introductory purposes w/ BP America Chairman & President John Mingé. However, we will want to briefly discuss several policy matters (listed below) with the Secretary that are of primary concern to the company.

**Expected meeting participants (names and titles):**

John Mingé, Chairman & President, BP America  
Bob Stout, Head of Regulatory Affairs, BP America

**Desired length of time for the meeting:**

30 minutes

**Are there any other specific matters you would like the Secretary to address?**

BLM Venting and Flaring Rule, Offshore Leasing, NEPA Reforms

**Please supply any pertinent background information regarding the genesis of this meeting proposal:**

BP America Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs, Ryan Walker, outreach to Downey Magallanes

**With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align?**

BLM; BOEM; BSSE: FWS

**If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?**

No, not at this time. Request is for meeting w/ Secretary Zinke.

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

DATE: March 23, 2017

LOCATION: Trump International Hotel 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington DC

TIME: 10:30-11:00 am

**I. PURPOSE**

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

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

- API Board of Directors, 45 attendees;
- VIPs invited or known to be attending:
  - Leader Mitch McConnell will attend the breakfast earlier;
  - Gary Cohn of the White House NEC will attend at 11:15.

**III. AGENDA**

Press: Closed

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

**V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

Attached - prepared by Megan Bloomgren

# Meeting Proposal Information Form

\*Please complete this form and send to [scheduling@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scheduling@ios.doi.gov)

**Specific request to the Secretary:**

**Meeting date:** March 23, 2017

**Meeting location:** Department of Interior, Washington D.C.

**Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):**

Cally Younger, [callyyounger@gov.idaho.gov](mailto:callyyounger@gov.idaho.gov) 208-899-2611

**Briefly describe the proposed meeting agenda in as much detail as possible, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:**

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of Idaho, would like to meet with Secretary Zinke to congratulate him on his new role and introduce himself and Idaho's issues. He would also like to mention a few of Idaho's top natural resource issues under the purview of the Department of Interior, including greater sage-grouse and the Gateway West transmission project.

**Expected meeting participants (names and titles):**

Governor of Idaho C.L. "Butch" Otter

Cally Younger, Legal Counsel to Governor Otter

**Desired length of time for the meeting:**

Max of 30 minutes

**Are there any other specific matters you would like the Secretary to address?**

No.

**Please supply any pertinent background information regarding the genesis of this meeting proposal:**

Again, the Governor will be in Washington D.C. that day so this will be his first opportunity to meet Secretary Zinke since his confirmation and congratulate him.

**With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align?**

BLM, USFWS

**If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?**

No.



# Event Proposal Information Form

\*Please complete this form and send to [scheduling@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scheduling@ios.doi.gov)

**Specific Request to the Secretary:**

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

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

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

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

**Briefly describe the event in detail, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:**

The yearly Washington meeting of the American Petroleum Institute Board is the first of the new year and is the first of the new Administration. The 45 members of the Board would like to hear Secretary Zinke's vision for the Department of Interior moving forward and areas where API's membership can be helpful.

**Audience (expected attendance and makeup of the attendees):**

45 attendees

**VIPs invited or known to be attending:**

Leader Mitch McConnell will attend the breakfast earlier in the morning.  
Gary Cohn of the White House NEC will attend at 11:15.

**What are the main messages that you are attempting to convey through this event (limit to 2-3)?**

Secretary's priorities for Interior as it relates to Oil and Natural Gas development on public lands and offshore.

**Remarks (if applicable)**

**Desired length of time for remarks:**

10 minutes of prepared remarks and 10 minutes of QandA from the CEOs in attendance.

**Are there any particular individuals, groups or activities you would like the Secretary to recognize in his remarks?**

Ryan Lance of ConocoPhillips is currently the Chairman of the Board of the American Petroleum Institute and will most likely introduce the Secretary.

**Are there any specific comments you would like the Secretary to make?**

**What is the desired format of his remarks (will he be sharing the stage, a panel, etc)?**

Depending on the Secretary's preference the room is set up with a podium for his remarks OR he could also be seated at the horseshoe with the other CEOs for a less formal presentation format.

**Communications**

**Is press expected to attend? If yes, are there any reporters confirmed to attend and cover the event? Who?**

**CLOSED PRESS** If you wish to bring an Interior photographer please let us know ahead of time.

**For remarks and press (if applicable), please check all that apply:**

**Y** Podium available

**Y** Microphone available

**Is their social media information for the event (hashtags, handles)?**

**NO**

**Logistics/Other**

**Please supply all pertinent background information for the event (draft agendas, existing websites, etc.):**

**Do you require a bio of the Secretary?**

**Yes**

**What is the attire of the event (business, casual)?**

Business

**If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?**

We would prefer the Secretary

**Any additional notes or information?**

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Call to Congressman Zeldin

March 24, 2017, 10-10:30 am

**DATE:** March 23, 2017

**FROM:** Casey Hammond, Special Assistant, FWS, 202-208-4070  
James Schindler, Special Assistant, Solicitor, 202-208-3126

**SUBJECT:** Rep. Zeldin seeking assistance with Fire Island to Montauk Point Project (FIMP)

### I. INTRODUCTION

According to an email from Rep Zeldin's staff, Rep Zeldin is asking Secretary Zinke to:

1. Provide a copy of the project comments from local and regional FWS officials help resolve issues with The Fire Island to Montauk Point Project (FIMP).
2. Work with the Undersecretary of the Army for Public Works directly,
3. Move the FIMP project forward by having the DOI and Army Corps reach a mutually agreeable plan as soon as possible,

### II. BACKGROUND

- FIMP is an 83 mile Army Corps shore restoration project in NY-1 originally authorized in 1960.
- This is a \$1 billion project.
- The Army Corps is working on a General Reevaluation Report (GRR).
- Concerns have been raised: delays are occurring due to hundreds of pages of comments from local and regional FWS officials.
- According to Zeldin's office the objections involve piping plover habitat and ESA compliance,
- Concerns have not been seen in writing and no one has heard from them directly.
- Zeldin's staff was told FWS officials were being unreasonable & intentionally preventing project.
- The FWS lead in the area is David Stillwell, but this is a Department-wide effort including USGS and NPS.

### III. ANALYSIS AND POSITIONS OF INTERESTED PARTIES

Political staff has made inquiries to the FWS Region to see what the issues may be. According to the FWS Regional Director, progress is being made and there is currently a positive working relationship with the Corp, and the Colonel in charge of the project did not understand what the concerns being raised in D.C. would be. The current status is that the FWS is waiting on documentation from the Corp regarding piping plover habitat preservation, at which point the Biological Opinion will be issued on time in October. FWS staff is operating under the assumption, based on regular conversation with the Corp, that this is forthcoming and there are no contentious points to be resolved. It was unknown which additional written, or verbal comments Mr. Zeldin would request.

### IV. RECOMMENDATION

Instruct political team to continue investigating any additional details Rep Zeldin raises and to coordinate with his staff.

EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
Interview with Julie Turkewitz, New York Times  
March 24, 2017, 11:15 - 11:35am

DATE: Friday 3/24  
LOCATION: 301 928 5072  
TIME: 1115-1135  
FROM: Heather Swift, Press Secretary, (b) (6) \*Invite Nedra Darling from BIA\*

**I. PURPOSE**

Speak with NYT reporter Julie Turkewitz about the Crow wanting to develop their coal resources. The story is about tribes like the Crow that were frustrated by regulations under Mr. Obama. Also talk about the way his BIA will work with tribes to develop some resources that struggled to make it to market in the last administration. (Coal is one.) Does he plan to speed along permitting processes? Work to help tribes diversify their economies?

Reporter is currently in Crow country interviewing tribal members and miners.

**V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

Efforts to approve the Gateway Pacific Terminal for the Crow to export their coal to Asian markets.

A war on coal is a war on the Crow people

President Trump and I are dedicated to economic opportunity in Indian Country.

- Streamlining bureaucracy
- empowering local decision making
- getting rid of costly and unnecessary regulations

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Wild Horse & Burros, March 24, 2017, 2:00-2:45pm**

**DATE:** March 23, 2017  
**FROM:** Kathleen Benedetto, Special Assistant to the Secretary, BLM Hallway Room 5650, 202-208-5934 and Marshall Critchfield, Special Assistant to the Secretary, BLM Hallway Room 5649, 202-208-5996  
**SUBJECT:** Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971

- I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To brief Secretary Zinke on the status of BLM’s Wild Horse and Burro Program.
- II. BACKGROUND:** The *Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act* was passed in 1971. The Act was amended by the *Federal Land Management and Policy Act* of 1976, the *Public Rangelands Improvement Act* of 1978, and the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005*. Since 2010 there has been an annual appropriations rider that prohibits the sale of wild horse and burros without limitation and the destruction of healthy animals.

Federal Law requires the Dept. of the Interior to “manage, protect, and control” wild horses and burros under the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (WHB Act). The law authorizes the BLM to remove excess wild horses and burros from the range to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands.

- III. DISCUSSION:** The appropriations rider has hindered BLM’s ability to adequately manage the herd.

**Number of Animals:**

In Holding:	47,000	
On the Range:	86,000	
Total in the care of the BLM:		133,000
Number deemed acceptable:		<u>27,000</u>
Excess:		106,000

**Costs:**

Since October 2016 total expenditures on this program exceed \$36 million.

Total Costs 2016:	\$78,298,000
Holding Facilities:	47,000 animals at a cost of \$49 Mil (60% of the budget)
Contraception:	costly and only effective for one year
Unadopted animals cost US Taxpayers	\$48,566 per animal (lifetime care in corral)

**Scope:**

10 Western states have WHBs  
27 million acres have WHBs  
Nevada has the most range animals (50% of the WHB population)  
Adoptions: Decreased from 7,800 (2002) to 3,000 (2016)  
Population on range doubles every 4 years

**Local Input:**

Chief concerns among farmers and ranchers seems to be that WHBs do irreparable

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**Wild Horse & Burros, March 24, 2017, 2:00-2:45pm**

damage to watering facilities, cause soil erosion – especially at water sources, and overgraze areas used for personal and commercial cattle and sheep operations.

Several organizations have been formed to help protect the WHB population from anything other than free range roaming and personal adoptions.

**IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Legislative action to reenact ‘sale without limits’ stipulation of the WHB Act.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Phone Call to Representative Zeldin

March 24, 2017, 10:00-10:30 am

**DATE:** Date of Memo  
**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number  
**SUBJECT:** Short statement of topic being briefed

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Fire Island to Montauk Point Project, FIMP, We also need to move this project forward by having the DOI and Army Corps reach a mutually agreeable plan as soon as possible.

Usually this would be accomplished by an agreement at the undersecretary level but since that position in DOI is currently vacant Congressman Zeldin is asking Secretary Zinke to help resolve this and to work with the Undersecretary of the Army for Public Works directly.

The FWS lead in our area in David Stillwell. They have raised a bunch of objections regarding piping plover habitat, ESA compliance, Fire Island National Seashore, wildlife refuges in the FIMP area, etc. but we haven't seen their objections in writing or heard from them directly.

We really need a copy of those comments.

### II. BACKGROUND

The FIMP is a massive Army Corps shore restoration project in NY district 1. The Army Corps is currently working on a General Revaluation Report (GRR) for this \$1 billion project but significant late-breaking delay has occurred due to hundreds of pages of comments from local and regional FWS officials, mainly those in the NY Field Office in Cortland. We are been told that these officials are being unreasonable and intentionally trying to hold up this important project from moving forward.

### III. DISCUSSION

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

**[You may want to encourage the governor's participation and reiterate an invitation to join the regional team.]**

### IV. NEXT STEPS

Provide a look-ahead with a bulleted list of future steps being taken, or should be taken related to this issue.

### V. ATTACHMENTS

If this is a cover memo as part of a longer briefing, attach the briefing and supplemental

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materials.



## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### Meeting with Chuck Rody, Stoltze Land & Lumber

March 28, 2017, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

**DATE:** Date of Memo

**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number

#### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Topics to Discuss:

- ESA issues ---- Cottonwood Decision on the Lynx, Delisting the Grizzly Bear
- LWCF ---- future funding for Forest Legacy and public access programs
- Forest Reform legislation ---- what role can DOI play to help achieve legislation
  
- Micah and /or Amanda will be attending

#### II. BACKGROUND

Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

- Bill by MT Sen Tester and Daines to overturn a federal court decision (which found USFS must do a top-level review of new critical habitat for lynx under ESA) has overwhelming support of timber product, conservation, agricultural, hunting and fishing groups.

**Commented [1]:** Hello Maureen, I found out that our Senate liaisons will be in this meeting and, of course, are extremely well versed on these issues.

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
POTUS EO SIGNING AT EPA**

DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
LOCATION: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
TIME: 1:20 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
FROM: Amy K. Mitchell // (202) 744-7816

**I. PURPOSE**

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, the President will sign an Executive Order (EO) promoting American energy independence. Specifically, the EO will rescind certain energy and climate regulatory actions including review EPA's Clean Power Plan. The EO directs the Secretary of the Interior to lift the moratorium on coal leasing on federal lands and requires DOI to reconsider regulations for oil and gas on federal, Indian, and non-federal lands (i.e., fracking). The EO further requires *all* agencies to review all actions that could burden development of domestic energy.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

President Donald J. Trump  
Secretary Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.  
Secretary Rick Perry, Secretary of the United States Department of Energy  
Administrator Scott Pruitt, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
24 Members of Congress  
Representatives from the coal industry

**III. AGENDA**

*Event will be covered by WH Press Pool.*

<b>1:20 p.m.:</b>	Depart Liaison Hotel
<b>1:30 p.m.:</b>	Arrive EPA
<b>1:45 p.m.:</b>	Principals meet with POTUS
<b>2:00 p.m.:</b>	Event Begins
<b>2:02 p.m.:</b>	Secretary Perry gives remarks
<b>2:04 p.m.:</b>	Secretary Zinke gives remarks
<b>2:06 p.m.:</b>	Administrator Pruitt gives remarks
<b>2:08 p.m.:</b>	POTUS gives remarks
<b>2:20 p.m.:</b>	POTUS signs Executive Order
<b>2:25 p.m.:</b>	Photo Op
<b>2:30 p.m.:</b>	Event concludes
<b>2:35 p.m.:</b>	Depart EPA
<b>2:45 p.m.:</b>	Arrive DOI

#### **IV. TALKING POINTS**

To come from Communications.

#### **V. ATTACHMENTS**

**TAB A:** White House Brief on Executive Order  
**TAB B:** Event Outline and Details  
**TAB C:** Principal Biographies

# TAB A

# TAB B

**EVENT SUMMARY**  
**PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNING**  
EPA  
**March 28, 2017**

**Weather:**

Washington, DC

Cloudy early/Storms late, High: 75°F, Low: 57°F

**Time Zone:**

Washington, DC

Eastern Standard Time

**Advance:**

Security Advance  
Site Advance

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Wadi Yakhour

**Cell Phone:**

(b) (6)

**Traveling Staff:**

Agent in Charge  
Photographer  
Advance Lead  
Press

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Tami Heilemann  
Amy K. Mitchell  
Meg Bloomgren  
Heather Swift

(b) (6)

**Attire:**

Business

**Thursday, March 28, 2017**

Washington, DC

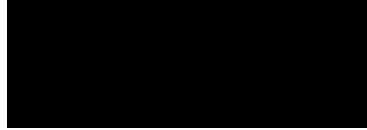
**1:20 p.m.:**

**Depart DOI**

Location: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
033017 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC

Vehicle Manifest:

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Drive time: ~ 10 minutes without traffic

**1:30 p.m.:**

**Arrive EPA**

Enter via 12th and Constitution entrance  
Proceed to Hold Room with Secretary Perry and Administrator Pruitt

**1:45 p.m.:**

**Possible Meet and Greet with POTUS, Judges Chamber**

**2:00 p.m.:**

**Event Begins**

Proceed to Map Room (note: three steps up to stage) in the following order:

POTUS  
Administrator Pruitt  
Secretary Zinke  
Secretary Perry

*Positions for ceremony will be marked by tape on stage.  
There will be 25 coal miners on stage.  
Signing will take place in the center of the stage.  
Podium is stage right.*

**2:02 p.m.:**

**Secretary Perry Remarks**

**2:04 p.m.:**

**Secretary Zinke Remarks**

**2:06 p.m.:**

**Administrator Pruitt Remarks**

**2:08-2:20 p.m.:**      **POTUS Remarks (approx)**

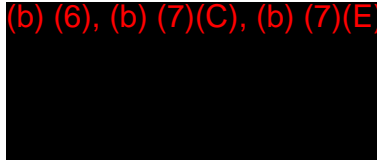
**2:20 p.m.:**            **Executive Order Signing**  
*POTUS will be surrounded by the coal miners. Secretaries will be the right of the President, behind the coal miners.*

**2:25 p.m.:**            **Photo Opp**

**2:30 p.m.:**            **Event Concludes**  
POTUS exits first, followed by Administrator Pruitt, Secretary Zinke, and Secretary Perry

**2:35 p.m.:**            **Depart EPA**  
Location:                    Department of the Interior  
                                     1849 C Street, NW  
                                     Washington, DC

Vehicle Manifest:      (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)



Drive time:                    ~ 10 minutes without traffic



# TAB C



## **President Donald J. Trump**

Donald J. Trump is the very definition of the American success story. Throughout his life he has continually set the standards of business and entrepreneurial excellence, especially with his interests in real estate, sports, and entertainment. Likewise, his entry into politics and public service resulted in the Presidential victory in, miraculously, his first ever run for office.

After graduating from the Wharton School of Finance, Mr. Trump followed in his father's footsteps as a real estate developer, and he entered the world of real estate development in New York. The Trump signature soon became synonymous with the most prestigious of addresses in Manhattan and subsequently throughout the world. An accomplished author, Mr. Trump has authored over fourteen bestsellers and his first book, *The Art of the Deal*, in addition to being the #1 book of the year, is considered a business classic.

Mr. Trump announced his candidacy on June 16, 2015, and after seventeen Republican contenders suspended their campaigns, he accepted the Republican nomination for President of the United States in July of 2016. Mr. Trump won the election on November 8 of 2016 in the largest electoral college landslide for a Republican in 28 years. He won over 2,600 counties nationwide, the most since President Reagan in 1984. Additionally, he won over 62 million votes in the popular vote, the highest all-time for a Republican nominee. He also won 306 electoral votes, the most for a Republican since George H.W. Bush in 1988. Millions of Americans rallied behind his message of rebuilding our country and disrupting the status quo—this was a truly national victory and a historic movement.

Donald J. Trump campaigned in places he knew Republicans have had difficulty winning—Flint, Michigan, charter schools in inner-city Cleveland, and Hispanic churches in Florida—because he wanted to bring his message of economic empowerment to all Americans. Millions of new Republicans trusted Mr. Trump with their vote because of his focus on delivering prosperity through better trade deals, and as a result there were healthy margins of victory in newly red areas. It is clear that President Trump's win is one that brought Americans of all backgrounds together, and he is ready to deliver results for the nation on day one and every day of his tenure.

President Trump has been married to his wife, Melania, for twelve years and they are parents to their son, Barron. Additionally, Mr. Trump has four adult children, Don Jr., Ivanka, Eric and Tiffany, and eight grandchildren.



### **Secretary Rick Perry**

Rick Perry currently serves as the 14th United States Secretary of Energy. He leads an agency tasked with maintaining a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent and reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation, overseeing the United States' energy supply, carrying out the environmental clean-up from the Cold War nuclear mission, and managing the 17 National Laboratories, home to the country's best scientists and engineers.

Secretary Perry is a veteran of the United States Air Force, a former farmer and rancher, and the longest-serving governor in Texas history, having led the world's 12th-largest economy from 2000 to 2015. He has devoted his adult life to creating prosperity and opportunity for families.

Prior to joining the Administration as Secretary of Energy, Perry served as the 47th Governor of Texas. As Governor of the Lone Star State, Perry championed conservative principles that helped Texas become America's economic engine. Under Perry's leadership, Texas became a national leader for job creation, innovation, and population growth.

Perry's leadership of Texas proved that economic growth and protection of the environment can be achieved simultaneously. While adding population and more than 2.2 million jobs during his tenure, Texas also experienced major reductions in carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide emissions. Despite having a rapidly growing population and one of the largest petrochemical refining industries in the world, Texas saw its air quality improve.

Perry grew up the son of tenant farmers in the tiny West Texas community of Paint Creek. The younger of Ray and Amelia Perry's two children, he was active in scouting and earned distinction as an Eagle Scout. He was one of the first in his family to go to college, earning a degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M University, where he was also a member of the Corps of Cadets and a Yell Leader.

Between 1972 and 1977, Perry served in the U.S. Air Force flying C-130 tactical airlift aircraft in Europe and the Middle East. He is a lifetime member of both the NRA and American Legion Post #75. Prior to being elected Lieutenant Governor in 1998, he served two terms as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture and three terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Perry married his childhood sweetheart, Anita, in 1982. They have two children and two beautiful granddaughters.



### **Administrator Scott Pruitt**

On February 17, 2017, the United States Senate confirmed Scott Pruitt as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and that EPA is vital to that mission.

As Administrator, Mr. Pruitt's overarching goal is to lead EPA in a way that our future generations inherit a better and healthier environment as he works with the thousands of dedicated public servants at EPA who have devoted their careers to helping realize this shared vision, while faithfully administering environmental laws.

Most recently, Pruitt served as the Attorney General for Oklahoma. Almost immediately upon taking office, he worked with his Democratic counterpart in Arkansas to reach agreement to study the water quality of the Illinois River, which crosses the border between the two states and has been enjoyed by generations of Oklahomans. The Statement of Joint Principles provides for a best science study using EPA-approved methods, with both states agreeing, for the first time, to be bound by the outcome.

Also during his tenure as Oklahoma's Attorney General, Pruitt led an historic water rights settlement between Oklahoma, Oklahoma City and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribal Nations that preserved the ecosystems of scenic lakes and rivers on native lands. The agreement, which required Congressional approval, was enacted into Section 3608 of Public Law 114-322 and signed in December 2016. It provides a framework that fosters intergovernmental collaboration on significant water resource concerns with the settlement area, while at the same time protecting existing water rights and affirming the state's role in water rights permitting and administration. Water settlement cases can be lengthy, costly, divisive and disruptive; however under Pruitt's forward-thinking leadership, the process was hailed by all parties as one of commitment, hard work, perseverance and cooperation.

Before being elected attorney general, he served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate where he was a leading voice for fiscal responsibility. After earning his Bachelor's Degree from Georgetown College and graduating from the University of Tulsa College of Law, Pruitt went into private legal practice, specializing in constitutional law.

Pruitt is, first and foremost, a family man. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years, proudly raised their daughter, McKenna, and son, Cade, in Tulsa. Pruitt has made it a priority to pass on to his children the same principled family values with which he was raised.

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
National Automobile Dealers Association PAC Board of Trustees Dinner  
March 28, 2017, 6 - 7 pm

DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
LOCATION: Bobby Van's Grill, 1201 New York Ave NW, 20005  
TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
FROM:

**I. PURPOSE**

Hear your views on the general political and policy landscape as a member of President Trump's Cabinet

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

- attendee list attached, 15 of NADA's most politically active dealers who determine policies for the PAC
- Informal, off-the-record gathering
- Joshua Heit, Director, NADA PAC

**III. AGENDA**

06:00PM	event begins
06:00PM	Secretary arrives
6:00-7:00PM	Speaks for 20 minutes
8:30PM	event ends

**V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

will be provided by communications

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
PUBLIC LANDS COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

March 28, 2017, 12:00 - 12:30 pm

DATE: March 28, 2017  
LOCATION: Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW  
TIME: 12:00 - 12:30 pm  
FROM: (Memo's author: name, title, office or bureau acronym, phone number)

**I. PURPOSE**

- Annual spring legislative conference for the Public Lands Council, PLC
- Held in conjunction with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA's) legislative conference.
- You are the keynote lunch speaker.
- Audience: stakeholders who are directly impacted by DOI decisions
- Q&A for members

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

PLC

- Dave Eliason (PLC President and Utah rancher),
- Bob Skinner (PLC Vice President and Oregon rancher),
- Niels Hansen (PLC Secretary/Treasurer and Wyoming rancher)

VIPs

- Other invited and confirmed attendees include
- Congressman Mark Amodei (Nevada),
- Senator Lisa Murkowski (Alaska),
- Nevada State BLM Director John Ruhs,
- Idaho State Director Tim Murphy, and
- Acting Director Kristen Bail.

In conjunction with the NCBA legislative conference

- Senator John Barrasso (Wyo.)
- Scott Pruitt, Secretary EPA

Members

- 50-75 people representing the state cattle and sheep associations from 13 western states.
- PLC Members: cattle and sheep western public land ranchers
- NCBA and the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI)

**III. AGENDA**

NO PRESS

09:45

Event Starts

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	March 28, 2017, 12:00 - 12:30 pm
11:40AM	Drive to Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW
11-55AM	goto the Hill Room
12-12:20PM	Secretary Zinke makes remarks
12:20-12:30PM	Q&A
12:20PM	Secretary Zinke departs

**IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

Provide any key facts, statistics, or hot topics related to this event which may highlight current issues. Where particular discussion topics, or questions from event participants can be anticipated, offer a suggested responses in italics. Statistics and key facts should be provided as a bulleted list with each bullet taking up no more than three lines.

**V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

Identify the speechwriter or person/persons who will be responsible for creating the Secretary's remarks. All remarks must be cleared with the Chief of Staff and the OS Communications office. Additionally, if this is a major event requiring lengthy remarks, a draft summary should be included as an attachment along with press releases and briefing papers.

**VI. BACKGROUND**

This conference is one our two national meetings, as previously mentioned. This specific meeting allows our members the chance to hear from members of congress and agency officials on the policy initiatives that are being worked on. One whole day of the conference is set aside for our members to go to Capitol Hill and lobby their state delegations on issues that relate to public lands.

This section can be used to dive deeper into relevant policy issues, to provide a general history of the event, or to present the Department's track record on relevant policy issues. It should also include any key points/bios about others involved in the event.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

Attach a list of additional items that the Secretary should review before the meeting including bios/background information on the participants or any policy papers as mentioned in **Section I**. Include only the items that are necessary for a successful meeting outcome, not general supplemental material.

Date of Submission

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Meeting with Chuck Roady, Stoltze Land & Lumber

March 28, 2017, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

**DATE:** Date of Memo  
**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number  
**SUBJECT:** Short statement of topic being briefed

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- ESA issues ---- Cottonwood Decision on the Lynx, Delisting the Grizzly Bear
- LWCF ---- future funding for Forest Legacy and public access programs
- Forest Reform legislation ---- what role can DOI play to help achieve legislation

The opening sentence should clearly state the purpose of the memo (i.e. to inform/update the Secretary (i.e. to inform the Secretary about an issue, topic, or event he has a need to be aware of). Briefing memos should NOT raise issues for decision.

### II. BACKGROUND

Bill by MT Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines to overturn a federal court decision on lynx protection

Bill has 33 supporters includes 10 timber products groups 10 timber products groups such as the Montana Woods Products Association and Washington Contract Loggers; eight conservation groups including the National, Montana and Idaho Wildlife Federations and Wildlife Management Institute; and three agricultural groups including the Montana Stockgrowers and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. It features a number of hunting and fishing groups, such as Trout Unlimited, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Boone and Crockett Club.

Cottonwood Decision on the Lynx

- found that USFS must do a top-level review of new critical habitat for lynx under ESA
- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Decision

### III. DISCUSSION

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

**[You may want to encourage the governor's participation and reiterate an invitation to join the regional team.]**

### IV. NEXT STEPS

Provide a look-ahead with a bulleted list of future steps being taken, or should be taken related to this issue.



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**Meeting with Chuck Rody, Stoltze Land & Lumber**

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**V. ATTACHMENTS**

If this is a cover memo as part of a longer briefing, attach the briefing and supplemental materials.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Montana Stockgrowers Association Meeting

March 29, 2017, 1:30 - 2:00 pm

**DATE:** March 28, 2017

**FROM:** Maureen Foster, Acting Assistant Secretary, FWP

**SUBJECT:** Policies pertinent to the Montana Stockgrowers Assoc Meeting, MSAM

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To introduce the Secretary to the organization's priorities and how MSGA can be helpful with a broader policy agenda.

"We want to see USFWS conservation banking guidance continued and private capital solutions to sage grouse conservation and mitigation efforts. Yellowstone bison population objectives and brucellosis infection. Delisting timeline of the Grizzly bear as conflicts continue to escalate in MT. (Generally speaking we have a very positive relationship with BLM in MT.)

### II. BACKGROUND

Attendees:

- Bryan Mussard, President
- Fred Wacker, 1st VP
- Jim Steinbeisser, 2nd VP
- Errol Rice, Exec VP
- Jay Bodner, Director of Natural Resources
- Vicki Olsen, President, MT Public Lands Council
- Wanda Pinnow, VP, American National Cattlewomen

### III. DISCUSSION

**Specific Topics: Yellowstone Bison, Grizzly Bear, ESA, and BLM.**

#### **Yellowstone National Park (YELL) and Bison**

- There is very limited tolerance for wild bison in Montana due to concerns about competition with cattle for grass, human safety, property damage, and brucellosis transmission. Idaho and Wyoming do not want wild bison outside parks and refuges.
- High bison densities can degrade other resources and result in the migration of thousands of bison into Montana, which can overwhelm managers' abilities to maintain separation with cattle and protect people and property.
- Approximately 5,500 Yellowstone bison were counted during summer 2016. In December 2016, YELL and other members of the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) agreed to manage for a decreasing population this winter, using hunting in Montana and capture/culling (primarily shipments to slaughter) to remove up to 1,300 bison. The shipment of bison to slaughter facilities is controversial and generates

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## Montana Stockgrowers Association Meeting

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negative publicity, but there is limited habitat inside the park.

- In winter 2016-17, 1,248 bison were removed from the population, including 440 harvested, 748 sent to slaughter, 25 dispatched for other reasons (e.g., wounding), and 35 held for research.

### Background:

- The federal government and the State of Montana are signatories to the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP). Other members involved with the IBMP include the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Forest Service, InterTribal Buffalo Council, and the Nez Perce Tribe.
- Since 2001, the plan has helped to manage Yellowstone bison and reduce the risk of brucellosis transmission from bison to cattle. The plan has been successful at conserving a viable population of wild, wide-ranging bison and there have been no transmissions of brucellosis from bison to cattle.
- Five tribes have hunted bison on open and unclaimed lands in Montana adjacent to YELL, including the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Nez Perce Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, and the Yakama Nation.
- Some recurring issues in communities of Montana adjacent to the national park include gut piles near roads and residences, shooting across roads, shooting elk, and hunting practices perceived to be unethical (e.g., firing lines of hunters along the park boundary; “flock” shooting).
- Hunting is prohibited in YELL. However, when bison migrations into Montana are small or late, tribal hunters become frustrated and assert that treaty rights include hunting bison inside the park; the Montana legislature, state veterinarian, and organizations associated with the livestock community concur with this assertion.

### Next Steps:

- While hunting and meat processing are currently available tools for managers, quarantine and release of live, brucellosis-free animals are being considered as a future option.
- Montana recently agreed to have additional tolerance of bison north and west of the park. In addition, the NPS and Montana have initiated the preparation of a new Environmental Impact Statement to consider changes in the management of bison and brucellosis given substantial new information, changed circumstances, and the passage of 16 years since the IBMP was initiated.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Meeting with Nevada Attorney General Laxalt

March 29, 2017, 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

**DATE:** March 28, 2017  
**FROM:** Downey Magallanes, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Room 6126,  
202-501-0654  
**SUBJECT:** Greater Sage-grouse conservation, Wild Horse & Burro issues

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This memo provides background on the issues of interest to the Nevada Attorney General's office

### II. BACKGROUND

Nevada Attorney General Laxalt requested a meeting with you to discuss conservation of the Greater Sage-grouse (GRSG) and the Wild Horse & Burros (WHB) program. **Note: The Attorney General and Nevada Governor are not in total agreement on a path forward on GRSG conservation.**

#### Attendees:

- Attorney General Adam Laxalt
- Lawrence Van Dyke, Solicitor General
- Joseph Tartakovsky, Deputy Solicitor General

### III. DISCUSSION

#### Greater Sage-grouse (GRSG) conservation

- The State of Nevada (**only represented by the Attorney General**) and individual Nevada counties have joined a case brought by the mining organization Western Exploration against the Department on the Nevada and Northeastern California GRSG resource management plan.
- There is disagreement between the Attorney General and the Governor on GRSG conservation. Governor Sandoval appeared with Secretary Jewell during the plan rollout.

#### Wild horse issues

- There are currently 133,000 Wild Horse and Burros (WHB) under BLM care, which is 106,000 over the limit deemed acceptable. The program cost is around \$80 million.
- 10 Western states and 27 million acres have WHB, and Nevada contains 50% of the entire WHB population.
- WHB do irreparable damage to watering facilities, cause soil erosion – especially at water sources, and overgraze areas used for personal and commercial cattle and sheep operations
- Federal law requires the Department to “manage, protect, and control” WHB and authorizes the BLM to remove excess WHB from the range to sustain public lands, however an annual appropriations rider prohibits the sale of WHB without limitation and the destruction of healthy animals.

### IV. NEXT STEPS

#### GRSG Management:

- The Department of Justice is reaching out to all plaintiffs in GRSG litigation to begin

# **INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

## **Meeting with Nevada Attorney General Laxalt**

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confidential settlement discussions, and the first meeting should take place in Denver in April.

- We are working internally to determine what we can legally roll back in the short term without fully rescinding the resource management plans.

WHB Program:

- We are exploring legislative action to reenact the ‘sale without limits’ stipulation of the Act authorizing the program.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**DATE / TIME:** March 29, 2017, 11 - 11:30 AM

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, OOS, 202-706-9330

**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Jeff Crane, President Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

## **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Mr. Crane is checking in to give an update on issues within the sportsmen's community.

Specific topics Mr. Crane has indicated :

- Sportsmen's policy priorities;
- WHHCC and SFBPC federal advisory councils;
- events he would like to highlight;
- If appropriate, any of the political appointees

MEMO DATE: March 28, 2017

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**DATE:** Wed, March 29, 2017, 1:00 - 1:30 pm

**SUBJECT:** Ron Forman, President and CEO of Audobon Nature Institute

## **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- to discuss coordination to strengthen and bring innovation to our nation's wildlife and parks.

NOTE: meeting is on recommendation of Speaker Gingrich to discuss the potential to historically change future wildlife and park programs in our country.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Andrew Goodrich Meeting

**DATE:** March 30, 2017, 10:15 - 10:30 am

### **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Meet to discuss 'dog days' at DOI.

### **II. BACKGROUND**

Andrew Goodrich is a combat wounded Marine veteran hired by the National Park Service through the Operation Warfighter program in 2011. He is an NPS first Emergency Response Ranger, in programs that focus on emergency medical services, search and rescue, law enforcement and emergency management.

Operates the NPS Wounded Warrior and Veteran Program – Operation Guardian.

NPS has a program with the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to assist transitioning and recovering service-members reintegrate into civilian life by providing meaningful work experience with the National Park Service.

(source: Testimony Of Mary Pletcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity, United States Department of the Interior, February 26, 2014, House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, Oversight Hearing on "American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Veterans")

- Veterans represented 30% of all permanent hires in FY16 and 19% of all permanent empl.
- If seasonal positions are included, veteran hires represented 16% of all hires (FY16) compared to <12%(FY10).
- Disabled Veterans represented 2.5% of the permanent workforce.
- Veterans received ~21% of all promotions in FY16.

### **III. ATTACHMENTS**

Stats on DOI Veteran Employment



**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Andrew Goodrich Meeting**

**Operation Guardian- Operation Warfighter**

In 2011, a NPS Visitor and Resource Protection employee attended a veterans job fair at Marine Corps Base Quantico and met the Wounded Warrior Battalion Coordinator. This employee (who has since left the NPS) was introduced to some of the wounded warriors and the Operation Warfighter program. He helped to create an internship program for a military active duty member at NPS Headquarters, thereby initiating a process for bringing interns in the Operation Warfighter program to the NPS. The NPS created a new position to be the coordinator of the Operation Guardian efforts.

The Operation Warfighter program matches DoD active duty service members awaiting medical board determinations with federal agencies that have prospective employment opportunities. Internships are fully funded by DoD and can last three to six months, providing both the service member and the agency opportunities to look for good matches.

The NPS has hired approximately 15 service members through this program; they have been placed in both the NPS Headquarters and parks across the nation.

Operation Warfighter is still an active program at DoD.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## PSA Filming

Monday, April 3, 2017, 3:00 -4:00 pm

**DATE:** March 31, 2017  
**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330  
**SUBJECT:** PSA Filming

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Film a public service announcement for:

- Conserve America
- National Parks
- Indian Craft Council

### II. TALKING POINTS

provided by comms - drafts attached

### III. ATTACHMENTS

- IACP & Parks - draft
- Park - draft

# Event Proposal Information Form

**\*Please complete this form and send to [scheduling@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scheduling@ios.doi.gov)**

**Specific Request to the Secretary:**

**Title of the Event:** North America's Building Trades Unions National Legislative Conference

**Date of Event:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Location:** Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW

**Point of Contact(s):** Kelly Ahl – [kelly@buildingtrades.org](mailto:kelly@buildingtrades.org) – (202) 297-6628

**Briefly describe the event in detail, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:**

Building Trades leaders make this annual trip to Washington to meet with their elected representatives to discuss issues of importance to the Building Trades community: job creation in energy and infrastructure, industry standards, and other issues of importance to workers in the construction industry. We would be greatly honored to have you address our conference and I know our delegates from your state and across America will appreciate hearing your vision for our nation's continued economic recovery and how we, together, can deliver value while creating economic opportunities for people and communities across our great nation.

**Audience (expected attendance and makeup of the attendees):** 3000 Building Trades leaders and activist from across the United States

**VIPs invited or known to be attending:**

Attending: Rep. Tim Ryan, Rep. Linda Sanchez, Rep. Cedric Richmond, Sen. Joe Donnelly; Col. David Sutherland  
Invited: Speaker Ryan, Sen. Chuck Schumer, Mayor Marty Walsh, Rep. Elise Stefanik, Rep. Tim Murphy, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, President Donald Trump

**Desired length of time for remarks (if applicable):** 20 Minutes

**What are the main messages that you are attempting to convey through this event (limit to 2-3)?**

This is a gathering of our national membership and is meant to highlight our legislative priorities. In this new Congress and under this new Administration we are very focused on working on the key priority of creating good jobs. In the building trades this mean aggressive investment in all modes of infrastructure. The leadership of the new administration in this regard coupled with a partnership with the building trades across the country means an investment in construction careers, workforce development, and the growing of the middle class.

**Are there any particular individuals, groups or activities you would like the Secretary to recognize in her remarks?**

It would be tremendous for the Secretary to make mention of the investment that NABTU makes to our veterans. We have created several programs that seek to recruit and train veterans for careers in the building trades through our registered apprenticeship programs. Helmet to Hard Hats is the formal effort by NABTU to ensure access to veterans in construction careers and employ them in re-building our nation.

**Are there any specific comments you would like the Secretary to make?**

We would greatly appreciate a message founded on collaboration, mutual engagement in the principles which make our country great -- jobs that provide Americans with the ability to develop careers and live in dignity.

**Please supply all pertinent background information for the event (draft agendas, existing websites, etc.):**

**Is press expected to attend? If yes, what are the expected press mediums (print, radio, TV)?** The event is open to the press, none confirmed as of this date.

**For remarks and press (if applicable), please check all that apply:**

**YES - Podium available**

**YES - Microphone available**

**Is their social media information for the event (hashtags, handles)?**

**Do you require a bio of the Secretary? Yes**

**What is the attire of the event (business, casual)? Business Casual**

**If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically? NO**

**Any additional notes or information?**

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**North America's Building Trades Unions National Legislative Conference**

DATE: April 3, 2017  
TIME: event: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
LOCATION: Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
FROM: Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**I. PURPOSE**

To give your vision for our nation's economic recovery on issues of importance to workers in the construction industry. .

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

- Tim Ryan, Representative of Ohio's 13<sup>th</sup> District.
- Linda Sanchez, Representative of California's 38<sup>th</sup> District.
- Cedric Richmond, Representative of Louisiana's 2<sup>nd</sup> District
- Joe Donnelly, U.S. Senator of Indiana
- Col. David Sutherland, Ret Army Colonel of 29 years, founder "Sutherland Partnership."

**III. AGENDA**

press: open  
full agenda attached

open:	Brent Booker, Secretary - Treasurer, NABTU
<b>09:30 am:</b>	Keynote Speaker, Sean McGarvey, Pres, NABTU
<b>11:00 a.m.:</b>	Depart DOI
<b>11:15 a.m.:</b>	Arrive at Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel
<b>11:20 a.m.:</b>	Introduction by Sean McGurgy
<b>11:25 a.m.:</b>	Secretary Zinke Gives Remarks
<b>11:46 a.m.:</b>	Depart Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel
<b>12:00 p.m.:</b>	Arrive DOI
<b>11:45 a.m.:</b>	Speaker Ryan remarks
<b>12:00 p.m.:</b>	U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer Remarks
<b>12:15 p.m.:</b>	Lunch
<b>01:30 p.m.:</b>	event concludes

**IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

speak: 20 minutes  
press: open  
Podium and Microphone  
Attire: business casual

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**North America's Building Trades Unions National Legislative Conference**

Event point of contact: Kelly Ahl, 202-297-6628

- gathering of our national membership to highlight legislative priorities
- focused on creating good jobs
- aggressive investment in all modes of infrastructure.

Requested Secretary to speak to:

- jobs that provide Americans with the ability to develop careers and live in dignity
- request : for the Secretary to make mention of the investment that NABTU makes to our veterans.
  - current programs:
  - registered apprenticeship programs.
  - Helmet to Hard Hats is the formal effort by NABTU to ensure access to veterans in construction careers and employ them in re-building our nation. (info attached)
- a message founded on collaboration, mutual engagement in the principles which make our country great -- jobs that provide Americans the ability to develop careers and live in dignity.

**CURRENT PROJECTS WITH INTERESTS IN DOI (complete list attached)**

PROJECT	OWNER	ENGINEERING	FINANCING	PERMITTING	TIV	PROJECT STATUS
Cadiz Water Conveyance Project	Cadiz Inc.	complete	private	95% complete	\$250,000,000	Permitting 95% complete - BLM railroad right-of-way - 5,900 direct jobs
Rawlins 600kv TransWest Express Transmission Line	Trans West Express LLC, Anschutz Corporation	complete	private	95% complete	\$3,000,000,000	Waiting on Western and US Forest service - ROD needed - 3000 direct jobs
Soda Mountain Solar	Regenerate Power	complete	private	in progress	\$765,000,000	Approved by the Dept. of Interior and sited on Federal land but is being held up by the San Bernardino California County Board of Supervisors. - 300 direct jobs

EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
North America's Building Trades Unions National Legislative Conference

**V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

provided by comms

**VI. BACKGROUND**

- This is the Building Trades leaders annual trip to Washington to meet with representatives to discuss: job creation in energy and infrastructure, industry standards, and other issues of importance to workers in the construction industry.
- NABTU Policy statements - (complete statements attached):

- Strengthen our energy infrastructure through increased investment in nuclear power and the creation of an Energy Infrastructure Finance and Innovation program modeled after TIFIA and WIFIA

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Increased investment in public infrastructure through innovative financing mechanisms such as Public-Private Partnerships and a National Infrastructure Bank.

ENERGY POLICY OVERVIEW

North America's Building Trades Unions support a modern U.S. energy policy that embraces an “all of the above” power production strategy - one that does not pick winners and losers. The policy should also promote self-reliant North American oil and gas production capacity and utilization. This approach will result in economic prosperity, enhanced domestic energy security, and robust job creation. Our dependence on foreign supplies of oil and gas, along with the threat of global climate change, exemplifies the need for a comprehensive U.S. energy policy that benefits the domestic economy.

North America's Building Trades Unions support the development of a national energy policy that balances our energy and power needs with national and global environmental concerns. We will work with all stakeholders to craft a sensible national energy policy: one that emphasizes jobs, domestic energy production, and the implementation of clean technologies and alternative energy sources

Keystone XL pipeline

"On behalf of the tens of thousands of skilled craftworkers poised to earn billions of dollars constructing the Keystone XL pipeline, North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) are thrilled to support TransCanada's application for a Presidential permit.

SUPPORT OF SECRETARIES NOMINATION

"North America's Building Trades Unions is proud to support the nomination of Representative Ryan Zinke to become the next United States Secretary of Interior.

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- **V. ATTACHMENTS**

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# T A B L E

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**Brent Booker**

Secretary-Treasurer

North America's Building Trades Unions

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*Presentation of Colors:*

U.S. Marine Band and U.S. Joint Armed Forces Color Guard

*National Anthem:*

*Pledge of Allegiance:*

*Moment of Silence:*

*Opening Video:* (5 min video)

*Invocation:* Reverend Evelio Menjvar, Archdiocese of Washington

*Keynote:* **Sean McGarvey** 9:30am  
President, North America's Building Trades Unions

**SPEAKERS:**

**Speaker # 1** **Nicholas Akins** 10:15am  
Chief Executive Officer, American Electric Power

**Speaker # 2** **Maria G. Korsnick** 10:30am  
President & CEO, Nuclear Energy Institute

**Special Dad's Day Award:**  
**Sacramento-Sierra's Building & Construction** 10:45am  
**Trades Council**

**Speaker # 3** **The Honorable Tim Murphy (R – PA)** 10:55am  
United States House of Representatives

**Special** **Hats Off Award: Union Labor Life Insurance Company (Ullico)**  
**Presentation:** (3 min video)  
11:10am

<b>Speaker # 4</b>	<b>The Honorable Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke</b>	<b>11:25am</b>
<b>Speaker #5</b>	<b>Video:</b> <b>The Honorable Speaker Paul Ryan (R- WI)</b> United States House of Representatives	<b>11:45 am</b>
<b>Speaker # 6</b>	<b>The Honorable Chuck Schumer</b> United States Senate	<b>12:00pm</b>
Lunch Break	12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Domestic Energy Producers Alliance Meeting

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 03:00 - 04:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Domestic Energy Producers Alliance Meeting

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- Meet with leaders in the DEPA to discuss:
  - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) -Methane
  - Fish and Wildlife

### II ATTENDEES

- Harold Hamm, Continental Resources
- Mike McDonald, Triad Energy
- Peter Regan, DEPA, Executive Director
- Tim harters, National Stripper Well Association
- Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association
- Jerry Simmons, National Association of Royalty Owners
- Blu Hulsey, Continental Resources
- Darlene Wallace, Columbus Oil
- Berry Mullennix, Panther Energy Company, LLC
- Tim Wigley, Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association
- Greg Schnacke, Denbery Resource, Inc.
- Shane Matson, Osage Producers Association
- Charles Wickstrom, Iron Hawk Energy

### III. DISCUSSION

Comments from DEPA:

#### 3162.3-1 (j) Waste Minimization Plans.

Requirement is duplicative, forces disclosure of anticipated production data that decreases our competitive advantage, and creates uncertainty in the APD approval process.

Management of the development of oil and gas fields can be very specific to each field and should be left to the respective state(s) to determine requirements and best practices.

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#### • 3179.11 Other Waste Prevention Measures

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#### • 3179.301-3179.305 Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Programs

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# ATTACHMENT A

## **Comments on the Bureau of Land Management Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties and Resource Conservation Rule**

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Washington Examiner Interview - Salena Zito**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 4, 11:15 - 12:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Interview: Salena Zito | Washington Examiner

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- General profile
- Role as Secretary in guiding POTUS' agenda

**II. BACKGROUND**

- Zito predicted a Trump victory for several months
- 57 year old mother of two, grandmother, bicycle enthusiast
- former political staffer, all 3 Bush presidential campaigns, Arlen Specter's Senate office
- lives in Pittsburgh

**III. TALKING POINTS**

provided by comms

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### MLK Wreath Laying Ceremony

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
LOCATION:  
TIME: (Time of event—start to finish)  
FROM: (Memo's author: name, title, office or bureau acronym, phone number)

#### I. PURPOSE

Candlelight vigil/wreath laying ceremony 49 years since MLK was killed in Memphis, TN,  
brief comments.

Provide a one-to-three paragraph description of the event and any relevant background information about the participants, the purpose of the event, and desired outcome. How does it support our mission? The information provided should do more than generally describe the purpose of the meeting or event. It should include the information the Secretary will need to participate effectively and meaningfully. This section should define the Secretary's role as well as any information on the last time he met with this person/group. Longer background information, if necessary, can be provided as an attachment to the memo.

#### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Harry Johnson, Sr, President and CEO of the Memorial Foundation
- Rev Dr. George E. Holmes, Chaplain/Chair Religious Council of the D.C. Democratic State Committee
- Rev Dr. Howard John Wesley, Pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church
- The Men's Choir of the Peoples Community Baptist Church

#### III. AGENDA

Indicate the step-by-step ("tick-tock") sequence of the event as indicated below, highlighting the Secretary's role. Note if the meeting will be open or closed to press, and include any other relevant information about press components of the event. Please copy Caroline Boulton in the scheduling office to confirm the agenda, and Heather Swift to confirm press participation.

06:45AM	Secretary Zinke arrives
11:00AM	7 - 10 minute remarks
11:30AM	Secretary Zinke makes closing remarks
11:45AM	Secretary Zinke takes questions from reporters, if appropriate

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### MLK Wreath Laying Ceremony

12:00PM Secretary Zinke departs

Press: there  
contact: Harry Johnson 832-236-9548

07:00 pm event starts

#### **IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

Provide any key facts, statistics, or hot topics related to this event which may highlight current issues. Where particular discussion topics, or questions from event participants can be anticipated, offer a suggested responses in italics. Statistics and key facts should be provided as a bulleted list with each bullet taking up no more than three lines.

#### **V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

Identify the speechwriter or person/persons who will be responsible for creating the Secretary's remarks. All remarks must be cleared with the Chief of Staff and the OS Communications office. Additionally, if this is a major event requiring lengthy remarks, a draft summary should be included as an attachment along with press releases and briefing papers.

#### **VI. BACKGROUND**

This section can be used to dive deeper into relevant policy issues, to provide a general history of the event, or to present the Department's track record on relevant policy issues. It should also include any key points/bios about others involved in the event.

#### **VII. ATTACHMENTS**

Attach a list of additional items that the Secretary should review before the meeting including bios/background information on the participants or any policy papers as mentioned in **Section I**. Include only the items that are necessary for a successful meeting outcome, not general supplemental material.

Date of Submission



**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**ExxonMobil Meeting**

**DATE:** April 5, 2017, 02:00-02:30 pm

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- Discussion of ExxonMobil's U.S. operations
- to build a relationship with you

**II. BACKGROUND**

ExxonMobil is the largest publicly traded integrated oil and gas company in the U.S. Mr. Woods began his tenure as CEO in early January and desires

Attendees:

- Darren Woods, President and CEO, ExxonMobil
- Theresa Fariello, VP, Public / Government Affairs, head of ExxonMobil DC Office
- Daniel Easley, Senior Director Federal Affairs, ExxonMobil

Topic:

- Introduction
- Discussion of ExxonMobil's U.S. operations

**III. DISCUSSION**

Historically ExxonMobil executives desire to maintain a relationship with DOI which plays a key role in U.S. policy related to natural resources.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**DATE:** April 5, 2017, 03:15 - 04:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Chairman Bishop - House Natural Resources Committee

**PREPARED BY:** Micah Chambers, OCO

## **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Topic:  
House Natural Resources Committee priorities  
Utah Land Issues (Bears Ears)

## **II. BACKGROUND**

Chairman Bishop requested this meeting prior to leaving for April recess. Request approved to fit the recess schedule.

## **III. DISCUSSION**

The Chairman is hoping to discuss areas of common ground where the Committee on Natural Resources can be helpful during the staff transition. Some topics the Chairman would like to discuss tomorrow are tribal trust lands, Indian water settlements, Border Patrol and Jones Act, Border Patrol and Memo of Understanding, energy development, environmental law and the military, territories, sage grouse, and national monuments, etc.

## **IV. Attendees**

The Congressman will be accompanied tomorrow by Committee Staff Director Jason Knox and Legislative Director Adam Stewart.

DOI Staff: Micah Chambers & Downey Magallanes

ADVANCE MEMO  
**Remarks to Equipment Dealers Association &  
Association of Equipment Distributors**

DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2017

LOCATION: Liaison Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

TIME: 08:00 am - 08:30 a.m.

**I. PURPOSE**

This event is an assembly of equipment dealers from across the United States. They gather to discuss issues important to the equipment industry and to carry a united message to legislators on Capitol Hill on issues such as **tax reform**, **regulatory reform**, and **free and fair trade**.

They would like you to speak to the dealers as part of the “Welcome Breakfast.” Issues, such as **public land management**, are very important to agricultural and construction equipment dealers. They also welcome any remarks you may wish to offer based upon the audience, which will consist of agriculture and construction equipment dealers from across the nation.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

Secretary Zinke

Rep. Cheri Bustos, 17th District, Illinois

Sarah Swanson Partridge, John Deer Dealer, Montana

**III. AGENDA**

8:00	am	Welcome
8:05	am	Introduction of Secretary Zinke (Partridge)
8:05 - 8:25	am	Remarks from Secretary Zinke
8:25 - 8:30	am	Dealer Questions for Secretary Zinke
8:31	am	Depart Liaison Hotel

The onsite contact is Natalie Higgins with EDA (+1 (314) 302-6288)

**III. ATTACHMENTS**

**TAB A:** Event Outline and Details

**TAB B:** Event Schedule

**TAB C:** Participant Biographies

Date of Submission: April 4, 2017

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**TAB A**

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Monday, April 3rd, 2017  
Washington, DC.

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Washington, DC

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High 71F/Low 54F

**Time Zone:**

Washington, DC

Eastern Standard Time

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Press

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Russel Roddy  
Meg Bloomgren

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**Attire:**

Business

**Confirmed Press Attending Event:**

No outside press anticipated

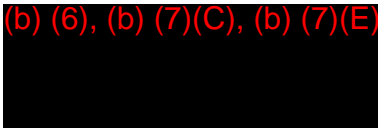
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**TAB B**

ADVANCE MEMO  
**Remarks to Equipment Dealers Association &  
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**Monday, April 3rd, 2017**  
Washington, DC

**7:45 a.m.:** **Depart Residence**  
Location: Liaison Hotel  
415 New Jersey Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Vehicle Manifest: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)  


Drive time: ~ 15 minutes without traffic

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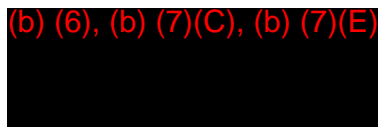
**8:04 a.m.:** **Introduction by Sarah Swanson Partridge, John Deer Dealer  
Montana**

**8:05 a.m.:** **Secretary Zinke remarks**

**8:25 a.m.:** **Dealer Questions for Secretary Zinke**

**8:30 a.m.:** **Event concludes**

**8:31 a.m.:** **Depart Liaison Hotel**  
Location: Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

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**TAB C**



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**Remarks to Equipment Dealers Association &  
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**Rep. Cheri Bustos**  
Illinois, 17th District

Cheri Bustos considers it an honor to represent the hardworking families of Illinois' 17th Congressional District which includes Western, Central and Northern Illinois.

Now in her third term, Cheri has focused on job creation, strengthening our economy and building a stronger middle class. She has been a relentless advocate for veterans and for working women and families, and she has worked with Democrats and Republicans on common-sense solutions to cut government waste, fraud and abuse so we can strengthen Medicare and expand Social Security.

Cheri is a leader in the "Make It in America" plan to create more good-paying jobs in our community and has led an effort to ensure American flags purchased with federal dollars are 100% made in America. She thinks that all of our kids deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential, that's why she's worked to invest in our schools, make college more accessible and affordable, and fought to improve workforce development programs. With a focus on launching the next industrial revolution in Illinois, Cheri successfully worked to bring the first-of-its-kind Digital Manufacturing Labs to our state. These public-private partnership hubs, which connect entrepreneurs and innovators with businesses, educators and government, have the potential to create thousands of jobs across the state.

As a Member of the House Agriculture Committee, she worked across the aisle to pass the first long-term Farm Bill in years. And through her service on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Cheri also worked to pass the first long-term highway bill in a decade so we can get Illinoisans back to work rebuilding our roads, bridges, rail lines, airports and waterways.

After the 2016 elections, Cheri was elected by her colleagues to serve in leadership as the Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee. As the only Midwesterner elected to Democratic House Leadership, she is working to ensure that the House Democrats' agenda connects with rural and working-class Americans. In 2015, Cheri accepted a leadership post as a Senior Whip, where she uses her position to fight for policies that will advance American manufacturing, ensure women's economic security and grow our middle-class.

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**Remarks to Equipment Dealers Association &**  
**Association of Equipment Distributors**

DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2017

LOCATION: Liaison Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

TIME: 08:00 am - 08:30 am

**I. PURPOSE**

Speak at 'Welcome Breakfast' to agricultural & construction equip assoc & dealers on Trump Admin:

- land management policy;
- environmental regulation issues;
- conservation issues.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

- 50 equipment dealers from across U.S.
- Agriculture and Construction Equipment Dealers.

Introducing you:

- Mike Linton, EDA Board Member and President, Heritage Agriculture of Arkansas
- Wes Stowers, 2017 AED Chairman and President & CEO, Stowers Machinery

Policy panel speakers after you speak:

- Robyn Boerstling, VP., Infrastructure, Innovation and Human Resources Policy, National Association of Manufacturers Sen.
- John Boozman, (R-Ark.), Member, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee and Senate Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Committee (invited)
- Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.), Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and House Agriculture Committee Mary Kay Thatcher, Senior Director of Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau

Topic after you speak:

prospects of a major infrastructure investment package, ensuring the Highway Trust Fund's long-term solvency, and the next farm bill.

**III. AGENDA**

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8:05am	Introduction by Sarah Swanson Partridge, John Deer Dealer, MT
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**IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

- support Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017

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- support prioritizing rural & agricultural infrastructure projects

Recent Legislative Activity

**Regulatory Accountability Act** (RAA) of 2017 - EDA joined 600+ other business and industry organizations in all 50 states in a letter encouraging the U.S. Senate to pass.

**Infrastructure Investments.** EDA and over 200 co-signers sent a united message to President Trump that rural and agricultural infrastructure investments must be a priority under his administration. The letter describes the lack of attention and resources which have been allocated to rural and agricultural areas as well as the roads, bridges, railways, locks and dams, harbors and port facilities which allow agricultural products to go to market. The co-signers asked President Trump to show leadership and support to rebuild these necessary pathways so that rural communities can connect to global markets in a competitive and timely way.

**V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**  
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# Event Proposal Information Form

\*Please complete this form and send to [scheduling@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scheduling@ios.doi.gov)

**Specific Request to the Secretary: Appear for Briefing of Equipment Dealers (Construction and Agriculture) to discuss public land management and strategy under Trump Administration**

**Title of the Event:** Equipment Dealers Association (Joint Legislative Fly-In) and Association of Equipment Distributors (AED)

**Date of Event:** April 5, 2017, 8:00am-8:45am

**Location:** Liaison Hotel, 415 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington DC 20001

**Point of Contact(s):** Natalie Higgins, Equipment Dealers Association, (314) 302-6288, [nhiggins@equipmentdealer.org](mailto:nhiggins@equipmentdealer.org) or Sarah Swanson Partridge, General Manager, Farm Equipment Sales, Inc., (406)263-3677, [spartridge@fesmt.com](mailto:spartridge@fesmt.com)

**Briefly describe the event in detail, and the desired outcome of the Secretary's participation:**

The event is an assembly of equipment dealers from across the United States. They gather to discuss issues important to the equipment industry and to carry a united message to legislators on Capitol Hill on issues such as tax reform, regulatory reform, free and fair trade, etc.

We would like Secretary Zinke to speak to the dealers as part of the Welcome Breakfast. Issues, such as public land management, are very important to agricultural and construction equipment dealers. We also welcome any remarks Secretary may wish to offer based upon the audience which will consist of agriculture and construction equipment dealers from across the United States.

**Audience (expected attendance and makeup of the attendees):**

Approximately 50 equipment dealers. Association staff, legislative staff and others may be in attendance.

**VIPs invited or known to be attending:**

Senator Bozeman (Invited)  
Senator Blunt (Invited)  
Senator McConnell (Invited)  
Senator Ernst (Invited)  
Congressman Graves (Invited)  
Congressman Roskam (Invited)

**Desired length of time for remarks (if applicable):**

Whatever he is comfortable with for up to 45 minutes.

**What are the main messages that you are attempting to convey through this event (limit to 2-3)?**

Industry unity on issues such as tax reform and regulatory reform.

**Are there any particular individuals, groups or activities you would like the Secretary to recognize in his remarks?**

None other than those in attendance (EDA/AED).

**Are there any specific comments you would like the Secretary to make?**

None.

**Please supply all pertinent background information for the event (draft agendas, existing websites, etc.):**

Please see below. Will supplement as the event gets closer and agenda is finalized.

**Is press expected to attend? If yes, what are the expected press mediums (print, radio, TV)?**

AED and EDA will have marketing personnel present. No outside press is anticipated at this time.

**For remarks and press (if applicable), please check all that apply:**

- ✓ Podium available
- ✓ Microphone available

**Is their social media information for the event (hashtags, handles)?**

Yes. Will supplement.

**Do you require a bio of the Secretary?**

If possible. That would be great.

**What is the attire of the event (business, casual)?**

Business.

**If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?**

N/A.

**Any additional notes or information?**

Sarah Swanson Partridge, John Deere dealer from the great State of Montana, will be in attendance representing business owners on a regulatory reform panel later in the day.



**EquipmentDealers**  
ASSOCIATION

**2017 WASHINGTON FLY-IN**  
**April 4-6, 2017**

**THE LIAISON CAPITOL HILL**  
**415 New Jersey Avenue, NW.**  
**Washington, DC. 20001**

**AGENDA – draft as of 1-24-17**

<b>Tuesday, April 4, 2017</b>		
<b>12:30 pm – 2:00 pm</b>	The Liaison Capitol Hill  Room - TBD	<b>The AED Foundation Lunch</b> - <i>Hear from workforce policy experts, a key lawmaker, and learn about the AED Foundation's recently released workforce study.</i>
<b>2:30 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	The Liaison Capitol Hill  Room – TBD	<b>Government Affairs 101</b> - <i>AED and EDA staff will provide background about the association's policy priorities and how our government affairs programs are structured. A member of Congress and Hill staff will discuss strategies for influencing Congress.</i>
<b>5:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b>	Off Site – Location TBD	<b>Industry Leaders Reception</b> - <i>Catch up with your fellow equipment industry execs over drinks and hors d'oeuvres at one D.C.'s hottest cocktail spots.</i>
<b>Wednesday, April 5, 2017</b>		
<b>8:00 am – 8:45 am</b>	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Welcome Breakfast and Kick Off Briefing</b> - <i>The AED and EDA leadership teams will review the Fly-In agenda, update attendees about the state of play on key policy issues, and discuss the associations' strategies.</i>
<b>8:45 am - 2:00 pm</b>	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Equipment Industry Roundtables and Panels</b> - <i>Members of Congress, Washington, D.C. policy community leaders, and AEM and AED staff will brief attendees on hot topics including infrastructure, tax, workforce development, and regulatory policy. Attendees will also receive advice on meeting with congressional offices to advance dealer policy priorities.</i>
<b>8:45 am - 9:45 am</b>	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Equipment Markets and Federal Policy Panel</b> - <i>Discussion about AG/infrastructure policy issues.</i>

9:45 am - 10:00 am	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Networking Break</b>
10:00 am - 11:00 am	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Industry Partners Roundtable</b> - Panel discussion from customer/partner organizations
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Tax Policy Panel</b> - Panel discussion about comprehensive tax reform, IRS issues.
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Lunch—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell or Senator Roy Blunt</b>
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	The Liaison Capitol Hill The Hill Room	<b>Labor and Regulatory Panel</b> - Discussion about labor and other regulatory issues.
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Off Site	<b>Meetings with Executive Branch Official (s)—Old Executive Office Building/DOT Sec./EPA Admin.</b>
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Capitol Hill Club 300 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003  Room - TBD	<b>Fundraiser Reception for Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin)</b>

**Thursday, April 6, 2017**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Capitol Hill Club 300 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003  Room - TBD	<b>PAC Breakfast</b>
9:30 am - 4:30 pm	Capitol Hill & Capitol Hill Club  Room - TBD	<b>Taking it to the Hill: Meetings with Lawmakers/Equipment Industry War Room</b>  <i>Attendees meet with representatives, senators, and congressional staff. AED staff will provide assistance scheduling Hill visits as requested. Our room at the Capitol Hill Club will remain all day as a "War Room" where you can come to share intelligence, adjust messaging based on meeting feedback, ask questions, resupply materials, and grab a cup of coffee.</i>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Capitol Hill Club  Room - TBD	<b>Legislative Leadership Award—Rep. Lou Barletta (R-Pa.)</b>
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Off Site – Location TBD	You've worn out the shoe leather lobbying Congress. You've influenced tax, transportation, workforce, and regulatory policy. Now you've earned some downtime. Relax with your equipment industry colleagues at an exclusive event

**Friday, April 7, 2017**

**8:00 a.m.-  
12:00 p.m.**

The Liaison Capitol Hill  
The Hill Room

**AED Board of Directors Meeting**

*AED Directors and Officers Only*

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
Mike Schauf | Western Montana Military Officers Association**

**DATE:** Wed, April 5, 2017, 2:45 - 3:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Coin Presentation

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Coin Presentation by Mike Schauf, President Western Montana Military Officers Assoc.

**II. BACKGROUND**

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers and their families at every stage of their careers.

Captain Mike Schauf, is retired from the U.S. Navy.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**National Alliance of Forest Owners Board of Directors**

**SUBJECT: National Alliance of Forest Owners Board of Directors**

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To hear from the board issues affecting private forest owners and how to effectively partner with the federal government, voluntary management approaches to at-risk species.

**II. BACKGROUND**

**Attendees:**

- Rep. Bruce Westerman (AR-04)--TBD
- Jonathan Shuffield, Legislative Director for Rep. Westerman--TBD
- Dave Tenny CEO, NAFO
- Chip Murray VP for Policy and General Counsel, NAFO
- Doyle Simons President and CEO, Weyerhaeuser Company
- Craig Blair President and CEO, Resource Management Service
- Douglas Reed President, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Mark Emmerson Chairman and CFO, Sierra Pacific Industries
- Mike Covey Chairman and CEO, Potlatch Corporation
- Peter Sikora Chief Operating Officer, Giustina Resources
- Chris Zinkan Chairman and CEO, The Forestland Group
- Peter Stein Managing Director, The Lyme Timber Co
- John Cashwell Representative, BBC Land, LLC
- Rene Ancinas President, Port Blakely Tree Farms
- Dan Christensen Chairman, Hancock Natural Resource Group
- Wesley Langdale President, The Langdale Company
- Dick Molpus President, Molpus Woodlands Group
- Michael Kelly President, Forest Investment Associates
- Tom Colgan President and CEO, Wagner Forest Management

Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Policy Solutions NAFO currently prioritize:

- promoting conservation from threats such as wildfire, invasive pests/ pathogens, development
- restoring existing regulation of Waters of the U.S.
- adopting policy for Forest Bioenergy that recognizes carbon benefit

# **PODCAST RECORDING**

## **Team Never Quit**

**TOPIC:** Team Never Quit Podcast Recording

**DATE:** April 5, 2017, 11 - 11:45 am

### **I. PURPOSE**

Host:

Marcus Luttrell

Topic:

The questions mostly revolve around your greatest "Never Quit" story. We will want to know the story itself, who and what got you there, and what lessons you've learned from your amazing experience(s). The interview will be broken in two basic parts.

### **II. BACKGROUND**

'Team Never Quit' speakers represents a select group of elite warriors, athletes, and leaders hand picked and trusted by Marcus Luttrell.

**To Date (on website) :**

- Taya Kyle
- Mark Geist
- John Tiegen
- Navy SEALs, retired, current
- David Goggins
- Chad Fleming
- Clint Bruce
- Marcus Luttrell
- Jason Redman
- Joey Jones
- David Rutherford
- Monty Heath
- Billy Wagasy
- Justin Legg

### **III. TALKING POINTS**

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing on Familiarization Tour of Select California National Parks**

**DATE:** April 6, 2017, 11:00am - 12:00pm

**FROM:** Laura Joss, NPS Regional Director Pacific West Region (415) 623-2102

**SUBJECT:** California National Parks

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this visit is to familiarize Secretary Zinke with the issues, operations, partnership opportunities, and field concerns at four units of the National Park Service.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The National Park Service (NPS) Pacific West Region includes more than 60 of the total 417 units of the national park system. There are 28 parks managed by the NPS in California, ranging from large wilderness parks like Yosemite National Park to small sites with powerful civil rights stories like Cesar Chavez National Monument. In FY14, the National Park Service had \$1.77B in deferred maintenance in the state of California. For more background information on National Park Service presence in the state of California, please refer to the attached NPS California Fact Sheet.

**III. DISCUSSION**

The Yosemite National Park tour will focus on increasing understanding of infrastructure, maintenance backlog, impact of blended funding (ONPS, fee, concession and private funding), the impacts of housing on attracting and retaining good employees and providing opportunities for Secretary Zinke to interact with field employees. This visit will take place a couple of days following the anticipated public release on April 10, 2017 of the DOI Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation report on allegations of hostile work environment at Yosemite National Park, and some employees may have pointed questions about the OIG's investigation and findings.

The Sequoia National Park tour will focus on the park's wildland fire management operations (objectives, approach and activities), efforts to improve visitor services via deferred maintenance projects, and natural and cultural resource issues. There will also be an opportunity to have lunch with park staff.

The Channel Islands tour will visit both Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands. Highlights will include a focus on the logistical challenges associated with managing island parks and remote operations; ranching and resource issues, critical academic, public/private partnerships and participation in a youth education program.

Finally, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area visit will include engagement with the U.S. Park Police, a detailed tour of the Presidio, highlight the importance of partnerships, learn about infrastructure and youth projects and significant visitor management issues, and an opportunity to meet park staff.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

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## Briefing on Familiarization Tour of Select California National Parks

Pending confirmation of the Secretary's itinerary, NPS staff will work with the Secretary's office to finalize and confirm logistics, including any desired media engagement.

### V. ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Itinerary

([https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1cut7JROSaJKjDwHN12DMtL0Qj\\_ICiHP-la6knqUDoq8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1cut7JROSaJKjDwHN12DMtL0Qj_ICiHP-la6knqUDoq8/edit?usp=sharing))

NPS-California Fact Sheet (<https://www.nps.gov/state/customcf/bythenumbers/ca.pdf>)

Yosemite National Park Fact Sheet

Sequoia National Park Sheet

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Fact Sheet

Channel Islands National Park Fact Sheet

Channel Islands Pier Briefing Statement

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**DATE:** Thursday, April 6, 2017, 2:00pm

**SUBJECT:** Remarks Addressed to the 2017 Annual Meeting for the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)

**FROM:** Kate MacGregor, ASLM

## I. BACKGROUND

NOIA is an association comprised of roughly 300 offshore-energy related member companies, predominately involved with offshore oil and gas production – including majors, independents, geophysical/seismic companies, construction and manufacturing of offshore-related facilities, offshore marine and air transportation companies, and offshore renewables.

NOIA's current President, Randall Luthi, is a former Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) during the George W. Bush administration.

## II. ATTENDEES

See attached full list of meeting attendees. Companies include: Exxon, Chevron, Shell, Conoco, BP, Statoil, Anadarko, Halliburton, Cobalt, Noble, W&T, Crosby Tugs, Hornbeck Offshore, PHI, Inc., Era Helicopters.

## III. DISCUSSION

Meeting attendees will likely focus on: 1) the need for regulatory **certainty** in order to continue ongoing investment in exploration and development activities in the Gulf and 2) support for increased **access** to new offshore acreage through initiation of a new 5-year plan.

- On average, it generally takes between 5-10 years to develop offshore deepwater projects, from acquiring a lease through to reaching production; capital expenditure (capex) decisions made today will impact our energy future a decade from now.
- Companies must also be able to ascertain sound scientific geophysical data (seismic surveying) in order to better target and smartly develop offshore energy resources thousands of feet below the surface.
- A multitude of new regulations on all aspects of offshore energy exploration and production have compounded what is already a challenging price environment (Crude Price Today: \$51.78). Uncertainty = longer timelines, higher costs.
- The U.S. outer continental shelf (OCS) is increasingly competing for capital investment with other countries, like Mexico, who just held a highly successful offshore lease sale just across our maritime border last year.
- The Secretarial Order issued last week (SO3349) directs agencies at the department to take a hard look at all regulatory actions that may hinder our nation's path to energy dominance – that path includes harnessing responsible offshore energy development.
- The Department's ultimate goal is to open access to new offshore areas, create an environment of regulatory certainty that does not hinder innovation and job growth, and do all of this without compromising safety.

Other potential issues for awareness:

- Support for offshore revenue sharing which is currently only available to four Gulf states (a

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- statutory fix is required to provide offshore revenue sharing to other states, including Florida, Atlantic states and Alaska);
- Highly contentious ongoing issues with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) potential revocation of Jones Act-related guidance; and
  - Ongoing delays with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in being able to get an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) in a timely manner so our Department may permit offshore seismic surveying. (*Note: This is also an issue for other agencies that require IHAs, such as DoD and Army Corps*)

### IV. OFFSHORE FAST FACTS

- Total Federal OCS Acreage: 1.7 billion acres (Currently, 94% of our OCS acreage is closed to leasing)
- Total Federal OCS Acreage under lease: 16.9 million acres
- FY16 Total OCS Oil production: 582 million barrels in FY16 (16% total US production)
- FY16 Total OCS Natural Gas production: 1.34 trillion cubic feet (TCF) (5% total US production)
- In FY16 the OCS generated \$2.8 billion; for comparison, in FY08 the OCS generated \$18 billion – the OCS is one of the largest sources of non-tax revenue for the Federal Government through bonus bids, royalties and rentals.
- The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) are the two primary agencies charged with safe and efficient development of our nation's energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.

### V. OFFSHORE REGULATIONS AT A GLANCE

- **Well Control Rule** (finalized by BSEE April 29, 2016; Estimated Cost: \$890.3 million (10-Year Undiscounted Total Cost)\*) - Enacts new regulatory requirements for well design, casing, cementing, real-time monitoring and new technological specifications for blowout preventers. Stakeholder views: The rule generated significant criticism from industry and Congressional offices, focused largely on prescriptive requirements (drilling margins, real time monitoring), compliance time frames for new equipment, and disagreement on the cost-benefit analysis. *The Department is currently reviewing whether or not this regulation needs to be revised.*
- **Air Quality Rule** (Proposed Rule published by BOEM on April 5, 2016; Estimated Cost \$290 million over 10 years(discounted at 3 percent)\*) – Prior to this new regulation, BOEM and Gulf States had found that offshore development does not impact onshore air quality. This newly proposed regulation creates new air monitoring/reporting requirements, requires measuring cumulative emissions from multiple offshore facilities, changes the location from which air emissions are measured to the state seaward boundary, and updates BOEM air quality regulations into compliance with new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), among other provisions. The rule also attempts to incorporate emissions from offshore supply vessels.

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Stakeholder views: This proposed rule was highly controversial among stakeholders and elicited an appropriations rider to the FY 2017 House Interior Appropriations bill. *As this rule is not yet final, the Department has discretion on how to proceed with the regulation.*

- **Arctic Rule** (Final Rule published by BSEE and BOEM on July 15, 2016; Estimated Cost \$2.047 billion over 10 years\*) – This rule sets completely new regulations for exploration and production for our offshore Arctic resources (Beaufort and Chukchi sea planning areas), most notably requiring access to a second relief rig during drilling operations. The rule does not address the unique Arctic drilling season and the impact on current lease terms.

Stakeholder views: This rule was controversial among stakeholders and is subject of a Congressional Review Act in the House of Representatives: H.J.Res. 70. *If this rule stays in place as written, it will likely impact future leasing should we reopen access to Arctic energy development in a new 5-year plan.*

- **Notice to Lessees (NTL) on Financial Assurance** (Issued by BOEM on July 12, 2016; Estimated Cost \$1.45 billion-\$4.35 billion (annually)\*\*) – BOEM's recent updates to its financial assurance and loss prevention practices are aimed at protecting the American taxpayer from risks and liabilities associated with decommissioning facilities on the outer continental shelf. This action was not taken through the rulemaking process, rather it was conducted by issuing an NTL. Presently, there are approximately \$37 billion in unsecured liabilities on the OCS.

Stakeholder views: This action is highly controversial because modification of this policy has the effect of reducing the risk to taxpayers, while increasing the financial assurance expense for offshore oil and gas operations. *BOEM has delayed implementation of the NTL and is working with industry to develop new proposals. The Department is currently evaluating if a rulemaking should be considered as we move forward.*

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**Annual Meeting for the National Ocean Industries Association**  
**(NOIA)**

**DATE:** Thur, April 6, 2017, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Remarks for 2017 Annual Meeting for NOIA

**FROM:** Walter Cruickshank Acting Director, BOEM  
Eileen Angelico, Acting Chief, Office of Public Affairs BSEE (additions in BLUE)

Good afternoon, and welcome to Washington. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you about our plans for energy policy.

First, I'd like to acknowledge the role all of you play in making the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) such an important part of our energy portfolio.

- The OCS accounts for 18% of the oil produced domestically. Last fiscal year, this generated about \$55 billion in total spending in the economy, supporting approximately 315,000 domestic jobs.
- The OCS is estimated to contain almost 90 billion barrels of oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of natural gas remaining to be discovered.
- And things are looking up. We had a good lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico last month. We received almost \$275 million in high bids for 163 tracts -- a modest but encouraging increase over the prior year numbers.
- Just before that, we held a successful auction for a wind lease offshore North Carolina. Offshore wind is another tool in the all of the above energy toolbox that will help power America with domestic energy.

We know the work you do offshore plays an important part in helping America maintain energy independence.

Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth

There are several reasons energy independence is critical for our nation:

- First, it's better for the environment that the U.S. produces energy. Thanks to advancements in drilling technology, we can responsibly develop our energy resources. And I can tell you with 100 percent certainty it is better to develop our energy here under reasonable regulations and export it to our allies, rather than have it produced overseas under little or no regulations.
- Second, energy production is an absolute boon to the economy, supporting more than 6.4 million jobs and supplying affordable power for manufacturing, home heating, and transportation needs.
- Third, achieving American energy independence will strengthen our national security by reducing our reliance on foreign oil and allowing us to assist our allies with their energy needs.

Recent Actions

To help achieve these goals, last week I issued a Secretarial Order to implement the review of agency actions directed by the President's Executive Order on energy independence. I directed a reexamination of the mitigation and climate change policies and guidance across the Department of the Interior in order to better balance conservation strategies and policies with the equally legitimate need of creating jobs for

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**(NOIA)**

hardworking American families. In particular, the order sets a timetable for review of agency actions that may hamper responsible energy development and reconsideration of regulations related to U.S. oil and natural gas development.

Also last week, I established a Royalty Policy Committee to provide regular advice on the fair market value of and collection of revenues from Federal and Indian mineral and energy leases. It's important that taxpayers get the full value of the energy produced on public lands.

Offshore

I know this is the National *Ocean* Industries Association, and you're probably thinking "those actions are great, but where is the offshore program mentioned?"

First, that Secretarial Order I talked about covers all of our energy programs, both onshore and offshore. I directed the bureaus to review their actions that may hamper responsible energy development, and that includes offshore actions – everything from air quality, to financial assurance, to well control. We are reviewing our rules, guidance and policy with the goal of removing unnecessary burdens.

Second, access is critical. We won't meet our energy goals if you can't access our lands and waters with the potential for energy development. We are reviewing the Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program developed by the prior Administration, and we're looking at those actions that removed significant portions of the OCS from consideration for leasing.

We will be announcing specific actions for the offshore program in the near future. And though I can't be specific just yet, I think you will agree with much of what we'll do.

However, know that I take our stewardship responsibilities seriously. I believe that we need to restore land -- and water -- to the same or better condition than it was before development occurred, and I will be holding you to that standard. But we will do so in a reasonable way; one that ensures protection of our important natural resources while enabling responsible development to occur.

We will look for your input as we put our policies in place. No one knows your business better than you do, so we want to work with you to determine sensible ways to meet our goals. I know that many of you already work collaboratively with our bureaus to find solutions to tough issues. I thank you for that, and ask that you continue to do so. We will listen.

We have good teams in place at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. They're ready to get started, and I will put them to work on our priorities very soon.

Thank you.

# NOIA 2017 Annual Meeting Schedule

## **Wednesday, April 5:**

**12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Registration

**12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Hospitality Room

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Allied Trades Lunch

**1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.**

Offshore Renewables Committee

**Speaker: Jeff Grybowski, Deepwater Wind**

**2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

Geological & Geophysical Committee

*"Major Changes Coming to Gulf Permitting"*

**Speaker: Bryan Dempsey, FairfieldNodal**

**3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.**

Public Affairs & Education Committee

**Speakers:**

**Ashley Menendez, Petroleum Academy Graduate**

**Mark P. Mills, Manhattan Institute**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Executive Committee

*(Closed Meeting)*

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Welcoming Reception

## **Thursday, April 6:**

**7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Registration

**7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Hospitality Room

**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Breakfast

**Speaker: Senator John Kennedy (R-LA)**

*Sponsor: Government Affairs Committee*

**9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**

General Session

*"Why is the Middle East in Crisis & Why Does it Matter?"*

**Speaker: Vali Nasr, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies**

**10:50 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.**

General Session

*"Preparing for the Turnaround: What Mexico Offers U.S. Companies"*

**Panelists:**

**Helge Hove Haldorsen, Statoil Mexico**

**Matt McCarroll, Fieldwood Energy**



**Aldo Flores Quiroga, Secretaría de Energía**  
**Carlos de Regules, National Agency for Safety, Energy & Environment**  
**12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.**

Lunch

**Speaker: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke**

*Safety in Seas Awards*

**2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

General Session

*"Preparing for the Turnaround: Alaska & the Gulf of Mexico"*

**Panelists:**

**Bob Abendschein, Anadarko Petroleum**

**Rebecca Logan, Alaska Support Industry Alliance**

**Kara Moriarty, Alaska Oil & Gas Association**

**3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.**

PAC Committee

**Speaker: Chris Hansen, National Republican Senatorial Committee**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

Board of Directors & Membership Committee

**6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Welcome Reception

**7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Annual Banquet

*Tenors Un Limited*

## **Friday, April 7:**

**7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Registration

**7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Hospitality Room

**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Breakfast

**Speaker: Senator Luther Strange (R-AL)**

**9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

General Session

**Speaker: Shawn Rhodes, Performance & Profitability Expert**

**10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Health, Safety, Security & Environment Committee

*"Regulatory Update: What to Expect in a Period of Uncertainty"*

**Speakers: Greg Southworth, Offshore Operators Committee**

**Peter Schaumberg, Beveridge & Diamond**

**Fred Wagner, Venable LLP**

**11:40 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.**

Technology Policy Committee

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Buffet Lunch

*All committee meetings and general sessions are open to all meeting attendees with the exception of the Executive Committee Meeting.*

**(NOIA Membership Meetings are closed to the public and press)**

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**California Natural Resources Agency Meeting**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 6, 3:30 - 4pm

**FROM:** Scott Cameron, Lead political, Water and Science, 208-0969

**SUBJECT:** CA Water Priorities and Action Plan

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- Introduce Secretaries
- Overview of California Water Priorities and California Water Action Plan

Secretary Laird is likely to bring up any of the following:

- California WaterFix and the need to get the big water districts all on the same page since they would be paying for it,
- How to improve ESA coordination between FWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) seems to be the problem),
- State efforts to increase water storage in California for which federal regulatory or financial support may be requested,
- The long term future of the Central Valley Project (the state may wish to explore ultimately having it transferred from Reclamation to CA),
- How much more water Reclamation is likely to be able to provide from the Central Valley Project to farmers this year beyond the initial allocation of a couple of weeks ago
- Salton Sea air and water quality and DOI's possible minor role in helping to implement the state's 10-year "Restoration" plan for the Sea
- Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Planning,
- National park O&M backlog in California and the economic value of outdoor recreation,
- Klamath River Basin salmon management and the private sector initiative through FERC to voluntarily take out four old hydro facilities that impede salmon migration.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Attendees:

- John Laird, Secretary, CA Natural Resources Agency
- Joaquin Esquivel, Assistant Secretary for Federal Water Policy, CA Natural Resources Agency

**III. DISCUSSION**

We are working very hard to be cooperative partners with the state and affected local governments on a wide variety of issues.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

Our priorities are:

- To help CA come to closure with all the parties on the California WaterFix
- Schedule a phone call with the Secretary and the Colorado River Basin states to energize everyone to finish up their respective pieces of the Drought Contingency Plan

**TELEPHONE CALL REQUEST  
CALL WITH SEN. ROB PORTMAN (R-OH)**

**FROM:** Person(s) recommending that the call be made  
(Name, Title, Office, Phone Number)

**TO:** Senator Portman  
202-224-7090

**DATE:** 4/7/17, 12 pm

**I. PURPOSE**

Discuss coming to agreement on potential actions to replace BLM Venting/Flaring Rule should the Senator vote yes on the CRA.

**II. TALKING POINTS**

If the Rule is repealed under the CRA, NTL-4A would come back into effect immediately. The BLM retains its existing authority under the MLA and FOGRMA to make effective updates to NTL-4A while ceding some of the more duplicative regulatory provisions to states/EPA under the CAA.

The BLM could consider policy actions to curb waste and focus on revisions to NTL-4A to address the following:

- Encouraging beneficial use of oil or gas on lease
- Regulating flaring of unmarketable gas from oil wells
- Conserving unsold gas by reinjection
- Improving ROW timelines and removing obstacles to timely approval for pipeline infrastructure
- Recognizing existing State/tribal policy/rules, such as those in North Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, and Montana

**III. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

This is a basic good-government argument. We (DOI) will regulate what is under our jurisdiction, so the facets of the Obama V/F rule fall under the Clean Air Act which is under EPA's umbrella. However, we agree with the Senator that responsible regulation should be in place to reduce waste and emissions and will do what is within our jurisdiction.

**IV. BACKGROUND**

McConnell is looking to take the CRA up after the recess and needs Sen. Portman to be a yes for passage.

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\_Assigned to Megan Bloomgren\_

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Port of San Diego Meeting**

**DATE:** Thur, April 6, 2017, 2:30 - 3:00 pm  
**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number  
**SUBJECT:** Short statement of topic being briefed

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Fisheries Aquaculture and ocean management issues in the contiguous intersection of CA state and federal ocean waters off the California coast

**II. BACKGROUND**

Attendees:

- Dan Malcolm Port of San Diego Board of Port Commissioners
- Job Nelson Assistant Vice President, External Relations
- Jason Giffen Assistant Vice President, Planning and Green Port
- David Yow Legislative Policy Advisor
- David Wetmore Carpi and Clay Government Relations

**III. DISCUSSION**

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Wounded Warrior Ride with the President**

**DATE:** April 6, 2017  
**TIME:** 08:30 - 10:00 am  
**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To host fifty wounded warriors at the White House to kick start the annual Soldier Ride. Soldier Ride is a multi-day, rehabilitative bicycle ride designed to empower veterans and service members recovering from the physical and psychological wounds of war.

**II. PROGRAM DETAILS**

ATTIRE:  
PRESS: open or closed

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

First Lady  
Vice President  
Mrs. Pence

**IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

08:00	am	Event Begins
10:00	am	VIP speaks
10:30	am	VIP 2 speaks
11:45	am	Secr departs DOI
01:30	pm	Introduction of Secretary Zinke
01:35	pm	Remarks from Secretary Zinke
01:50	pm	Q&A session
02:00	pm	Secr exits stage
02:15	pm	Secr exits room
02:30	pm	Secr departs
03:00	pm	Secr arrives DOI

**V. DISCUSSION**

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

**TAB A:** Event Outline and Details  
**TAB B:** Participant Biographies

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**Wounded Warrior Ride with the President**

**TAB A**

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Wounded Warrior Ride with the President**

**Weather:**

Washington, DC

Mostly sunny with rain developing later in the day.  
High 71F/Low 54F

**Time Zone:**

Washington, DC

Eastern Standard Time

**Advance:**

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**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Wounded Warrior Ride with the President**

**TAB B**

**THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON

**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT SOLDIER RIDE**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

South Lawn

I. PURPOSE

To host fifty wounded warriors at the White House to kick start the annual Soldier Ride. Soldier Ride is a multi-day, rehabilitative bicycle ride designed to empower veterans and service members recovering from the physical and psychological wounds of war.

II. BACKGROUND

Soldier Ride began in 2004 when civilian Chris Carney, supported by Peter Honerkamp and Nick Kraus from Long Island, New York, completed a coast-to-coast bicycle ride in support of Wounded Warrior Project. Chris rode over 5,000 miles and raised over \$1 million. This was the first of what would become an annual event. In 2005, Chris rode from coast to coast again, this time with Staff Sergeants Heath Calhoun and Ryan Kelley, as well as other combat-wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. Together they cycled from California to New York.

In 2006, Soldier Ride made a third trip across the country, with even more combat-wounded veterans. In 2007, Soldier Ride went regional with seven rides across the country. These rides provided the opportunity for both warrior and community participation.

In 2008, President Bush welcomed the riders to the White House and called Soldier Ride "the most inspiring athletic event in the country." And in 2009, more cities were added to the regional rides and the national tour kicked off at the White House with President Obama.

For nearly ten years, each spring, WWP has been invited to bring our nation's most deserving on Soldier Ride at the White House. There, warriors have been given the opportunity to meet the president, who then kicks off a short ride around the South Lawn.

III. PARTICIPANTS

- First Lady
- Vice President
- Mrs. Pence
- Michael Linnington  
*To introduce Deven Schei. Biography attached. (Vetting in progress)*
- Deven Schei  
*To introduce POTUS and VPOTUS. Biography attached. (Vetting in progress)*
- Wounded Warriors

30 are inpatient at military hospitals (10 from BAMC, 10 from Balboa, 10 from Walter Reed). The other 20 are from the community. All are veterans and service members who are wounded, ill, or injured.

#### IV. PRESS PLAN

OPEN – All press with credentials are free to attend

#### V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8:30 AM Event Begins.

8:40 AM All individuals in the Map/China Rooms will be escorted into the Diplomatic Room. Warriors will be greeted by POTUS/VPOTUS and each will have a picture individually taken.

(Name) is positioned in front of the Dip Room to redirect attending staffers to exit out of the Palm Room or East Garden

8:45 AM Social Aides start charging the photoline. Riders are placed on the Map Room and feed out into the Cross Hall for photos in the Dip Room.

8:55 AM POTUS departs the Residence and moves to the Dip Room.

VPOTUS arrives to the Dip Room to meet POTUS.

9:00 AM POTUS arrives to the Dip Room.

POTUS and VPOTUS participate in the photoline. Social Aides announce each rider for their click. (50 riders, 50 clicks)

WHCA announces each rider (title, branch, name), as they exit Dip Room and mount their bikes, which are staged on the East Side of the podium.

*Note: The following PVA staff are in place on the South Drive to support wheelchair users mounting their bikes:*

(Name) is positioned along the South Driveway to direct riders to the tennis courts after they have finished their laps.

9:25 AM Photoline with POTUS and VPOTUS concludes.

FLOTUS and SLOTUS arrive to the Dip Room.

Marine Band stops playing on cue from Social Office.

Leah Ganoni will cue Marine Sentries to open doors for the announcement.

WHCA announces Michael Linnington, the chief executive officer of Wounded Warrior Project.

**“Ladies and Gentlemen,…….”**

Michael Linnington proceeds directly to the podium.

Michael Linnington delivers remarks and introduces Deven Schei.

**"Ladies and Gentlemen, Deven Schei....."**

Deven Schei proceeds directly to the podium.

Deven Schei delivers remarks and introduces POTUS, FLOTUS, VPOTUS and SLOTUS.

**"Ladies and Gentlemen....."**

POTUS, FLOTUS, VPOTUS and SLOTUS exit the Dip Room.

VPOTUS moves to the podium and delivers remarks.

POTUS moves to the podium and delivers remarks.

9:45 AM Remarks conclude.

Deven Schei moves to his bike, which is at the very front.

POTUS proceeds to the South Driveway in front of the podium and faces toward the riders.

WHCA hands POTUS the air horn (handheld mic on standby, just in case.)

POTUS announces the start of the ride by blowing the air horn.

Marine band begins playing after the air horn sounds.

Riders proceed West (counter-clockwise) around the South Drive twice and return to the tennis courts.

POTUS, FLOTUS, VPOTUS, and SLOTUS remain at their positions as they look the driveway.

9:50 AM After riders have finished (ushers indicate this) POTUS and VPOTUS thank guests for coming.

Ushers extend rope and stanchion over the drive and the east and west sides of the South Portico.

Michael Linnington departs via Dip Room.

9:53 AM POTUS, FLOTUS, VPOTUS and SLOTUS work a ropeline from left to right and exit through Palm Room.

Social Aides escort guests to the West Side of the South Lawn and towards SW gate for exit.

Badged staff exit via SW Gate.

Marine Band continues to play as guests exit.

10:00 AM Event concludes.

VI. TALKING POINTS OR REMARKS

VII. ATTACHMENTS

1. Michael Linnington Biography
2. Deven Schei Biography
3. Wounded Warriors List
4. Invitation





**MICHAEL LINNINGTON**

Michael Linnington serves as chief executive officer of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP). He brings 35 years of military experience and leadership to the organization.

In this position, Michael oversees day-to-day operations and works with the executive team to set and implement the organization's strategic vision. He is responsible for ensuring WWP's free, direct programs and services continue to have the greatest possible impact on the warriors, caregivers, and families we serve.

“When our wounded veterans return home from combat, they rely on WWP and the organization's dedicated team to provide necessary physical and mental health services, as well as economic empowerment and engagement programs,” says Michael. “Being part of an organization committed to this important mission is a sacred duty and solemn responsibility.”

Prior to joining WWP, Michael was the first permanent Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), following his retirement as a Lieutenant General from the U.S. Army. He served as the Military Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) from 2013 to 2015 and as Commanding General, Military District of Washington and Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region from 2011 to 2013.

Michael also held general officer positions of responsibility as Deputy Commanding General, Fort Benning, Georgia; Commandant of Cadets, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; and in Kabul, Afghanistan.

His military career included duties in key command and staff positions worldwide. He served on the Army Staff, the Joint Staff, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Staff. His combat experience includes command of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Michael graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1980. He is married with two children.



**DEVEN SCHEI**

When Deven Schei's brother, Erik, was first deployed to Iraq, Deven made him a solemn vow: "If something happens to you while you're over there, I promise to finish what you started."

Tragically, something did happen. Deven's brother was shot in the head, rendering him a quadriplegic. Deven kept his promise and joined the United States Army, determined to stay true to his word. He says becoming a member of the 101st Airborne Air Assault Division was one of his proudest moments. But just as fate dealt its hand to his brother, Deven's deployment ended in injury.

"I was hit with four 80mm rockets," says Deven. "I lost a portion of my left calf, a portion of my left thigh, and had shrapnel all over my body. I had a slipped disc, cartilage missing in my back and knees, tendinitis, loss of eye sight in my left eye, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and traumatic brain injury (TBI); I was left with all of these things." Even with more than 17 surgeries, Deven's physical pain, frustration, and anguish were not what affected him the most.

"My greatest challenge was not being with my battle buddies. Leaving them in Afghanistan was the hardest thing I have ever had to do. Not being able to go on missions with them or train with them always haunted me. I kept up with them all the time, calling and emailing to make sure all missions went well and everyone made it back in one piece."

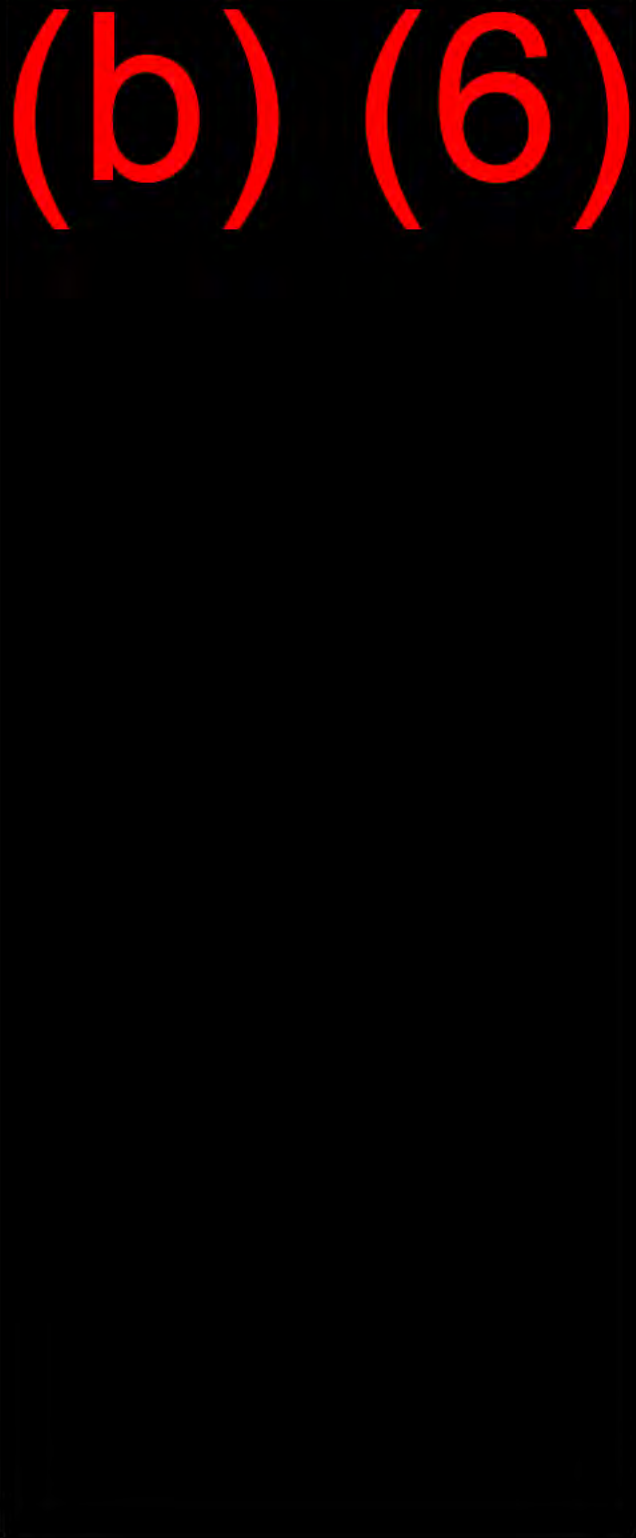
It's that kind of dedication and connection that drives Deven to help his fellow wounded service members today as both a Wounded Warrior Project spokesperson and a member of the National Speaker's Association.

"I want other injured warriors to understand there is life outside of the military. My brother Erik is the perfect example. He motivates me to keep going every day. He never lets anything get him down."

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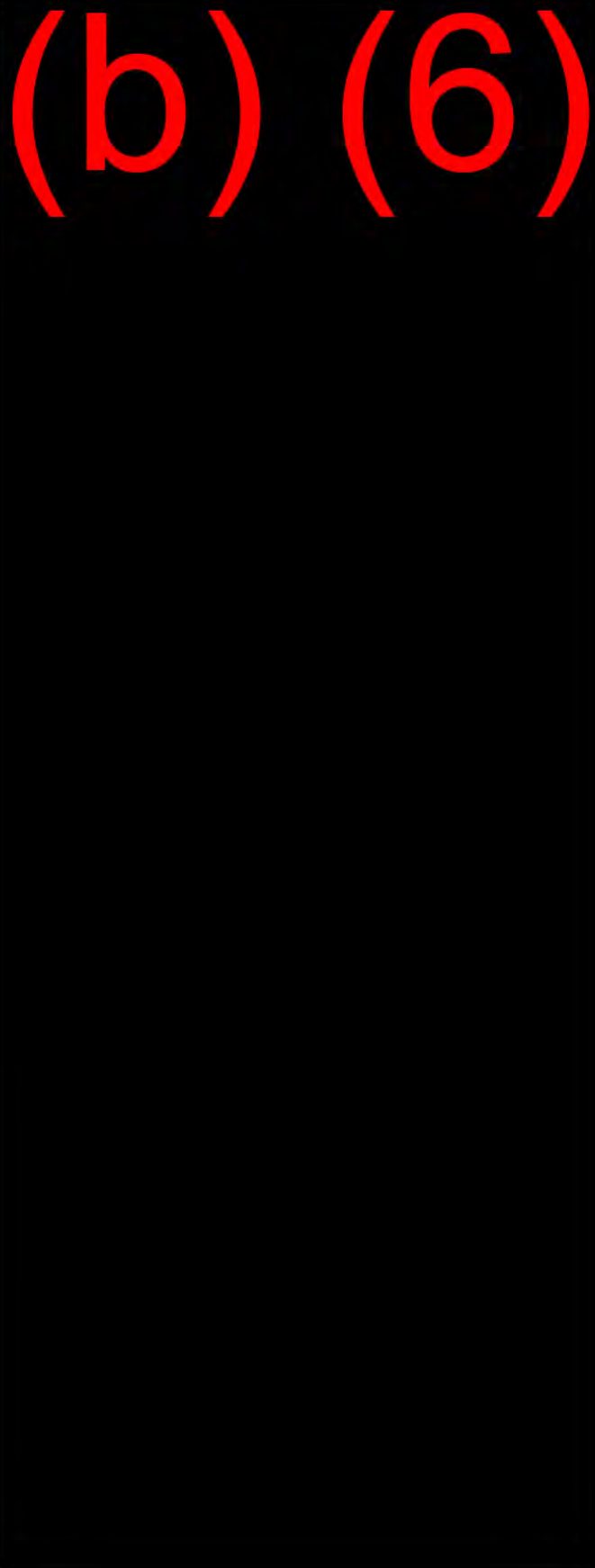
WOUNDED WARRIORS LIST

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VIP INVITE



The President  
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*Together with partners in the military and veteran communities,  
we will highlight our shared commitment  
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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Meeting**

**DATE:** Friday, April 7, 2017, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

**FROM:** Tim Williams, OIEA

**SUBJECT:** Mission and goals of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, NFWF.

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Since our creation by Congress in 1984, NFWF has become one of the world's largest conservation grant-makers. We work with both the public and private sectors to protect and restore our nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats.

NFWF supports conservation efforts in all 50 states and U.S. territories. Our projects – more than 16,000 since our founding – are rigorously evaluated and awarded to some of the nation's largest environmental organizations, as well as some of the smallest. We neither advocate nor litigate. Instead, NFWF focuses on bringing all parties to the table, getting results, and building a better future for our world. Financial commitments to our conservation mission since our founding now top \$3.8 billion.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Attendees:

- Jeff Trandahl, NFWF Executive Director & CEO
- John faraci, NFWF Board Chair

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Park Public Service Announcement**

**DATE:** April 10, 2017

**TIME:** 03:00 - 04:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Recording of 'Park Public Service Announcement'

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**II. ATTACHMENTS**

Draft version of comments from Comms

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

April 7, 2017, 11:00 - 11:30 am

**SUBJECT:** Meet Ray Chavez & Richard Rovesk

## **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Meet Ray Chavez, oldest survivor of Pearl Harbor and Richard Rovesk, founder of Spirit of Liberty Foundation

## **II. BACKGROUND**

Ray Chavez turned 105 on March 11, 2017. He was born in San Bernardino, California in 1912 and worked on fields and nurseries growing up. He married in his early 20s to his wife, Margaret (who died in the 1980s), and had a baby girl, eventually joining the Navy at 27, where he was assigned to the minesweeper USS Condor at Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, he was asleep in his bed in nearby Ewa Beach when he heard the bomb raid start. He immediately hitched a ride with a friend to the harbor where he spent the next nine days on duty — witnessing unimaginable tragedy.

The 104-year-old eventually moved up to the rank of chief and served on delivery ships bringing tanks to Marines in the Pacific. But he retired in 1945 after experiencing PTSD.

In 1955, he lost his daughter, son-in-law and baby granddaughter when the family was suddenly killed in a car crash. But, two years later, the couple brought home Kathleen from a San Diego orphanage, and their lives changed forever.

### Spirit of Liberty Foundation

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works to support and honor our American Heroes heroes and their families through of variety of programs and events each year.

They also have the American Warrior Brands™ is a consumer products company founded to provide meaningful jobs and income for members of our Armed Forces who have been wounded in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their goal is to become a major food manufacturer.



**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Meeting with Mike Liburdu & Kirk Adams, AZ Governor Office**

**DATE:** Date of Memo

**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number

**SUBJECT:** Short statement of topic being briefed

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

From AZ Governor Doug Ducey office:

- Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff
- Mike Liburdi, General Counsel

The opening sentence should clearly state the purpose of the memo (i.e. to inform/update the Secretary (i.e. to inform the Secretary about an issue, topic, or event he has a need to be aware of). Briefing memos should NOT raise issues for decision.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

**III. DISCUSSION**

1. Indian gaming compact issues in Arizona, especially as they affect the Phoenix metro area.
2. The positive role the State might be able to play in the NGS closure scenario.
3. The drought issues on the Colorado River and the role of the State in addressing the same.

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

Provide a look-ahead with a bulleted list of future steps being taken, or should be taken related to this issue.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

If this is a cover memo as part of a longer briefing, attach the briefing and supplemental materials.



# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Forrest Lucas Meeting April 11, 2017, 2:00 pm

**DATE:** April 10, 2017  
**FROM:** Downey Magallanes, Office of the Secretary, 202-501-0654  
**SUBJECT:** Items of interest to Forest Lucas, CEO of Lucas Oil

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This memo is to provide an overview of the issues of interest to Forest Lucas.

### II. BACKGROUND

Forrest Lucas is founder and CEO of Lucas Oil and is also very engaged on public lands issues. He requested a meeting with you to discuss the Wild Horse and Burro program (WHB), grazing access issues, and National Monuments.

Attendees:

- Forrest Lucas, CEO of Lucas Oil
- Romona Hage Morrison, acts as a consultant for Forest Lucas
- Dave Duquette, acts as a consultant for Forest Lucas
- KK Jense, Proof Research- White Fish, MT
- Larry Murphy, CEO of Proof Research- White Fish, MT
- John Clements, Proof Research- White Fish, MT
- Brian Kelly, BK Strategies

### III. DISCUSSION

This will cover a broad overview of public lands issues. As such it will mostly be mostly a listening session and opportunity to get to know Forrest Lucas.

#### Wild horse issues

- There are currently 133,000 Wild Horse and Burros (WHB) under BLM care, which is 106,000 over the limit deemed acceptable. The program cost is around \$80 million.
- 10 Western states and 27 million acres have WHB.
- Federal law requires the Department to “manage, protect, and control” WHB and authorizes the BLM to remove excess WHB from the range to sustain public lands, however an annual appropriations rider prohibits the sale of WHB without limitation and the destruction of healthy animals. We are exploring legislative action to reenact the ‘sale without limits’ stipulation of the Act authorizing the program.

#### National Monuments

- You have stated publically that you are looking at all existing monuments. However because nothing has been finalized, you should only state that the President is currently exploring his authority under the Antiquities Act.

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
MEETING WITH MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
THE HONORABLE JAMES CARR**

FROM: Karen Senhadji, Director, Office of International Affairs, PMB, 202-208-5479

**I. PURPOSE**

On April 12, you will have a call with the Canadian Minister of Natural Resources, the Honorable James “Jim” Carr. This meeting will be an opportunity to become personally acquainted with one of DOI’s most important international partners, and to reinforce cooperation on activities of mutual benefit that include promoting safe and sustainable energy development, conducting earth science research, and managing wildland fires. The Minister was in Washington, DC the week of March 27 and had requested an in-person meeting with you, but unfortunately your schedules did not align. You had a call with one of Minister Carr’s cabinet colleagues – Environment and Climate Change Minister McKenna – on March 8.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources

Ministry Staff, TBD

Karen Senhadji, Director, Office of International Affairs, DOI (?)

Ryan Close, Senior International Policy Advisor, Office of International Affairs, DOI (?)

Tim Williams, Special Assistant to the Secretary, DOI

**III. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

- 2017 marks Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation (the British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick federally united into one Dominion on July 1, 1867).
- The Liberal Party of Canada won a majority in 2015, and has made U.S. cooperation a priority. Prime Minister Trudeau visited Washington, DC on February 2017.
- James Carr was sworn in as Minister of Natural Resources on November 4, 2015.
- Natural Resource Canada (NRCan) seeks to enhance the responsible development and use of Canada’s natural resources, as well as the competitiveness of Canada’s natural resource products. It focuses on four primary areas: energy; earth sciences (through the work of the Geological Survey of Canada); minerals and metals; and, forestry.
- Minister Carr is responsible for both NRCan activities and for the National Energy Board, which is Canada’s federal energy regulator. The Board’s jurisdiction includes regulation of the export and import of natural gas, as well as oil and gas activities on frontier lands and offshore areas not covered by federal/provincial management agreements. NRCan is not a regulator but instead provides energy policy advice.

**IV. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS**

- Express regret that you were not able to meet the Minister in person while he was in Washington, DC the week of March 27.
- Thank the Minister for his congratulations and for prioritizing this relationship.
- Congratulate Canada on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Confederation.

- Note the strong collaboration between DOI and Canadian counterparts, underscoring that the special relationship with Natural Resources Canada is a top priority for DOI.
- Express interest in learning more about Canada's desire to balance energy development with environmental commitments.
- Underscore the strong and collaborative relationship with Canada on safety and environmental performance for offshore oil and gas.
- Express interest in finding opportunities for enhanced geoscience collaboration to support joint U.S.-Canada priorities, such as on energy and mineral resources, hydrological monitoring, and geological hazards.
- Thank the Minister for the long-standing and very successful bilateral cooperation on wildland fire management.
- Encourage the federal government of Canada to take the necessary steps to begin renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty.
- Welcome opportunities to increase cooperation on supporting indigenous communities.

## V. BACKGROUND

Together with Mexico, Canada is DOI's most important international partner. The long and interactive border between the U.S. and Canada requires close collaboration to achieve domestic objectives and implement DOI policies. Since DOI does not have an exact equivalent in the Canadian Government, this cooperation occurs with a range of partners. The agencies that are most comparable to DOI are Natural Resources Canada (Minister James Carr); Environment and Climate Change Canada (Minister Catherine McKenna); and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (Minister Carolyn Bennett). Additionally, since individual provinces have jurisdiction over natural resources, significant collaboration occurs with provincial and local stakeholders.

DOI cooperates with NRCan on a wide range of subjects, including the following:

**Oil and Gas Activities.** DOI collaborates with Canada on issues related to the safe and responsible exploration and development of offshore oil and gas, and it shares considerable environmental, oil spill preparedness, and engineering research with Canadian counterparts both at the federal and provincial levels.<sup>1</sup> As an example, DOI and Canadian partners founded the U.S.-Canada Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum in 2008 to encourage sharing of research to support decision-making for oil and gas activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjoining areas (North Slope of Alaska and Mackenzie Valley, Canada).

In addition to bilateral engagement, DOI participates with Canadian counterparts in a number of multilateral mechanisms that foster cooperation and information sharing on energy development matters. These include the International Offshore Petroleum Environmental Regulators, a group

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<sup>1</sup> As of February 2017, the Canadian government has 2.2 million hectares licensed in the Canadian Beaufort Sea, comprising 13 exploration licenses and 48 significant discovery licenses. The United States has 42 active oil and gas leases covering approximately 80,636 hectares in its portion of the Beaufort Sea and an additional lease covering approximately 2,304 hectares in the adjacent Chukchi Sea.

of national and provincial government environmental regulators focused on improving environmental performance in the global offshore petroleum exploration and production industry; the International Upstream Forum, which brings together international government regulators to discuss current offshore oil and gas issues, policy challenges, and best practices; the International Regulators' Forum, which promotes global offshore safety; and the Arctic Offshore Regulators Forum, a forum that DOI played a leading role in establishing in order to promote safe and environmentally-responsible offshore energy development in the Arctic.

**Renewable Energy Activities.** Natural Resources Canada is looking to advance offshore renewable energy, and has solicited input from DOI's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) regarding the U.S. regulatory framework. NRCAN reports that Canada has the potential for as many as seven large offshore wind projects, with an expected cumulative total capacity of more than 3,000 MW, off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. A tidal energy demonstration project was recently installed in Nova Scotia's Bay of Fundy, where additional projects are expected to be deployed over the coming years. On the Pacific coast, assessments continue to reveal the potential long-term contribution of wave energy to British Columbia's electricity supply.

Meanwhile, the Columbia River Treaty outlines hydropower operations, compensation strategies and flood risk curtailment in the Columbia River basin. The treaty's flood control provisions, affecting both countries, are set to change in the coming years. U.S. states, Indian tribes and the government of British Columbia, have called for negotiations to begin. These negotiations could strengthen the relationship between our respective Administrations and highlight cross-border cooperation on balancing flood control, energy development and environmental commitments.

**Science Cooperation.** The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) collaborates with Canadian counterparts on virtually every aspect of earth science research. USGS has an MOU with NRCAN to facilitate cooperation on earth sciences, such as via joint mineralogy surveys; scientist-to-scientist engagement on wildlife diseases such as avian flu; and collaborative water measurement and monitoring (which itself has been occurring for over a century). Because Canada is a world leader in the production of mineral resources, including cobalt, uranium, nickel, platinum, and tungsten, we are actively engaged in minerals data exchange. USGS and the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) cooperate on many projects involving mineral resources and geologic and geographic mapping. USGS and GSC are discussing opportunities for enhanced geoscience collaboration on other areas of mutual trans-border and continental-scale interest including energy resources, hydrologic monitoring, geological hazards (earthquakes, landslides, coastal), and developing a standardized geologic mapping nomenclature, particularly for Alaska and the Yukon. Future coordination may include energy research for a secure and sustainable energy supply, improving publically accessible hydrologic information on shared water resources and reducing flood and drought risks, natural disaster risk reduction including a bilateral earthquake early warning system for trans-border events, and developing common standards for minerals information data. USGS has collaborated further with GSC since 2007 in joint mapping of the Arctic Ocean between Alaska and Canada to understand our respective extended continental shelves under Article 76 of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

**Wildland Fire Management.** DOI's land management bureaus and the Forest Service have a

longstanding mutual aid arrangement with Canada for wildfire assistance. Requests for Canadian assistance are made when U.S. resources are depleted, shortages are projected, or urgency requires immediate support. Canadian resources that are generally needed in the United States include crews, mid-level fire managers, air-tankers, and helicopters. Those same types of resources are available from the United States for Canada during times of exceptionally high fire activity. The two countries have provided mutual assistance nearly every year for decades (formally since 1982), and most recently shared resources in the summer of 2016. Along with USDA and the State Department, DOI is working with NRCan to broaden the existing arrangement on wildland fire management to cover pre-suppression cooperation as well.

## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Bio for Jim Carr
2. Canada Country Overview

**ATTACHMENT 1: Bio for Jim Carr**

**The Honorable James Gordon (“Jim”) Carr  
Minister of Natural Resources**



**Current Tenure:** Carr was named natural resources minister in the Liberal cabinet of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on November 4, 2015.

**Professional Background:** Jim Carr has been a business and community leader in Winnipeg for more than 30 years. Jim began his career as a musician, as an oboist, and trustee with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. He then moved on to journalism, working as a reporter and columnist with the Winnipeg Free Press as well as for CBC Radio.

Jim entered public life with the Manitoba Liberal Party in 1988, when he was elected to represent Fort Rouge in the Manitoba Legislature. He was also the deputy leader of the party. Jim later went on to become the President and founding CEO of the Business Council of Manitoba (1997-2014). In that capacity, Carr has worked with business leaders to develop policy on immigration, health care, energy, northern development, Aboriginal issues, and transportation. He helped lead the framework for the Canadian Energy Strategy, was vice chair on the board of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, served on former Manitoba Premier Gary Doer's climate change task force, and led business missions to Denmark, Finland, Israel, and India.

**Educational Background:** Carr received a Bachelor’s degree at McGill University in Political Science and History.

**Personal Details:** He is an active volunteer with a number of local, provincial, and national organizations. He is the founding co-chair of the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council, member of the board of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, member of the board of the Canada West Foundation, and member of the board of the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at the University of Manitoba.

## **ATTACHMENT 2: Canada Country Overview**

A huge country with rich natural resources, Canada became a self-governing dominion in 1867, while retaining ties to the British crown. Economically and technologically advanced, Canada nonetheless faces the long-term challenges of meeting public demands for quality improvements in health care, education, social services, and economic competitiveness, as well as responding to the particular concerns of predominantly francophone Quebec. Canada also aims to develop its diverse energy resources while maintaining its commitment to the environment. Canada is the world's second largest country in total area (with 3,855,103 mi<sup>2</sup> of land and water) and the 39th most populous (est. 36 million in 2016). The capital is Ottawa (population of 934,243 in the city itself) but the largest city is Toronto (population of 2,731,571 in the city itself). The country is divided into ten provinces and three territories. English and French are the official languages.

### **History**

The first inhabitants migrated by way of the Bering land bridge at least 15,000 years ago. The aboriginal population at the time of the first European settlements is estimated at 500,000. In the 15th century, the British and French established colonies on the Atlantic coast. Canada's indigenous peoples suffered a resulting 40-80% population decrease as a consequence of contact with European diseases. From the late 18th century, European Canadians encouraged indigenous peoples to assimilate, eventually leading to forced integration and relocations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. During various conflicts, the United Kingdom gained and lost territories within British North America until the late 18th century, when it was left with what mostly geographically comprises Canada today. In 1931, Canada achieved near total independence from the United Kingdom with the Statute of Westminster. Canada's post-war economic growth, combined with the policies of successive Liberal governments, led to the emergence of a new Canadian identity, marked by the adoption of the current Maple Leaf Flag in 1965 and the implementation of official bilingualism in 1969. Canada attained full sovereignty when the Canada Act 1982 removed the last remaining ties of legal dependence on the British parliament.

### **Government**

Canada is a federal parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy. The current head of government is Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Elections are held at least every four years; after a round of legislative elections, the leader of the majority party or majority coalition in the House of Commons is generally designated prime minister. Queen Elizabeth II is the head of state and is represented by Governor General David Johnston. The governor general is appointed by the monarch on the advice of the prime minister for a five-year term.

### **U.S.-Canada Relations**

The U.S.-Canada bilateral relationship, defined by our deep economic ties and shared cultural heritage, is one of the closest and most extensive in the world. Our two countries share the world's longest unfortified border (5,525 miles). The high volume of bilateral trade and cross-border movement reflects the close relationship: more than \$2 billion in goods and services, and about 300,000 people cross between our two countries every day. Approximately 90% of

Canada's population is concentrated within 100 miles of the U.S. border. In fields ranging from security and law enforcement to environmental protection to free trade, the two countries work closely together on multiple levels, from federal to local. Our comprehensive trading and investment relationship supports millions of jobs in each country. Canada is the single largest foreign supplier of energy to the United States. The United States is Canada's largest foreign investor, and Canada is the third-largest foreign investor in the United States. Bilateral trade disputes are managed through bilateral consultative forums or referral to NAFTA or World Trade Organization dispute resolution procedures.

The United States and Canada cooperate to resolve and manage transboundary environmental and water issues. A principal instrument of this cooperation is the International Joint Commission, established under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty. The two countries cooperate on a range of bilateral fisheries issues and international high seas governance initiatives, and are both founding members of the Arctic Council. Our countries dispute demarcation of the international boundary within the Beaufort Sea, as well as the status of the Northwest Passage, but continue to work cooperatively to survey the Arctic continental shelf, and these disagreements have not negatively impacted the U.S.-Canada relationship in other contexts.

### **Environment**

Canada stretches from the Atlantic in the east to the Pacific in the west to the Arctic in the north. Canada has more fresh water than any other country: almost 9% of its territory is water. Canada has at least 2, possibly over 3 million lakes. Much of the Canadian Arctic is covered by ice and permafrost. Canada has the longest coastline in the world, with a total length of approximately 125,000 miles. Canada is geologically active, with many earthquakes and potentially active volcanoes. Current environmental concerns include metal smelting, coal-burning utilities, and vehicle emissions that impact agricultural and forest productivity; air pollution and resulting acid rain that severely affects lakes and damage forests; and ocean and fresh waters that are becoming contaminated due to agricultural, industrial, mining, and forestry activities.





**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**DOI Revenue Streams**

**DATE:** April 12, 2017

**FROM:** Olivia B. Ferriter  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition  
Office of Policy, Management and Budget  
202-208-4881

**SUBJECT:** Background Briefing on Interior Revenue Activities

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide background information about the Department of the Interior's revenue activities.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The Department of the Interior reported \$9.0 billion in revenue or receipts for FY 2016. Funding coming into the Department comes from a variety of sources and includes: revenue from resource management activities, fees for service, recreation fees, rents, donations, and settlement funds held in Trust. All revenue coming into the Department is authorized by law and designated for specific purposes.

**III. DISCUSSION**

During the meeting we will discuss: incoming revenue by major component and the types of activities which generate funding; how the revenue is used and where it is distributed; and what to consider if contemplating changes to existing revenue programs or establishing a new one.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**Palmer Luckey & Charles Johnson**

**April 12, 2017, 12:30 PM**

**DATE:** April 11, 2017

**FROM:** Downey Magallanes, Office of the Secretary, 202-501-0654

**SUBJECT:** Below is background on Palmer Luckey and Charles Johnson

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This memo provides background information on Palmer Luckey and Charles Johnson, who are coming in to meet with you to discuss ideas in relation to the Border Wall.

**II. BACKGROUND**

**III. DISCUSSION**

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Meeting with Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017

**FROM:** Ben Keel, Political- Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Navajo Nation Overview

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

While the meeting has been presented as a general discussion with President Begaye concerning the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) in Arizona, the possibility arises that President Begaye will want to address additional issues. This Memo will cover a few topics that the Navajo Nation has signaled to others that they wish to address

**II. BACKGROUND**

As President of the Navajo Nation, Russell Begaye heads the largest Reservation in the US and the 2nd largest by population. President Begaye was elected in 2015 and shares some authority with the Speaker of the Navajo Council.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Attached is a memo listing a few items that may be brought up by President Begaye.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

While no direct outcomes are expected, the Secretary may feel that further issues may need further follow up to insure an informed decision is made.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

See Attached.

**Navajo Nation Briefing Memo**

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Meeting with Navajo Nation President Russell Begay

Possible topics for discussion that may arise during Wednesday's meeting with Navajo Nation President Russell Begay.

### Overview:

While the meeting has been presented as a general discussion with President Begay concerning the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) in Arizona, the possibility arises that President Begay will want to address additional issues. This Memo will cover a few topics that the Navajo Nation has signaled to others that they wish to address.

- 1. NGS.** Unemployment figures on the Navajo Reservation have hovered around 40%. With more youth attending college and finding higher paying jobs off the reservation, the Navajo Nation views the closure of NGS as a threat to the existence of the Reservation. NGS is one of the few sources of Economic Development of the western edge of the Reservation that is not directly funded by the Nation. Salaries from NGS support extended families and in some cases are the only means of disposable income. The Navajo are worried that a closure would strain Tribal resources beyond their capabilities. President Begay will repeat the refrain that if the Trump Administration truly supports Coal then they must support Navajo and Hopi Coal. President Begay will use any and all negotiating leverage he has to keep NGS open.
- 2. Bears Ears.** Privately, President Begay and his staff have commented that Bears Ears is not a High Priority for the Nation but that publically, they have to maintain an appearance of protecting significant historical areas that are meaningful to the Tribe. Tribal Members are sensitive to the threat that they would be prohibited from accessing lands for religious purposes, including harvesting firewood for ceremonies, under any agreement. Above all, the Navajo wish to be involved in the Bears Ears Advisory Council. Navajo will advocate for a spot on the Advisory Council to assist in developing a Management Plan and will wish to have the ability to decide who represents the Nation.
- 3. Canyon De Chelly Lawsuit.** The Navajo Nation is currently engaged in a lawsuit with NPS concerning remains and funeral artifacts found at Canyon De Chelly National Monument in the 1930's. While the recent dispute dates to 1996, in 2011 the Navajo sued NPS in Federal Court for their return. NPS position in court filings is that, due to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act or NAGPRA, they are prohibited from releasing the items until they can determine the origins of the items. Navajo is taking a position that since the items were found on the Navajo Nation, they and not NPS should be able to decide the outcome of the items. The Navajo Nation has stated in court filings that they wish to rebury the remains as soon as possible.
- 4. Navajo Indian Irrigation Project.** Congress established the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project in the 1960's exclusively for Navajo water development on lands on or next to the Navajo Reservation. The Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for the design and construction of irrigation facilities through the turnouts at the individual farm units. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, in cooperation with the Navajo Nation, is responsible for developing the farm units, farm distribution systems, drainage, and farm-to-market roads. The Navajo concern is that the project will be subjected to budget cuts. President Begay will likely ask for a separate line item for the

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**Meeting with Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye**

project in DOI Budgets to protect the funding.

**5. Water Settlements.** Senator Hatch has sponsored the Navajo Utah Water Settlement Legislation in this Congress. Upon passage, President Begay is likely to seek for funding as soon as possible. President Begay recently tied water settlement funding to future Economic Development for the Nation to offset the potential closure of NGS.

Additionally, the Navajo and Hopi are in dispute over the Lower Colorado River Water Settlement. Senator McCain is currently acting as a mediator on the issue and is trying to steer both parties toward the Udall Foundation U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to reach a solution.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Terry Maple Meeting**

**DATE:** Date of Memo

**FROM:** Author – Name, title, office, phone number

**SUBJECT:** Short statement of topic being briefed

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The opening sentence should clearly state the purpose of the memo (i.e. to inform/update the Secretary (i.e. to inform the Secretary about an issue, topic, or event he has a need to be aware of). Briefing memos should NOT raise issues for decision.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

Provide a look-ahead with a bulleted list of future steps being taken, or should be taken related to this issue.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

If this is a cover memo as part of a longer briefing, attach the briefing and supplemental materials.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**NEC Principals Meeting: Infrastructure**

**DATE:** April 11, 2017

**FROM:** Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor, 202-208-2409

**SUBJECT:** White House NEC Meeting on the President's Infrastructure Initiative  
10:30 am to 11:30 am, Roosevelt Room, White House

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

You will be attending the White House National Economic Council meeting to update and discuss the President's Infrastructure Initiative. This is a Principals Only meeting.

**II. BACKGROUND**

On March 1, 2017, the White House issued a memo highlighting the policy process the White House National Economic Council (NEC) is going to use to structure the President's infrastructure initiative. Key points in the memo were:

- America's infrastructure is a linchpin of economic growth, and yet a lack of investment and a byzantine permitting system have left us with crumbling, under-performing infrastructure assets.
- As part of the President's infrastructure plan, we will be using federal funds to help advance projects of national importance
- We will be assembling a list of major projects currently in development that can be expedited through focused Executive action, with a particular focus on projects with either a high value in terms of the monetary cost of delivery and/or a high value in terms of economic impact.
- To address this challenge, we are asking you to work with your policy and legal teams to develop a list of policy changes that would help expedite and streamline the delivery of infrastructure.
- Unnecessary regulations are a hidden tax on every American -- they limit innovation, slow projects, add costs, and frustrate project developers.

**III. DISCUSSION**

As a follow-up to the initial March 2, 2017 meeting, this event will discuss:

- The federal government's role in infrastructure.
- How we count to \$1 trillion.
- Do we create an infrastructure bank?
- How do we finance infrastructure plan?

**IV. NEXT STEPS**



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## NEC Principals Meeting: Infrastructure

In preparing for this initiative, the Department has identified a number of reforms that could expedite project delivery.

- Multi-year Appropriations and Contracting Authority: Providing blanket authority for multi-year appropriations and multi-year contracting will reduce costs and expedite projects by limiting the administrative burden required to implement major construction projects in phases due to internal contracting rules or funding limits.
- Promoting Flexibilities in Meeting NEPA, ESA, NHPA, and Tribal Consultation Requirements: Compliance with Federal environmental review and authorization actions, and the requirements of consultations with Sovereign Tribal Governments, can be viewed as a barrier to project development.
- Davis-Bacon Act Implementation: Nationwide, the Davis-Bacon Act, which sets standards for paying a local prevailing wage for construction projects, is implemented differently by Federal agencies.
- Small Business Act Implementation: The Small Business Administration establishes different contracting goals for every Federal agency. The statutory goals for small business accomplishments could be used as the standard for all agencies.
- Funding Full Life-Cycle of Infrastructure Projects for Maintenance and Repairs: Deferred maintenance impacts the condition of critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, tunnels, water systems, dams and other public assets that contribute to national and local economies and public safety, including those in highly visited national parks and refuges.

In order to maximize utilization of scarce infrastructure funding, a minimum percentage of annual appropriations should be directed towards maintenance and repairs of our existing asset portfolio.

- Alternative financing, such as non-federal and private investment in federal projects, is an important tool that the Bureau of Reclamation is exploring to meet its growing infrastructure demands in the most timely and cost-effective manner.

### V. ATTACHMENTS

1. March 1 memo from the White House on Presidential Infrastructure Initiative.
2. Slides from the March 2, 2017 Principals Meeting.
3. DOI Planning for Potential Infrastructure Initiative.

# SHENANDOAH FACT SHEET

April 2016

## Important Dates

May 22, 1926 - Date Authorized

December 26, 1935 - Date Established

July 3, 1936 - Park dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Lands Information

Albemarle County	14,681.16
Augusta County	12,269.42
Greene County	15,284.65
Madison County	33,106.22
Page County	38,613.77
Rappahannock County	31,856.33
Rockingham County	37,968.58
Warren County	<u>13,658.63</u>
Total acreage	197,438.76

## Facilities

### ● Roads and Trails

236 miles of roads, including 105 miles of Skyline Drive

75 overlooks

516 miles of hiking trails, including 200 miles of designated horse trails and 101 miles of Appalachian Trail

### ● National Park Service Facilities

4 entrance stations

2 visitor centers

2 boundary contact stations (weekend only)

4 campgrounds

Mathews Arm Campground 179 sites

Big Meadows Campground 217 sites

Lewis Mountain Campground 32 sites

Loft Mountain Campground 219 sites

7 picnic areas

### ● DNC Parks and Resorts at Shenandoah, Inc.

3 lodging facilities - 285 rooms total

Skyland – 179 rooms

Big Meadows Lodge – 97 rooms

Lewis Mountain – 10 rooms

3 waysides

- 5 food service outlets
- 7 merchandise outlets
- 1 gas station
- 2 conference facilities (Big Meadows and Skyland)
- 1 stable for trail rides
- Guided hiking and rock climbing

- **Potomac Appalachian Trail Club**

- 6 backcountry cabins

## **Natural and Cultural Resources**

- **Cultural Resources**

- 2 National Historic Landmark (Rapidan Camp & Skyline Drive National Historic Landmark District)
  - 1 Structure (Corbin Cabin) individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places
  - 349 Buildings and structures included on the List of Classified Structures
  - 609 Significant, recorded archeological sites, 5 of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places
  - 100+ cemeteries

- **Plants**

- 1406 Species of plants
  - 1046 Native place species
  - 360 Non-native plant species
    - 41 considered invasive, non-native species
  - 30 Native plant communities (or “associations”) described by the National Vegetation Classification System
  - 62 State rare plant species
  - 8 Globally rare plant species
  - 10 Globally rare plant community types
  - 1650 Non-vascular plant species

- 95% of park forested

- **Animals**

- 53 species of mammals
    - 36 species of small mammals
    - 17 species of mid/large mammals
  - 38 species of fish
    - 10 species game fish (3 Species of trout)
    - 28 species of non-game fish
  - 26 species of reptiles
    - 18 snakes (2 species of venomous snakes)
    - 5 turtles

3 lizard

24 species of amphibians  
10 toads and frogs  
14 salamanders and newts

Over 200 species of birds  
Largest Bird - Wild Turkey  
Longest Wing Span – Golden Eagle  
State-Threatened Species- Peregrine Falcon (breeding)  
Bald Eagle (occasional)

### **Geologic Resources and Topography**

Three primary bedrock types – granitic, siliciclastic, basaltic  
Over 60 peaks with elevation over 3,000 feet  
Highest peak - Hawksbill at 4,049 feet  
Lowest elevation - 561 feet near the north end

### **Water Resources**

Over 90 streams  
Highest waterfall - Overall Run - 93 feet  
Most visited waterfall - Dark Hollow Falls - 70 feet

### **Weather**

Temperatures range from -10° to 100°  
Precipitation Average: 40-50 inches annually

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**(event)**

**DATE:** 4.21.2017

**FROM:** Katharine MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary - Lands and Minerals  
Management - 208-3671

**SUBJECT:** Short statement of topic being briefed

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# Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable

DATE: Monday, April 24, 2017  
LOCATION: Shenandoah National Park  
TIME: 0700 - 1?  
FROM: NPS/ASFWP

## I. PURPOSE

To participate in a discussion with the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable.

## II. PARTICIPANTS

- Doug Domenech, Special Assistant to the Secretary
- Virginia Johnson, Special Assistant to the Secretary
- Michael Reynolds, Acting Director, National Park Service
- Teresa (Teri) Austin, Associate Director, Business Services
- Derrick Crandall, President, American Recreation Coalition

## III. AGENDA

07:45 Depart Washington, DC, for Thornton Gap (82.2 miles) via I-66 West to U.S. 29 South to Route 211 West.

Note: limited to no cell phone service between Warrenton and Skyland; the entrance station has a private office with land line which can be used by the Secretary, if needed.

09:30 Arrive Shenandoah National Park: Thornton Gap Entrance Station (Milepost 32). The park ranger will be expecting you and the other DOI attendees. Proceed south on Skyline Drive to Skyland Resort at Milepost 42 (11 miles)

10:00 Arrive Skyland Resort Conference Hall

Joined by DOI, ASFWP, and NPS staff:

- Doug Domenech, Special Assistant to the Secretary
- Virginia Johnson, Special Assistant to the Secretary
- Michael Reynolds, Acting Director, National Park Service
- Teresa (Teri) Austin, Associate Director, Business Services

Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable

- Derrick Crandall, President, American Recreation Coalition

Welcome and Brief History of Skyland

# Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable

- Claire Comer, Shenandoah National Park, Park Ranger
- Jennifer Flynn, Shenandoah National Park, Superintendent
- Michael Reynolds, Acting Director, National Park Service

Meeting info:

Action Document:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bwyoi1bvXgAsemhoQ1FsZmdzYkU>

12:00 Lunch with ORIR Group

Note: The Shenandoah National Park Association and the park can pay for the lunches for the DOI and NPS traveling party. The Shenandoah Association is the park's non-profit education partner that operated the bookstores in the 2 park visitor centers and donates back a portion of its profits to the park for education and interpretation programs; an amount is set aside for park use (e.g., snacks and lunches for meetings)

12:35 Depart Skyland Conference Hall for DC

#### **IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

See attached list of park facts.

#### **V. TALKING POINTS/REMARKS**

#### **VI. BACKGROUND**

See attachments on Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable.

Who is ORIR: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bwyoi1bvXgAsZWtJM0l3VIJxcjg>

#### **VII. ATTACHMENTS**

[Park map](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bwyoi1bvXgAscjJUREw5VVNycFk) (on google drive) <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bwyoi1bvXgAscjJUREw5VVNycFk>

Park Fact Sheet (on google drive)

<https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1UtyPxMM6aGiJptTfJFkxrYBRz5GacPEtRGQR0FudAQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable Participants

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bwyoi1bvXgAsNGh1bjg1dTRWM2c>

April 21, 2017

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**(event)**

**DATE:** April 24, 2017

**FROM:** Amanda Kaster-Averill, Special Assistant, Congressional Affairs, 208-3337

**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Chairman Gerald Gray, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Chairman Gerald Gray of the Little Shell Tribe of Montana is in DC this week and wanted to briefly sit down with you to congratulate you on your confirmation as Secretary of the Interior. The Chairman and his lobbying team, Josh Clause and Casey Sixkiller, will also be in attendance.

**II. BACKGROUND**

In addition to offering congratulations, the Chairman will discuss their federal recognition bill, S.39, a bill to extend the Federal recognition of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes. Introduced by Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines, the bill passed out of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs unanimously on February 8, 2017. Further floor action is unclear at this point in time.

The Chairman may also take the opportunity to update you on their progress going through the revised Part 83 Federal Recognition process.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Please refrain from *any* conversations regarding federal recognition outside of the Part 83 process or efforts for Congressional approval.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

None at this point in time.



**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY  
(event)**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
**LOCATION:** National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20045  
**TIME:** 8:00 a.m - 8:45 a.m.  
**FROM:** Wadi Yakhour, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Advance, (b) (6)

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) will be holding a conference focusing on the “outdoor recreation economy.” You have been invited to speak on the topic of outdoor recreation and its benefits to our nation. The Outdoor Industry Association is a membership-driven trade organization for the outdoor industry. In collaboration with their members, they are a force for the industry in recreation and trade policy, sustainable business innovation and increasing outdoor participation.

**II. PROGRAM DETAILS**

**ATTIRE:** Business  
**Press:** Open

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

- Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
- Amy Roberts, Outdoor Industry, Association Executive Director
- Eric Artz, REI, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- Whit Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Pres and CEO
- Rep. Mike Simpson, (R) Idaho 2nd District

**IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>7:35 a.m.:</b>	Depart Residence
<b>7:55 a.m.:</b>	Arrive at National Press Club
<b>8:00 a.m.:</b>	Amy Roberts remarks
<b>8:13 a.m.:</b>	Introduction by Amy Roberts
<b>8:15 a.m.:</b>	Secretary Zinke remarks
<b>8:45 a.m.:</b>	End Secretary Zinke remarks
<b>8:50 a.m.:</b>	Depart National Press Club

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

**TAB A:** Event Outline and Details  
**TAB B:** Participant Biographies

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**(event)**

**TAB A**

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY  
(event)**

**Weather:**

Washington, DC

Rain likely, thunder probable  
High 59F/Low 56F

**Time Zone:**

Washington, DC

Eastern Standard Time

**Advance:**

Security Advance  
Site Advance

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Wadi Yakhour

**Cell Phone:**

(b) (6)

**Traveling Staff:**

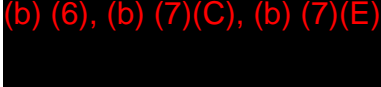
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Russell Roddy  
Meg Bloomgren  
Heather Swift

(b) (6)

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY  
(event)**

**7:35 a.m.:** **Depart Residence**  
Location: National Press Club  
529 14th St NW  
Washington, DC 20045

Vehicle Manifest: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)  


Drive time: ~ 20 minutes without traffic

**7:55 a.m.:** **Arrive at National Press Club**  
Greeted by Amy Roberts  
Hold at speakers' table at the front of the room

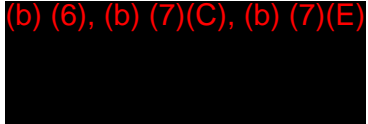
**8:00 a.m.:** **Amy Roberts remarks**

**8:13 a.m.:** **Introduction by Amy Roberts**

**8:15 a.m.:** **Secretary Zinke remarks**

**8:45 a.m.:** **End Secretary Zinke remarks**

**8:50 a.m.:** **Depart National Press Club**  
Location: Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Vehicle Manifest: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)  


Drive time: ~ 10 minutes without traffic

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
(University of Oregon involvement with USGS)**

**DATE:** 4/25/17, 03:00 pm

**FROM:** Scott Cameron, Lead Political in Water and Science, 208 0969

**SUBJECT:** The University President wants to inform the Secretary about the partnership with USGS on natural hazards research

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The University is involved in volcano monitoring and new technologies for monitoring seismic activities, both in conjunction with USGS.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory (CVO) has collaborated with University of Oregon (UO) in the establishment of monitoring networks at Three Sisters, Newberry, and Crater Lake volcanoes, and continues to coordinate monitoring and science activities with the UO at those and other Oregon volcanoes. USGS has active scientific collaborations with faculty and students at the University of Oregon's Department of Earth Sciences, on Cascade, Alaska and Yellowstone volcanoes, including co-authoring papers, serving on graduate students' thesis/dissertation committees, and hosting UO students as interns or year-round volunteers at CVO. USGS and UO researchers are serving key roles on committees responsible for organizing the upcoming International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of Earth's Interior 2017 meeting in Portland, OR. With new endowed volcanology hires likely to move forward at UO, CVO and the USGS Volcano Hazards Program looks forward to strengthening collaborations in volcanology with the UO in the near future. Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

The University of Oregon (UO), the University of Washington, and the USGS jointly operate the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN), which is a participating regional seismic network in the USGS Advanced National Seismic System. The UO team specifically provides field support for the operation of some PNSN seismic stations. UO is also partnering with the USGS in the development of the ShakeAlert west coast earthquake early warning system as a new ANSS product. The USGS Earthquake Hazards Program currently has 3 cooperative agreements with UO. One cooperative agreement is for UO's regular PNSN network operations (\$115K/year). Two cooperative agreements are for UO to improve the PNSN to support ShakeAlert and to conduct user engagement (totaling about \$470K for activities this year).

**III. NEXT STEPS**

The University is likely to request continued or increased funding for USGS natural hazards research. Although USGS is taking significant budget cuts in FY18, the natural hazards programs are faring better than most programs of USGS.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**(Meeting with Representatives Nolan and Emmer)**

**DATE:** April 25, 2017

**FROM:** Kathleen Benedetto, Special Assistant to the Secretary - BLM Hallway, Room 5650, Ph: (202) 208-5934

**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Representatives Tom Emmer (R-MN 6th) and Richard Nolan (D-MN 8th) regarding the proposed 234,328 acre withdrawal from mineral leasing, exploration, and development in the Superior National Forest, which, adversely affects their districts.

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- Provide a timeline of events that led to the proposed mineral withdrawal.
- Provide information on the Representative's requests to you, the USFS, and the BLM to rescind the USFS application to withdraw 234,328 acres from mineral development in northern Minnesota.

**II. BACKGROUND:** Both Emmer and Nolan have sent letters to you, the USFS, and the BLM requesting that the application for the withdrawal be rescinded.

- October 21, 2012, Twin Metals Minnesota (TMM) submitted an application to renew two preference right leases near the Southern boundary of the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area.
- The leases had been issued in 1996 and renewed several times.
- March 2016, DOI Solicitor Hilary Tompkins issued an 'M Opinion providing USFS and BLM discretion to grant or deny TMM lease renewal application.
- December 2016, the USFS notified the BLM they did not consent to the renewal of the hardrock mineral leases and submitted an application to withdraw 234,328 acres from mineral leasing, exploration and development.
- BLM cancelled the leases.
- 1/13/17, USFS published a Federal Register Notice of intent to prepare an EIS related the proposed withdrawal.
- 1/19/17, BLM published a Federal Register Notice segregation of the proposed withdrawal area for a two year period.
- TMM filed suit in September 2016 challenging the M Opinion, in January the suit was amended to incorporate the decision to deny the lease renewals.
- Minnesotans for Wilderness have been granted intervenor-defendant status.

**III. DISCUSSION**

- TMM has invested \$ 400 million exploring the deposit.
- BLM completed a mineral report in 2014 based on a review of 550 core holes and geophysical data, and has verified that a valuable copper/nickel deposit exists with an estimated value of \$48.9 billion.
- The American Taxpayer has significant exposure to takings litigation as a result of the USFS request and BLM's actions.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

- The Solicitor's office is preparing an 'options paper' - court filings are due 5/5/17.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Meeting with Western Governors**

**DATE:** April 25, 2017

**FROM:** Kathleen Benedetto, Special Assistant to the Secretary - BLM Hallway, Room 5650, Ph: (202) 208-5934

**SUBJECT:** Three Governors and their Staff are meeting with you to discuss Greater Sage Grouse Plans and other Western Land Issues.

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** - You are meeting with the following Governors:

- Governor John Hickenlooper (CO) with John Swartout, Staffer
- Governor Mead (WY) with Nephi Cole, Staffer
- Governor Sandoval (NV) with staff

**II. BACKGROUND**

- These are three of the four governor's that attended Secretary Jewell's announcement in Colorado on the FWS decision not to list the Greater Sage-grouse in September 2015.

**III. DISCUSSION**

- Both WY and NV have state plans for the conservation of the Greater Sage-grouse.
- NV's plan was one of the alternatives considered in the Sagebrush Focal Area Draft-EIS (NV's plan includes extensive mineral withdrawals).
- There are numerous plaintives challenging the land use plans in NV and WY, the governors of those respective states are not part of the litigation, however, the Attorney General of NV is.

**IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

Gov Hickenlooper (CO) and Mead (WY) ask that the Secretary " meet with the Governors represented on the Task Force to discuss options for GRSG and the sagebrush ecosystem before making any decisions, and further that your staff at Interior engage the structure in place with the Task Force to discuss policy considerations and vet any potential concepts for change."

Brian Sandoval (NV) -

" ... I ask that you find the No Action Alternative as the preferred action and vacate the tempory segregation enacted by Secretary Sally Jewell in 2015."

"Please accept this letter as my recommendation that the 'No Action Alternative' for the proposed SFA mineral withdrawal is the only defensible alternative analyzed in the DEIS. The proposed withdrawal action represents an unprecedented overreach of federal regulation through withdrawal of approximately 2.7 million acres in Nevada and ..."

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Letter from Colorado Governor Hickenlooper and Wyoming Governor Mead
- B. Letter from Nevada Governor Sandoval
- C. Attachment to comments from the State of Nevada

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**SUBJECT:** Letters from Western Governors

- A. April 19, 2017. Letters from Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper and Wyoming Governor Matthew Mead both co-chairs of the Federal-State Sage Grouse Task Force, concerning modifying implementation of current conservation efforts.
- B. March 30, 2017. Letter from Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval concerning comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Sagebrush Focal Areas Withdrawal.
- C. Attachment to comments from the State of Nevada.



**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**(event)**

**DATE:** 4/27/17

**FROM:** Micah Chambers, OCL

**SUBJECT:** House Natural Resources Majority Caucus Meeting

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Secretary will meet with the entire HNRC Minority Caucus in the Natural Resources staff meeting room. The purpose is to hear the members concerns and issues.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Ranking Member Grijalva has been asking for a one-on-one meeting with the Secretary since January. At the Secretary's request, we countered with a meeting for the entire HNRC Minority Caucus. However, we did not want to do a minority meeting without offering the same to majority. Both meetings have been coordinated with Majority and Minority to keep the same parameters.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Secretary Zinke is making himself available to the committee to hear their issues and concerns from each office. Likely topics to be covered are the recent Antiquities Act EO, the proposed "dirt" tax/hard rock mining royalty and Friday's Offshore Energy EO along with the Secretary's priority of the infrastructure bill and the role DOI will play.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**(event)**

**DATE:** 4/27/17  
**FROM:** Micah Chambers, OCL  
**SUBJECT:** House Natural Resources Minority Caucus Meeting

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**II. BACKGROUND**

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**III. DISCUSSION**

Ranking Member Grijalva will introduce Secretary Zinke and recognize him for any opening remarks he may wish to make. Each member of the Caucus will then be recognized for two minutes to make remarks or ask questions of the Secretary. This will be a private meeting, with no official reporter or media present. Only the staff director will be present. Most likely, they will cover the supposed "gag order" and the lack of replies they've received from the department along with interest regarding proposed budget cuts and the Paris Climate meeting.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**TRCP Welcome Barbeque**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 27, 2017  
**LOCATION:** REI DC Flagship Store, 201 M St NE, Washington, DC 20002  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**FROM:** Wadi Yakhour, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Advance, (b) (6)

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

For the last four years, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) has hosted an annual BBQ for the Secretary to meet the sportsmen's community and informally discuss the issues of importance. You have been invited to this year's event and have been asked to briefly address the guests.

**II. PROGRAM DETAILS**

**ATTIRE:** Casual  
**PRESS:** Closed

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

- Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
- Jerry Stritzke, REI Chief Executive Officer
- KC Walsh, Simms of Bozeman Chief Executive Officer

**IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

6:15 p.m.: Depart DOI  
6:30 p.m.: Arrive REI  
6:35 p.m.: Secretary Zinke remarks  
6:45 p.m.: End Secretary Zinke remarks  
6:46 p.m.: BBQ Buffet opened  
7:00 p.m.: Jerry Stritzke and KC Walsh remarks  
7:30 p.m.: End Jerry Stritzke and KC Walsh remarks  
7:31 p.m.: Social hour/ Depart REI (If desired)  
9:00 p.m.: Event concludes

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

**TAB A:** Event Outline and Details

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**TRCP Welcome Barbeque**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**TAB A**

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**TRCP Welcome Barbeque**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**Weather:**

Washington, DC

Sunny, High 87F/Low 67F

**Time Zone:**

Washington, DC

Eastern Standard Time

**Advance:**

Site Advance

Wadi Yakhour

**Cell Phone:**

(b) (6)

**Traveling Staff:**

Agent in Charge

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Advance Lead

Russell Roddy

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**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**TRCP Welcome Barbeque**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

6:15 p.m.: Depart DOI  
Location: REI DC Flagship Store  
201 M St NE, Washington, DC 20002  
Vehicle Manifest: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)  
Security: [REDACTED]  
Drive time: ~ 15 minutes without traffic

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6:35 p.m.: Secretary Zinke remarks

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7:31 p.m.: Social hour/ Depart REI (If desired)  
Location: Residence  
Vehicle Manifest: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)  
[REDACTED]  
Drive time: ~ 15 minutes without traffic

9:00 p.m.: Event concludes

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Atlanta, GA - NRA-ILA Leadership Forum**

**DATE:** April 28, 2017

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

NRA-ILA's annual Leadership Forum is one of the most politically significant and popular events in the country, featuring our nation's top Second Amendment leaders in government, the media, and the entertainment industry. The Forum is also a must-stop for candidates seeking the highest levels of elected office – including governor, congressman, Senator, or President of the United States.

**II. PROGRAM DETAILS**

ATTIRE: business  
PRESS: open or closed

Per the U.S. SECRET SERVICE, the following items will be prohibited at the NRA-ILA Leadership Forum:

- AMMUNITION
- BACKPACKS
- BAGS LARGER THAN 18"x13"x7"
- COOLERS
- EXPLOSIVES
- FIREARMS
- GLASS, THERMAL OR METAL CONTAINERS
- GUN PARTS, HOLSTERS, MAGAZINES, ETC.
- KNIVES
- LASER POINTERS
- MACE/PEPPER SPRAY
- PACKAGES
- SELFIE STICKS
- SIGNS
- WEAPONS OF ANY KIND
- ANY OTHER ITEM DETERMINED TO BE POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARDS

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

- President Donald J Trump
- Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
- Chris W. Cox Exec Director, NRA
- Wayne Lapierre
- David A. Clarke Jr, Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
- Allen West, Lieutenant Colonel, retired
- Adam Laxalt, Nevada Attorney General
- Ted Cruz, Senator (R-TX)
- Rick Scott, Governor (R-FL)
- Clay Higgins, U.S. Representative (R-LA)
- Antonia Okafor
- Luther Strange, Senator (R-AL)
- David Perdue, Senator (R-GA)

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- non-confirmed: Rob Portman, Senator (R-OH)

**IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<b>am:</b>	Depart White House en route Andrews Air Force Base
<b>12:50-2:45</b>	<b>pm:</b>	Arrive Georgia World Congress Center & Prepare for Remarks
<b>1:30</b>	<b>pm:</b>	President Donald J. Trump
<b>2:20</b>	<b>pm:</b>	Governor Rick Scott
<b>2:35</b>	<b>pm:</b>	Senator Ted Cruz
<b>2:44-2:54</b>	<b>pm:</b>	<b>Secretary Ryan Zinke - Remarks to NRA-ILA Leadership Forum</b>
<b>3:00-3:30</b>	<b>pm:</b>	HOLD: Press
<b>3:30-4:30</b>	<b>pm:</b>	OPEN
<b>4:30-5:00</b>	<b>pm:</b>	Depart Georgia World Congress Center
<b>7:20-7:45</b>	<b>pm:</b>	Depart Andrews Air Force Base

**V. DISCUSSION**

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

<b>TAB A:</b>	Event Outline and Details
<b>TAB B:</b>	Participant Biographies
<b>TAB C</b>	: Event Schedule



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**TAB A**

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
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**Weather:**

Atlanta, GA

High 85°, Low 65°, Cloudy; 10% Chance of Precipitation

**Time Zone:**

Atlanta, GA

Eastern Standard Time (EST)

**Advance:**

Security Advance  
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Laura Rigas  
Tami Heilemann

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**Attire:**

Business Attire

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**TAB B**

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Atlanta, GA - NRA-ILA Leadership Forum**

**TAB C**

**ADVANCE MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY**  
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**Chris Cox**  
**Executive Director, NRA-ILA**

Chris Cox was appointed chief lobbyist and principal political strategist for the political and lobbying arm of the nra in April 2002. He oversees eight ila divisions: Federal Affairs; State & Local Government Affairs; Public Affairs; Grassroots; Finance; Research; Conservation; Wildlife & Natural Resources; and Office of Legislative Counsel. Chris also serves as chairman of NRA's Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF: the Association's Political Action Committee). Prior to joining the nra, he served as a senior legislative aide for a member of Congress, managing judiciary issues, including criminal justice reforms and firearms-related matters.

Chris is a familiar figure in political circles across the country. He is respected and well liked by elected officials from both sides of the aisle. An accomplished government-relations professional, he has held senior positions within ila and has been the point-person on many key nra legislative and political initiatives. A few months after being promoted to deputy director of ILA Federal Affairs Division, Chris was named the executive director of NRA-ILA.

Directing NRA's nationwide legislative and political effort, Chris develops and executes independent political campaign and legislative initiatives, coordinates national advertising and direct-mail programs and has administrative responsibility over ILA's \$20 million budget. He also serves as the Association's principal contact with key members of the administration and leaders in the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives. During the 2002 election cycle, Chris' first as NRA's chief lobbyist, he led efforts that resulted in one of the most successful election cycles on record for the NRA.

The successes of 2002, while significant, were overshadowed in 2004. Chris led the winning battle to retire the decade-old failed experiment, deceptively labeled as the "Assault Weapons Ban." The forced expiration of this law on September 13, 2004, was a major blow to the gun control lobby and to their allies in Washington, D.C. Under Chris' leadership, NRA delivered yet another setback to the gun control lobby during the 2004 elections. 95% of the NRA-PVF endorsed federal candidates and 86% of the endorsed state candidates prevailed. These margins of victory were unprecedented in the history of the NRA-ILA. Chris also devised an aggressive plan to mobilize grassroots voters with a hard-hitting earned media campaign, resulting in a higher gun owner turnout for the reelection of President George W. Bush than in 2000.

Chris is a graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and minored in business administration. He grew up hunting and fishing with his father

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and three brothers in west Tennessee.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Daily Summary - Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

Today you have 4 meetings/briefings:

11:15-12:00 pm	Interview with Salena Zito / Washington Examiner
01:00 - 02:00 pm	Wildland Fires in California
03:00 - 04:00 pm	Domestic Energy Producers Alliance Meeting
07:00 - 07:45 pm	MLK Wreath Laying Ceremony

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**TIME:** 11:15 - 12:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Interview: Salena Zito | Washington Examiner

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Interview for a general profile piece; other topics include your role as Secretary in guiding POTUS' agenda

**II. BACKGROUND**

- Zito predicted a Trump victory for several months
- 57 year old mother of two, grandmother, bicycle enthusiast
- Former political staffer of all 3 Bush presidential campaigns and Arlen Specter's Senate office
- Lives in Pittsburgh

**III. TALKING POINTS**

Provided by Comms

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Daily Summary - Tuesday, April 4, 2017

**TIME:** 01:00 pm - 02:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Wildland Fire in California

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To inform you of the wildland fire program WFP in CA. Yosemite NP, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP for a potential site visit.

Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) coordinates WFP with the Secretary, BIA, BLM, FWS, NPS.

### II. BACKGROUND

- NPS manages 410 parks and more than 84 million acres of land.
- Of the over 84 million acres of land, 53 million acres have burnable vegetation.
- Yosemite National Park, Sequoia, Kings Canyon National Parks, in the Central Sierra Nevada Mountains, have both been hit hard in terms of tree mortality.
  - Since 2010, an estimated 102 million trees have died in CA forests due to: drought, warmer temps, bark beetle, fire exclusion (led to unusually dense trees)
- Immediate safety risks: Dead trees near roads, homes, and power lines (NPS is working with cooperators like Pacific Gas and Electric to remove dead trees)
- In 2016, CA:
  - 7,398 wildfire ignitions burned 621,207 acres:
  - significantly higher ignitions and acres burned than the five year average.
  - DOI lands lower ignition and acres than our five or ten year average.
  - DOI lands 412 ignitions with 56,372 acres burned.
  - DOI five year average is 548 ignitions with 227,555 acres burned.

### III. DISCUSSION

- Fuels Management activities play a critical role in modifying and reducing wildfire intensity /risk. Over the last 10 years, 437,597 acres of fuels treatments across DOI lands in California.
  - Yosemite National Park - 24,520 acres over the last 10 years
  - Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks - 28,482 acres over the last 10 years
- Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes (WFRL) activities strengthens our ability to restore and maintain landscapes.
- Activities are closely coordinated / funded by resource management/external partnerships. CA has three WFRL Collaborative projects, two share boundaries with OR and NV.
  - Grants Grove Peninsula (GGP) WFRL Collaborative is located only in the state of California, managed by Sequoia Kings National Park.
    - A total of 10,662 acres were originally proposed within the GGP Collaborative. Of those planned units acres, 25% of the area have completed treatments to date through the use of WFRL funding.
    - Main partnership includes USFS - Sequoia National Forest
- Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (CWCG) was established to provide an interagency approach to wildland fire management for the N. and S. CA Geographical Areas.

**III. NEXT STEPS** see full briefing

**TIME:** 03:00 pm - 04:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Domestic Energy Producers Alliance Meeting



# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Daily Summary - Tuesday, April 4, 2017

## I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- Meet with leaders in the DEPA to discuss:
  - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Methane, Venting & Flaring
  - Fish and Wildlife

## II. ATTENDEES

- Harold Hamm, Continental Resources
- Mike McDonald, Triad Energy
- Peter Regan, DEPA, Executive Director
- Tim Harters, National Stripper Well Association
- Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association
- Jerry Simmons, National Association of Royalty Owners
- Blu Hulsey, Continental Resources
- Darlene Wallace, Columbus Oil
- Berry Mullennix, Panther Energy Company, LLC
- Tim Wigley, Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association
- Greg Schnacke, Denbery Resource, Inc.
- Shane Matson, Osage Producers Association
- Charles Wickstrom, Iron Hawk Energy

## III. DISCUSSION

Comments from DEPA:

### 3162.3-1 (j) Waste Minimization Plans.

Requirement is duplicative, forces disclosure of anticipated production data that decreases our competitive advantage, and creates uncertainty in the APD approval process.

Management of the development of oil and gas fields can be very specific to each field and should be left to the respective state(s) to determine requirements and best practices.

### • 3179.6 Flaring and Venting Prohibitions, 3179.7 Alternative Limits on Venting and Flaring, & 3179.101-3179.204 Venting and Flaring Requirements for Drilling, Production, and well maintenance operations.

The BLM does not have jurisdiction to regulate air quality, which venting and flaring may impact, and therefore cannot authorize when venting or flaring can occur.

### • 3179.11 Other Waste Prevention Measures

This is one of the most dangerous provisions in the rule to operators. In most cases, the BLM does not have the information, expertise or other technical data based information to make this determination. This is a very broad power that allows a BLM employee to limit/eliminate production from a well, a pad or even multiple wells on a lower pressure gathering system if they “feel” like it may cause other wells to go to flare due to capacity issues or line pressure.

### • 3179.301-3179.305 Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Programs

As previously state BLM does not have standing to regulate air quality. At most this section should simply refer to EPA’s Quad Oa requirements.

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Daily Summary - Tuesday, April 4, 2017

**TIME:** 07:00 pm – 07:45 pm

**SUBJECT:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Wreath Laying Ceremony

**LOCATION:** Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Independence Ave, SW

### I. PURPOSE

Candlelight vigil/wreath laying ceremony 49 years since MLK was killed in Memphis, TN.

### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Harry Johnson, Sr, President and CEO of the Memorial Foundation
- Rev Dr. George E. Holmes, Chaplain/Chair Religious Council of the D.C. Democratic State Committee
- Rev Dr. Howard John Wesley, Pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church
- The Men's Choir of the People's Community Baptist Church
- Mike Reynolds, Acting Director of National Park Service
- Tyrone Brandyburg, Superintendent, Harpers Ferry National Historic Park

### III. AGENDA

Press: Open

Attire: Business

**6:40 pm:** Depart DOI

**6:55 pm:** Arrive at MLK Jr. Memorial, greeted by Mr. Johnson

**7:00 pm:** Event begins, Mr. Johnson remarks

**7:01 pm:** Rev Dr. George E. Holmes remarks

**7:03 pm:** Songs by Men's Choir of The People's  
Community Baptist Church

**7:12 pm:** Mr. Johnson introduces Secretary of Interior,  
Ryan Zinke

**7:14 pm:** Secretary Zinke remarks

**7:25 pm:** End remarks

**7:26 pm:** Song by Men's Choir of The People's Community Baptist Church

**7:28 pm:** Mr. Johnson introduces Rev. Dr. Howard John Wesley

**7:30 pm:** Rev. Dr. Howard John Wesley Remarks

**7:40 pm:** Wreath laid at the Stone of Hope

**7:43 pm:** Rev. Dr. George E. Holmes closing prayer

**7:45 pm:** Event concludes with song

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## Daily Summary - Wed, April 5, 2017

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

### OVERVIEW:

Today you have six meetings/briefings. You have one offsite meeting. Today we introduce a few clickable links for you to get additional information. (The complete briefing memo's are available hard copy in the Briefing Book.)

08:00 - 08:30	am	Remarks to Equipment Dealers Assn & Assn of Equipment Distributors
11:00 - 11:45	am	Team Never Quit Podcast Recording
01:30 - 02:00	pm	National Alliance of Forest Owners, NAFO, Board of Directors
02:00 - 02:30	pm	ExxonMobil Meeting
02:45 - 03:00	pm	Mike Schauf   Western Montana Military Officers Association
03:15 - 04:00	pm	Chairman Bishop Meeting - Utah Land Issues

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**TIME:** 08:00 am - 08:30 am

**SUBJECT:** Remarks to Equipment Dealers Assn.. & Assn. of Equipment Distributors

### I. PURPOSE

You will be speaking at the "Welcome Breakfast" to 50 equip dealers on public land management issues important to agricultural and construction equipment dealers.

Current issues they prioritize:

- Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017.
- Rural & agricultural infrastructure projects.

### II. PARTICIPANTS

- 50 equipment dealers from across U.S.
- Agriculture and Construction Equipment Dealers.

#### Introducing you:

- Mike Linton, EDA Board Member and President, Heritage Agriculture of Arkansas
- Wes Stowers, 2017 AED Chairman and President & CEO, Stowers Machinery

#### Policy panel speakers after you speak:

- Robyn Boerstling, Vice President, Infrastructure, Innovation and Human Resources Policy, National Association of Manufacturers Sen.
- John Boozman, (R-Ark.), Member, Senate Environment & Public Works Committee and Senate Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Committee (invited)
- Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.), Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and House Agriculture Committee Mary Kay Thatcher, Senior Director of Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau

#### Topic after you speak:

Prospects of a major infrastructure investment package, ensuring the Highway Trust Fund's long-term solvency, and the next farm bill.

[Click here for full agenda.](#)

### I. TALKING POINTS

Supplied by Comms

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Daily Summary - Wed, April 5, 2017**

**TIME:** 11:00 - 11:45 am  
**SUBJECT:** Team Never Quit Podcast Recording

**II. PURPOSE**

Podcast hosted by Marcus Luttrell (2 part interview).

The questions mostly revolve around your greatest "Never Quit" story. We will want to know the story itself, who and what got you there, and what lessons you've learned from your amazing experience(s). The interview will be broken in two basic parts.

**III. BACKGROUND**

'Team Never Quit' speakers represents a select group of elite warriors, athletes, and leaders hand picked and trusted by Marcus Luttrell.

**IV. TALKING POINTS**

Supplied by Comms

**TIME:** 01:30 - 02:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** National Alliance of Forest Owners Board of Directors

- how to effectively partner with the federal government
  - voluntary management approaches to at-risk species
- policies:** <http://www.nafoalliance.org/policy-solutions>

**I. PURPOSE**

To hear from the board issues affecting private forest owners and how to effectively partner with the federal government, voluntary management approaches to at-risk species.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Current Policy Priorities:

- promoting conservation from threats such as wildfire, invasive pests/ pathogens, development
- restoring existing regulation of Waters of the U.S.
- adopting policy for Forest Bioenergy that recognizes carbon benefit

**TIME:** 02:00 - 02:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** ExxonMobil Meeting

- Discussion of ExxonMobil's U.S. operations
- to build a relationship with you

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- Discussion of ExxonMobil's U.S. operations
- to build a relationship with you

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Daily Summary - Wed, April 5, 2017

## II. BACKGROUND

ExxonMobil is the largest publicly traded integrated oil and gas company in the U.S. Mr. Woods began his tenure as CEO in early January and desires

Attendees:

- Darren Woods, President and CEO, ExxonMobil
- Theresa Fariello, VP, Public / Government Affairs, head of ExxonMobil DC Office
- Daniel Easley, Senior Director Federal Affairs, ExxonMobil

Topic:

- Introduction
- Discussion of ExxonMobil's U.S. operations

## III. DISCUSSION

Historically ExxonMobil executives desire to maintain a relationship with DOI which plays a key role in U.S. policy related to natural resources.

**TIME:** 02:45 - 03:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Captain Mike Schauf, USN, (ret) - Western MT MOAA

- Coin Presentation

**TIME:** 03:15 - 04:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** Chairman Bishop Meeting - Utah Land

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

House Natural Resources Committee priorities / Utah Land Issues (Bears Ears)

### II. BACKGROUND

Chairman Bishop requested this meeting prior to leaving for April recess. Request approved to fit the recess schedule.

### III. DISCUSSION

The Chairman is hoping to discuss areas of common ground where the Committee on Natural Resources can be helpful during the staff transition. Some topics the Chairman would like to discuss tomorrow are tribal trust lands, Indian water settlements, Border Patrol and Jones Act, Border Patrol and Memo of Understanding, energy development, environmental law and the military, territories, sage grouse, and national monuments, etc.

### IV. Attendees

The Congressman will be accompanied tomorrow by Committee Staff Director Jason Knox and Legislative Director Adam Stewart.

DOI Staff: Micah Chambers & Downey Magallanes

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 6, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**OVERVIEW:**

Today you have 5 meetings/briefings:

08:30 - 10:00	am	Wounded Warrior Ride with President
11:00 - 12:00	am	CA National Parks
01:00 - 01:30	pm	Remarks at NOIA
02:30 - 03:00	pm	Port of San Diego Meeting
03:30 - 04:00	pm	CA Natural Resources Agency Meeting
Attachments:		A. NOIA Background BOEM / BSEE
		B. NOIA Remarks BOEM / BSEE

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April 6, 2017

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 6, 2017**

**TIME:** 08:30am - 10:00am  
**SUBJECT:** Wounded Warrior Ride with President

**PURPOSE**

To host fifty wounded warriors at the White House to kick start the annual Soldier Ride. Soldier Ride is a multi-day, rehabilitative bicycle ride designed to empower veterans and service members recovering from the physical and psychological wounds of war.

**BACKGROUND**

Soldier Ride began in 2004 when civilian Chris Carney, supported by Peter Honerkamp and Nick Kraus from Long Island, New York, completed a coast-to-coast bicycle ride in support of Wounded Warrior Project. Chris rode over 5,000 miles and raised over \$1 million. This was the first of what would become an annual event. In 2005, Chris rode from coast to coast again, this time with Staff Sergeants Heath Calhoun and Ryan Kelley, as well as other combat-wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. Together they cycled from California to New York.

In 2006, Soldier Ride made a third trip across the country, with even more combat-wounded veterans. In 2007, Soldier Ride went regional with seven rides across the country. These rides provided the opportunity for both warrior and community participation.

In 2008, President Bush welcomed the riders to the White House and called Soldier Ride "the most inspiring athletic event in the country." And in 2009, more cities were added to the regional rides and the national tour kicked off at the White House with President Obama.

For nearly ten years, each spring, WWP has been invited to bring our nation's most deserving on Soldier Ride at the White House. There, warriors have been given the opportunity to meet the president, who then kicks off a short ride around the South Lawn.

**PARTICIPANTS**

- First Lady
- Vice President
- Mrs. Pence
- Michael Linnington  
*To introduce Deven Schei. Biography attached. (Vetting in progress)*
- Deven Schei  
*To introduce POTUS and VPOTUS. Biography attached. (Vetting in progress)*
- Wounded Warriors

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 6, 2017**

**TIME:** 11:00am - 12:00pm  
**SUBJECT:** California National Parks  
**FROM:** Laura Joss, NPS Regional Director Pacific West Region (415) 623-2102

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this visit is to familiarize Secretary Zinke with the issues, operations, partnership opportunities, and field concerns at four units of the National Park Service.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The National Park Service (NPS) Pacific West Region includes more than 60 of the total 417 units of the national park system. There are 28 parks managed by the NPS in California, ranging from large wilderness parks like Yosemite National Park to small sites with powerful civil rights stories like Cesar Chavez National Monument. In FY14, the National Park Service had \$1.77B in deferred maintenance in the state of California. For more background information on National Park Service presence in the state of California, please refer to the attached NPS California Fact Sheet.

**III. DISCUSSION**

The Yosemite National Park tour will focus on increasing understanding of infrastructure, maintenance backlog, impact of blended funding (ONPS, fee, concession and private funding), the impacts of housing on attracting and retaining good employees and providing opportunities for Secretary Zinke to interact with field employees. This visit will take place a couple of days following the anticipated public release on April 10, 2017 of the DOI Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation report on allegations of hostile work environment at Yosemite National Park, and some employees may have pointed questions about the OIG's investigation and findings.

The Sequoia National Park tour will focus on the park's wildland fire management operations (objectives, approach and activities), efforts to improve visitor services via deferred maintenance projects, and natural and cultural resource issues. There will also be an opportunity to have lunch with park staff.

The Channel Islands tour will visit both Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands. Highlights will include a focus on the logistical challenges associated with managing island parks and remote operations; ranching and resource issues, critical academic, public/private partnerships and participation in a youth education program.

Finally, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area visit will include engagement with the U.S. Park Police, a detailed tour of the Presidio, highlight the importance of partnerships, learn about infrastructure and youth projects and significant visitor management issues, and an opportunity to meet park staff.

**TIME:** 01:00pm - 01:30pm

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**SUBJECT:** Remarks at NOIA  
**FROM:** Kate MacGregor, ASLM

### I. BACKGROUND

NOIA is an association comprised of roughly 300 offshore-energy related member companies, predominantly involved with offshore oil and gas production – including majors, independents, geophysical/seismic companies, construction and manufacturing of offshore-related facilities, offshore marine and air transportation companies, and offshore renewables.

### II. ATTENDEES

Companies include: Exxon, Chevron, Shell, Conoco, BP, Statoil, Anadarko, Halliburton, Cobalt, Noble, W&T, Crosby Tugs, Hornbeck Offshore, PHI, Inc., Era Helicopters.

### III. DISCUSSION

Meeting attendees will likely focus on: 1) the need for regulatory **certainty** in order to continue ongoing investment in exploration and development activities in the Gulf and 2) support for increased **access** to new offshore acreage through initiation of a new 5-year plan.

- On average, it generally takes between 5-10 years to develop offshore deepwater projects, from acquiring a lease through to reaching production; capital expenditure (capex) decisions made today will impact our energy future a decade from now.
- Companies must also be able to ascertain sound scientific geophysical data (seismic surveying) in order to better target and smartly develop offshore energy resources thousands of feet below the surface.
- A multitude of new regulations on all aspects of offshore energy exploration and production have compounded what is already a challenging price environment (Crude Price Today: \$51.78). Uncertainty = longer timelines, higher costs.
- The U.S. outer continental shelf (OCS) is increasingly competing for capital investment with other countries, like Mexico, who just held a highly successful offshore lease sale just across our maritime border last year.
- The Secretarial Order issued last week (SO3349) directs agencies at the department to take a hard look at all regulatory actions that may hinder our nation's path to energy dominance – that path includes harnessing responsible offshore energy development.
- The Department's ultimate goal is to open access to new offshore areas, create an environment of regulatory certainty that does not hinder innovation and job growth, and do all of this without compromising safety.

#### Other potential issues for awareness:

- Support for offshore revenue sharing which is currently only available to four Gulf states (a statutory fix is required to provide offshore revenue sharing to other states, including Florida, Atlantic states and Alaska);
- Highly contentious ongoing issues with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) potential revocation of Jones Act-related guidance; and
- Ongoing delays with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in being able to get an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) in a timely manner so our Department may permit offshore seismic surveying. (*Note: This is also an issue for other agencies that require IHAs, such as DoD and Army Corps*)

**TIME:** 03:30pm - 04:00pm  
**SUBJECT:** CA Natural Resources Agency Meeting  
**FROM:** Scott Cameron, Lead political, Water and Science, 208-0969

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### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- Introduce Secretaries
- Overview of California Water Priorities and California Water Action Plan

Secretary Laird is likely to bring up any of the following:

- California WaterFix and the need to get the big water districts all on the same page since they would be paying for it,
- How to improve ESA coordination between FWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS sesm to be the problem),
- State efforts to increase water storage in California for which federal regulatory or financial support may be requested,
- The long term future of the Central Valley Project (the state may wish to explore ultimately having it transferred from Reclamation to CA),
- How much more water Reclamation is likely to be able to provide from the Central Valley Project to farmers this year beyond the initial allocation of a couple of weeks ago
- Salton Sea air and water quality and DOI's possible minor role in helping to implement the state's 10-year "Restoration" plan for the Sea
- Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Planning,
- National park O&M backlog in California and the economic value of outdoor recreation,
- Klamath River Basin salmon management and the private sector initiative through FERC to voluntarily take out four old hydro facilities that impede salmon migration.

### II. BACKGROUND

Attendees:

- John Laird, Secretary, CA Natural Resources Agency
- Joaquin Esquivel, Assistant Secretary for Federal Water Policy, CA Natural Resources Agency

### III. DISCUSSION

We are working very hard to be cooperative partners with the state and affected local governments on a wide variety of issues.

### IV. NEXT STEPS

Our priorities are:

- To help CA come to closure with all the parties on the California WaterFix
- Schedule a phone call with the Secretary and the Colorado River Basin states to energize everyone to finish up their respective pieces of the Drought Contingency Plan

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**Attachments: A. NOIA Background BOEM / BSEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 6, 2017, 2:00 pm

**SUBJECT:** **Background** for 2017 Annual Meeting for NOIA

**FROM:** Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director BOEM  
Eileen Angelico, Acting Chief, Office of Public Affairs BSEE (additions in BLUE)

**Background for NOIA Event**

The **National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)**, with nearly 300 member companies, represents all facets of the domestic offshore energy and related industries. NOIA members are primarily engaged in oil and gas business activities and support services, but membership also includes companies involved in or branching out to pursue offshore renewable energy opportunities.

Officers:

- Chairman: Kevin McEvoy, the Chief Executive Officer, Oceaneering International, Inc. (Houston, TX).
- Vice Chairman: Dave Stone, the President, Chairman and CEO of Stone Energy Corp. (Lafayette, LA).
- President: Randall Luthi. Mr. Luthi is a former Speaker of the Wyoming State House of Representatives, and served as the Director of the Minerals Management Service (predecessor agency to BOEM and BSEE) in 2007-2008.

BOEM related questions that may come up:

1. Access to OCS:
  - a. Is the Administration considering reversal of any of the withdrawals made by the President pursuant to Section 12(a) of the OCS Lands Act? The previous Administration withdrew most of the Arctic OCS (115 million acres) and 31 Atlantic Canyons between New England and the Chesapeake Bay (3.8 million acres) from consideration for oil and gas leasing for a time period “without specific expiration.”
  - b. 2017-2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program: The final program, approved in the last days of the Obama Administration, includes 10 lease sales in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico and one in the Cook Inlet offshore Alaska. Previous drafts had included sales in the Arctic OCS (now withdrawn – see above) and the Mid and South Atlantic. Industry would like to see work start on a new Five Year Program to make these and additional areas available.

Response: We are reviewing these, as well as other actions of the prior Administration, and expect to make an announcement in the near future.

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2. Air Quality regulation: In April 2016, BOEM published a proposed rule on air quality management that would revise 37 year old existing regulations addressing air quality management for oil and gas operations on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico and offshore Alaska's North Slope Borough. The rule has not been finalized.

Response: The proposed rule on air quality will undergo review by this Administration before any further steps are taken.

3. Financial Assurance: In July 2016, BOEM published a Notice to Lessees (NTL) that provided updated guidance on requiring additional security for OCS liabilities. This NTL was the first major step in reducing risks associated with approximately \$35 billion in routine decommissioning liabilities in the OCS. BOEM has delayed implementation of the NTL while it works with industry to resolve several issues, particularly those related to quantifying risk.

(BSEE's involvement) Estimation of Decommissioning Costs: In October 2016, NOIA filed a FOIA request to BSEE for documents identifying the methodology used by BSEE to estimate decommissioning costs in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region. These estimates are used by BOEM in determining the level of financial assurance required from the lessees. In February 2017, NOIA withdrew the original FOIA request and re-submitted a scaled down request for documents. BSEE is processing the revised request in conjunction with SOL.

Response: This is an important issue, and I'm sure we all share the goal of ensuring the taxpayer never has to pay to decommission an OCS facility. I know that members of industry are working with BOEM and BSEE to resolve the issues associated with implementation of the NTL. I look forward to seeing what solutions are developed, and we will not take further action until we see what those are.

4. Atlantic geological and geophysical (G&G) survey permits: On January 6, 2017, BOEM announced the denial of the six pending G&G permits to conduct seismic surveys using airguns in the Mid- and South-Atlantic Planning Areas. Industry continues to seek BOEM permit approval and National Marine Fisheries Service authorizations to conduct G&G surveys in these areas so that up-to-date information on potential oil and gas resources may be obtained for future planning and decision-making. Existing oil and gas seismic surveys in these areas are over 30 years old. The applicants have all appealed those denials to the IBLA.

Response: We are reviewing these permit denials, as well as other actions of the prior Administration, and expect to make an announcement in the near future.

Other Items of Interest to DOI:

5. NOIA annually sponsors a Safety in Seas Awards competition which recognizes excellence among member organizations who have contributed to improving safety of life in the offshore energy industry. A BSEE representative serves on the independent

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selection committee along with the National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Coast Guard, and an independent industry consultant. BSEE's participation does not serve as an endorsement of the award recipients. These awards are presented at the NOIA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. This presentation is listed on the agenda as part of the luncheon program where Interior Secretary Zinke will be speaking.

6. NOIA formed a Technology Policy Committee in 2016. BSEE has two representatives who serve on the committee. The committee focuses on government policies related to the development, application and management of technologies supporting Outer Continental Shelf exploration and production operations. It is the mission of the committee to keep NOIA members informed of new legislative and regulatory actions which may impact technology development and to influence government authorities to accommodate industry's technology and operational requirements.

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**Attachments:                    B. NOIA Remarks BOEM / BSEE**

**DATE:**            Thur, April 6, 2017, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

**SUBJECT:**        **Remarks** for 2017 Annual Meeting for NOIA

**FROM:**            Walter Cruickshank Acting Director, BOEM  
                 Eileen Angelico, Acting Chief, Office of Public Affairs BSEE (additions in BLUE)

Good afternoon, and welcome to Washington. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you about our plans for energy policy.

First, I'd like to acknowledge the role all of you play in making the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) such an important part of our energy portfolio.

- The OCS accounts for 18% of the oil produced domestically. Last fiscal year, this generated about \$55 billion in total spending in the economy, supporting approximately 315,000 domestic jobs.
- The OCS is estimated to contain almost 90 billion barrels of oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of natural gas remaining to be discovered.
- And things are looking up. We had a good lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico last month. We received almost \$275 million in high bids for 163 tracts -- a modest but encouraging increase over the prior year numbers.
- Just before that, we held a successful auction for a wind lease offshore North Carolina. Offshore wind is another tool in the all of the above energy toolbox that will help power America with domestic energy.

We know the work you do offshore plays an important part in helping America maintain energy independence.

Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth

There are several reasons energy independence is critical for our nation:

- First, it's better for the environment that the U.S. produces energy. Thanks to advancements in drilling technology, we can responsibly develop our energy resources. And I can tell you with 100 percent certainty it is better to develop our energy here under reasonable regulations and export it to our allies, rather than have it produced overseas under little or no regulations.
- Second, energy production is an absolute boon to the economy, supporting more than 6.4 million jobs and supplying affordable power for manufacturing, home heating, and transportation needs.
- Third, achieving American energy independence will strengthen our national security by reducing our reliance on foreign oil and allowing us to assist our allies with their energy needs.

Recent Actions

To help achieve these goals, last week I issued a Secretarial Order to implement the review of agency actions directed by the President's Executive Order on energy independence. I directed a reexamination of the mitigation and climate change policies and guidance across the Department of the Interior in order  
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to better balance conservation strategies and policies with the equally legitimate need of creating jobs for hardworking American families. In particular, the order sets a timetable for review of agency actions that may hamper responsible energy development and reconsideration of regulations related to U.S. oil and natural gas development.

Also last week, I established a Royalty Policy Committee to provide regular advice on the fair market value of and collection of revenues from Federal and Indian mineral and energy leases. It's important that taxpayers get the full value of the energy produced on public lands.

Offshore

I know this is the National *Ocean* Industries Association, and you're probably thinking "those actions are great, but where is the offshore program mentioned?"

First, that Secretarial Order I talked about covers all of our energy programs, both onshore and offshore. I directed the bureaus to review their actions that may hamper responsible energy development, and that includes offshore actions – everything from air quality, to financial assurance, to well control. We are reviewing our rules, guidance and policy with the goal of removing unnecessary burdens.

Second, access is critical. We won't meet our energy goals if you can't access our lands and waters with the potential for energy development. We are reviewing the Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program developed by the prior Administration, and we're looking at those actions that removed significant portions of the OCS from consideration for leasing.

We will be announcing specific actions for the offshore program in the near future. And though I can't be specific just yet, I think you will agree with much of what we'll do.

However, know that I take our stewardship responsibilities seriously. I believe that we need to restore land -- and water -- to the same or better condition than it was before development occurred, and I will be holding you to that standard. But we will do so in a reasonable way; one that ensures protection of our important natural resources while enabling responsible development to occur.

We will look for your input as we put our policies in place. No one knows your business better than you do, so we want to work with you to determine sensible ways to meet our goals. I know that many of you already work collaboratively with our bureaus to find solutions to tough issues. I thank you for that, and ask that you continue to do so. We will listen.

We have good teams in place at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. They're ready to get started, and I will put them to work on our priorities very soon.

Thank you.

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 7, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**OVERVIEW:**

Today you have meetings/briefings:

10:00 - 11:00	am	ESA in CA
11:00 - 12:00	am	Ray Chavez & Richard Rovesk
02:00 - 03:00	pm	NFWF Meeting

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## Briefing Daily Summary - April 7, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 - 11:00 am  
**SUBJECT:** ESA in CA

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To inform the Secretary of Endangered Species Act (ESA) issues that may be raised by California Governor Brown during the California meeting next week. We anticipate that the Governor will focus on the California *WaterFix*, his high priority water infrastructure project.

### II. BACKGROUND

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is working with many partners to advance water infrastructure projects that meet the needs of farmers, communities and wildlife. California has a population of about 40 million people, some of the richest farmland in the world, and important wildlife populations and conservation lands (e.g., Pacific Flyway, Central Valley wildlife refuges).

A recent multi-year drought has made it difficult to balance these interests. Strong rainfall and snowpack this year will provide some relief.

California has two major water storage and transport systems.

#### Central Valley Project (CVP)

Operated by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) it serves as one of the world's largest water storage and transport systems. Its major reservoirs have a combined storage of 11 million acre-feet of water.

#### State Water Project (SWP)

Operated and maintained by the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) and holds 5.8 million acre-feet of water. *(A map is attached.)*

The CVP and SWP affect seven federally listed aquatic species. The delta smelt is the only one under the jurisdiction of FWS. The remaining six (steelhead, green sturgeon, and various runs of salmon) are under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

In 2006, state, federal and local agencies began to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act and California law which became known as the **Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)**, to help resolve long-term environmental needs of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and improve water supply reliability. A key element of the BDCP is an alternative conveyance facility that would route water from the Sacramento River in the North Delta via tunnels to the existing South Delta pumping stations.

On April 30, 2015, the BDCP was revised into two separate efforts:

(1) "California WaterFix," includes the construction and operation of a new water conveyance system (tunnels and associated facilities);

(2) "California EcoRestore," focuses on habitat restoration (*map attached*).

ESA compliance for these efforts is now established through section 7 consultation between BOR and FWS instead of through a permitted 'Habitat Conservation Plan'. FWS and NMFS provided comprehensive technical assistance to BOR and CDWR as they developed the CA WaterFix Biological Assessment to initiate the section 7 consultation.

### III. DISCUSSION

#### **Current Status of Endangered Species Act Consultation on California WaterFix**

December 2016. FWS provided the delta smelt and critical habitat effects analyses portions of the draft California WaterFix Biological Opinion to BOR and CDWR and an independent peer review panel.

January 2017. FWS provided a complete draft Biological Opinion addressing effects to delta smelt and all other listed terrestrial species likely to be affected by the project to BOR and CDWR. *(See information below on 2008 Biological Opinion and long term water operations.)*

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To finalize the Biological Opinion we are reviewing and incorporating comments from BOR, CDWR, the peer review panel report and a few issues with CDWR. We anticipate providing a final Biological Opinion within four to six weeks. This schedule could change if the discussions with NMFS and others require substantial changes to our draft effects analysis.

### **2008 Biological Opinion, WIIN Act and Long Term Operations**

#### Biological Opinion

We are currently operating under a Biological Opinion FWS issued on December 15, 2008 to BOR and CDWR for long-term operation of the CVP and SWP. The Biological Opinion includes a five-part reasonable and prudent alternative to prevent jeopardy and adverse modification for delta smelt and its designated critical habitat. The alternative includes modified water operations during some portions of the year to reduce entrainment of delta smelt during the adult, larval and juvenile life stages, as well as required outflow to improve low salinity zone habitat.

#### WIIN Act of 2016

The new Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016 adds additional considerations to the real time decision-making process. We are coordinating with BOR, CDWR, NMFS, California Department of F&W and interested stakeholders to implement the WIIN Act this season.

#### Long Term Operation

BOR reinitiated consultation on the long-term operation of the CVP and SWP in August 2016. BOR is planning to complete a National Environmental Policy Act analysis of the proposed operation they plan to implement in parallel with our consultation. We intend to include a more defined operation of the projects in the consultation including operation of new California WaterFix facilities and existing facilities. FWS will be participating in a broad stakeholder engagement process with our federal and state partners to find balance between the needs of agriculture, municipalities and conservation.

### **IV. NEXT STEPS**

The final biological opinion to BOR on California WaterFix is anticipated to be delivered to BOR within four to six weeks.

FWS will work with our federal and state partners on the reinitiation of consultation on the long-term operations of the CVP and SWP.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 7, 2017**

**TIME:** 11:00 - 12:00 am  
**SUBJECT:** Meet Ray Chavez, oldest survivor of Pearl Harbor and Richard Rovesk, founder of Spirit of Liberty Foundation

**I. BACKGROUND**

Ray Chavez turned 105 on March 11, 2017. He was born in San Bernardino, California in 1912 and worked on fields and nurseries growing up. He married in his early 20s to his wife, Margaret (who died in the 1980s), and had a baby girl, eventually joining the Navy at 27, where he was assigned to the minesweeper USS Condor at Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, he was asleep in his bed in nearby Ewa Beach when he heard the bomb raid start. He immediately hitched a ride with a friend to the harbor where he spent the next nine days on duty — witnessing unimaginable tragedy.

The 104-year-old eventually moved up to the rank of chief and served on delivery ships bringing tanks to Marines in the Pacific. But he retired in 1945 after experiencing PTSD.

In 1955, he lost his daughter, son-in-law and baby granddaughter when the family was suddenly killed in a car crash. But, two years later, the couple brought home Kathleen from a San Diego orphanage, and their lives changed forever.

Spirit of Liberty Foundation

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works to support and honor our American Heroes heroes and their families through of variety of programs and events each year.

They also have the American Warrior Brands™ is a consumer products company founded to provide meaningful jobs and income for members of our Armed Forces who have been wounded in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their goal is to become a major food manufacturer.

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**TIME:** 02:00 - 03:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Mission and goals of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, NFWF.

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Since our creation by Congress in 1984, NFWF has become one of the world's largest conservation grant-makers. We work with both the public and private sectors to protect and restore our nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats.

NFWF supports conservation efforts in all 50 states and U.S. territories. Our projects – more than 16,000 since our founding – are rigorously evaluated and awarded to some of the nation's largest environmental organizations, as well as some of the smallest. We neither advocate nor litigate. Instead, NFWF focuses on bringing all parties to the table, getting results, and building a better future for our world. Financial commitments to our conservation mission since our founding now top \$3.8 billion.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Attendees:

- Jeff Trandahl, NFWF Executive Director & CEO
- John faraci, NFWF Board Chair

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary -Saturday, March 8, 2017**

**DATE:** Saturday, April 8, 2017  
**LOCATION:** Park Police H-1 Stables, 2001 Independence Ave SW, Washington DC, 20006  
Parade will commence along Constitution Avenue, 9th to 17th St NW  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**FROM:** Wadi Yakhour, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Advance, (b) (6)

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

You will be leading the U.S. Park Police Mounted Horse Patrol in the front half of the parade.

**II. BACKGROUND**

One of DC's largest spectator events, the energy-filled National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade runs for 10 blocks along iconic Constitution Avenue. Giant colorful helium balloons, elaborate floats, marching bands from across the country, celebrity entertainers, and performers burst down the Parade route in a grand spectacle of music and showmanship seen only once a year during the Festival. From the National Archives to the Washington Monument, spectators are wow-ed by the pageantry and excitement that is the nation's premier springtime parade.

**III. PROGRAM DETAILS**

**ATTIRE:** Casual  
**PRESS:** Open

**IV. PARTICIPANTS**

- Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
- Robert MacLean, Chief of Police
- United States Park Police
- Metropolitan Police Department

**V. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

**08:15 a.m.:** Depart Residence  
**8:30 a.m.:** Arrive Park Police H-1 Stables  
**8:45 a.m.:** Proceed to 9th Street  
**10:00 a.m.:** Parade Commences  
**10:45 a.m.:** End Parade Route  
**10:47 a.m.:** Hold at World War II Memorial for photo opp  
**10:50 a.m.:** Depart World War II Memorial to H-1 Stables  
**11:10 a.m.:** Dismount at H-1 Stables  
**11:15 a.m.:** Depart Park Police H-1 Stables

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

**TAB A:** Event Outline and Details  
**TAB B:** Event Schedule  
**TAB C:** Participant Biographies  
**TAB D:** Parade Agenda

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - Monday, April 10, 2017**

FROM: Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

OVERVIEW:

11:00 - 12:00 pm Internal Meeting on South Interior Building  
03:00 - 04:00 pm Park Public Service Announcement  
06:00 - 08:00 pm National Geographic Salon Dinner

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TIME: 03:00 - 04:00 pm  
SUBJECT: Park Public Service Announcement  
Will be provided by Amy Mitchell

TIME: 06:00 - 08:00 pm  
SUBJECT: National Geographic Salon Dinner  
LOCATION: National Geographic Museum, 1145 17th St, NW, Washington, D.C., 20036

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A formal dinner to celebrate your confirmation as the Secretary of the Interior.

II. BACKGROUND

Since its founding in 1888, National Geographic's world headquarters has been based in Washington DC. Today, you can visit this historic location while getting some exciting glimpses into an innovative future. The National Geographic Museum features fascinating exhibitions from around the world and across the spectrum of science and adventure. You'll also discover enlightening and entertaining events, films, tours, and more.

III. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Business  
PRESS: Closed

IV. PARTICIPANTS

- Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
- Gary Knell, President and CEO of the National Geographic Society
- Jean Case, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
- Arthur Middleton, National Geographic Explorer
- Erika Larsen, National Geographic Photographer

V. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

5:45 p.m.: Depart DOI  
5:55 p.m.: Arrive National Geographic Museum  
6:00 p.m.: Reception start  
7:00 p.m.: Event Start  
7:35 p.m.: Gary Knell remarks  
7:40 p.m.: Arthur Middleton remarks  
7:50 p.m.: Erika Larsen remarks  
8:00 p.m.: Gary Knell introduces Ryan Zinke  
8:03 p.m.: Ryan Zinke remarks  
8:15 p.m.: Ryan Zinke opens floor to questions and ends remarks  
8:20 p.m.: Gary Knell closing remarks  
8:30 p.m.: Event Concludes  
8:35 p.m.: Depart National Geographic Museum

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 11, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

Today you have one briefing:  
02:00 - 02:30 pm Meeting with Forrest Lucas

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**TIME:** 02:00 - 02:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Items of interest to Forrest Lucas, CEO of Lucas Oil

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This memo is to provide an overview of the issues of interest to Forest Lucas.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Forrest Lucas is founder and CEO of Lucas Oil and is also very engaged on public lands issues. He requested a meeting with you to discuss the Wild Horse and Burro program (WHB), grazing access issues, and National Monuments.

Attendees:

- Forrest Lucas, CEO of Lucas Oil
- Romona Hage Morrison, acts as a consultant for Forest Lucas
- Dave Duquette, acts as a consultant for Forest Lucas
- KK Jense, Proof Research- White Fish, MT
- Larry Murphy, CEO of Proof Research- White Fish, MT
- John Clements, Proof Research- White Fish, MT
- Brian Kelly, BK Strategies

**III. DISCUSSION**

This will cover a broad overview of public lands issues. As such it will mostly be mostly a listening session and opportunity to get to know Forrest Lucas.

Wild horse issues

- There are currently 133,000 Wild Horse and Burros (WHB) under BLM care, which is 106,000 over the limit deemed acceptable. The program cost is around \$80 million.
- 10 Western states and 27 million acres have WHB.
- Federal law requires the Department to “manage, protect, and control” WHB and authorizes the BLM to remove excess WHB from the range to sustain public lands, however an annual appropriations rider prohibits the sale of WHB without limitation and the destruction of healthy animals. We are exploring legislative action to reenact the ‘sale without limits’ stipulation of the Act authorizing the program.

National Monuments

- You have stated publically that you are looking at all existing monuments. However because nothing has been finalized, you should only state that the President is currently exploring his authority under the Antiquities Act.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 12, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**OVERVIEW:**

Today you have three meetings with briefings:

12:30 - 01:00	pm	Meeting with Palmer Luckey & Charles Johnson
01:00 - 02:00	pm	Briefing on DOI Revenue Streams
03:00 - 03:30	pm	Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye

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**TIME:** 12:30 - 01:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Palmer Luckey & Charles Johnson

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Palmer Luckey and Charles Johnson are coming in to meet with you to discuss ideas in relation to the Border Wall.



**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 12, 2017**

**TIME:** 01:00 - 02:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Briefing on DOI Revenue Streams

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide background information about the Department of the Interior's revenue activities.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The Department of the Interior reported \$9.0 billion in revenue or receipts for FY 2016. Funding coming into the Department comes from a variety of sources and includes: revenue from resource management activities, fees for service, recreation fees, rents, donations, and settlement funds held in Trust. All revenue coming into the Department is authorized by law and designated for specific purposes.

**III. DISCUSSION**

During the meeting we will discuss: incoming revenue by major component and the types of activities which generate funding; how the revenue is used and where it is distributed; and what to consider if contemplating changes to existing revenue programs or establishing a new one.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 12, 2017**

**TIME:** 2:00 - 2:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Terry Maple

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Terry Maple, a leadership consultant and member of the DELS Committee at the National Academy of Sciences, is coming in to discuss public-private partnerships and ESA concerns. This is a follow up from your meeting the other week with Ron Forman.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 12, 2017**

**TIME:** 03:00 - 03:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Navajo Nation Overview for Meeting with President Russell Begaye

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

While the meeting has been presented as a general discussion with President Begaye concerning the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) in Arizona, the possibility arises that President Begaye will want to address additional issues. This Memo will cover a few topics that the Navajo Nation has signaled to others that they wish to address

**II. BACKGROUND**

As President of the Navajo Nation, Russell Begaye heads the largest Reservation in the US and the 2nd largest by population. President Begaye was elected in 2015 and shares some authority with the Speaker of the Navajo Council.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Attached is a memo listing a few items that may be brought up by President Begaye.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

While no direct outcomes are expected, the Secretary may feel that further issues may need further follow up to insure an informed decision is made.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - Thur, April 13 - 20, 2017 - California Trip**

FROM: Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**OVERVIEW:**

On April 13, 1860, 157 years ago today, the 1st Pony Express rider from Missouri reached Sacramento.

**Thur., April 13, 2017 - D.C. - Sacramento, CA - Yosemite NP - Fresno, CA**

Today you will drive to Sacramento, CA for two meetings, one with the Regional Directors and the other with the Facility. You will continue to the CA State Capitol to meet with Governor Jerry Brown to talk about CA Water and Wildfire issues. Then a four hour drive to tour Yosemite NP in El Portal, CA. You will meet front line managers and employees at the heavy equipment repair shop, Yosemite Village, visitor parking area, temporary housing units (which double as classrooms for teachers and homeschoolers), and the Yosemite Visitor center.

Landmarks you will see include the 'Arch Rock' entrance station, the Yosemite National Park and Teddy Roosevelt Campsite signs.

Fun things you will do include directing traffic and interacting with the staff on construction sites. Your final 2.5 hour drive takes you to Fresno for the night.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
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**TIME:** 08:15 am  
**FROM:** Laura Joss, NPS Regional Director Pacific West Region (415) 623-2102  
**SUBJECT:** Sacramento DOI Facility - Regional Directors Meeting

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this visit is to familiarize Secretary Zinke with the issues, operations, partnership opportunities, and field concerns at four units of the National Park Service.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The National Park Service (NPS) Pacific West Region includes more than 60 of the total 417 units of the national park system. There are 28 parks managed by the NPS in California, ranging from large wilderness parks like Yosemite National Park to small sites with powerful civil rights stories like Cesar Chavez National Monument. In FY14, the National Park Service had \$1.77B in deferred maintenance in the state of California. For more background information on National Park Service presence in the state of California, please refer to the attached NPS California Fact Sheet.

**III. DISCUSSION**

The Yosemite National Park tour will focus on increasing understanding of infrastructure, maintenance backlog, impact of blended funding (ONPS, fee, concession and private funding), the impacts of housing on attracting and retaining good employees and providing opportunities for Secretary Zinke to interact with field employees. This visit will take place a couple of days following the anticipated public release on April 10, 2017 of the DOI Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation report on allegations of hostile work environment at Yosemite National Park, and some employees may have pointed questions about the OIG's investigation and findings.

The Sequoia National Park tour will focus on the park's wildland fire management operations (objectives, approach and activities), efforts to improve visitor services via deferred maintenance projects, and natural and cultural resource issues. There will also be an opportunity to have lunch with park staff.

The Channel Islands tour will visit both Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands. Highlights will include a focus on the logistical challenges associated with managing island parks and remote operations; ranching and resource issues, critical academic, public/private partnerships and participation in a youth education program.

Finally, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area visit will include engagement with the U.S. Park Police, a detailed tour of the Presidio, highlight the importance of partnerships, learn about infrastructure and youth projects and significant visitor management issues, and an opportunity to meet park staff.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

Pending confirmation of the Secretary's itinerary, NPS staff will work with the Secretary's office to finalize and confirm logistics, including any desired media engagement.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
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**TIME:** 08:45 am  
**FROM:** Paul Souza, Regional Director, 916-208- 2457  
**SUBJECT:** Sacramento DOI Facility - All Staff Meeting

**I. PURPOSE**

To provide an opportunity for the Secretary to meet and share priorities with staff for FWS, To provide an opportunity for the Secretary to meet and share priorities with staff for FWS, Bureau of Reclamation (BoR), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management and Office of the Solicitor in Sacramento, California

**II. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION**

The Pacific Southwest Region (Region 8) is headquartered in Sacramento, Calif., and has Federal fish and wildlife management responsibilities in California, Nevada and the Klamath Basin of southern Oregon. The Region includes some of the most ecologically diverse areas in the United States, ranging from arid sand dunes in the Mojave Desert to snow-capped crags in the high Sierras; from rich farmland in the Central Valley to rain soaked redwood forests along the Pacific coast. This diverse geography provides habitats for a vast array of wildlife. More than 42 million people reside within the region and expanding population centers (San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, San Diego and Las Vegas) are increasing demands on natural resources, presenting unique challenges to our conservation mission.

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

Representative Tom McClintock	
Paul Souza	Regional Director of Fish and Wildlife Service
Pablo Arroyave	Acting Regional Director of Bureau of Reclamation
Jerome Perez	Regional Director of Bureau of Land Management
Amy Dutschke	Regional Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs
Temi Josephson,	Regional Director of Office of the Solicitor
Michael Colombo	Regional Director of Office of Inspector General
Robert Eric May	Office of Inspector General
Mark Sogge	Regional Director of United States Geological Survey

**IV. FACTS AND FIGURES**

- 900 full-time employees at 50 National Wildlife Refuges and Wildlife Management Areas, 11 Fish and Wildlife Offices, 4 National Fish Hatcheries, 1 Fish Health Center, 5 Law Enforcement Offices and the Regional headquarters in Sacramento.
- Our 50 National Wildlife Refuges and Wildlife Management Areas encompass more than 2.3 million acres: 483,245 acres in California, 1,789,948 acres in Nevada and 74, 961 acres within the Klamath Basin in southern Oregon.
- Three of our urban Refuge complexes – San Francisco Bay, Hopper Mountain and San Diego – are surrounded by 24.8 million people, approximately 7.6 percent of the U.S. population.
- Our Refuges provided environmental education and interpretation events for more than 156,000 students in 2016.
- The Region has lead management responsibility for 297 of the more than 340 federally listed species that occur in California, Nevada and the Klamath Basin, some of which are found nowhere else on earth.
- More than 30 large scale Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) covering more than 30 million acres – the size of the New York State – have been completed with local governments to conserve wildlife habitat and provide for development. Thirty more HCPs are in development.

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· More than \$17.4 million in Section 6 grants were awarded to assist California communities with their HCPs to conserve and recover federally listed species in 2016.

· Our hatcheries produced over 14 million salmon and steelhead to support commercial, recreational and Tribal fisheries and to help recover listed salmon and steelhead runs.

· Region is home to more than 42 million people, 132 federally recognized Tribes and represented by 64 Members of Congress (58 Representatives, 6 Senators).

### V. REGIONAL/PROGRAM BUDGET OVERVIEW

- Region 8 Funding - FY16 Total Funding: \$235.9 M
- During FY 2016, \$78.4 million were distributed to States and Tribes under various FWS grant programs:
- Wildlife Restoration - \$32.1 M
- Sport Fish Restoration - \$18.3 M
- State Wildlife Grants - \$2.5 M
- Clean Vessel Act - \$1.7 M
- Coastal Wetland - \$5.5 M
- Boating Infrastructure Grants - \$110 K
- Section 6 Grants (Traditional) - \$17.4 M
- Tribal Wildlife Grants - \$726 K

### VI. KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We delisted three subspecies of Island Fox in California's Channel Islands thanks to strong partnerships with National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, Catalina Island Conservancy and other partners.
- After over 10 years of work by the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex, federally-listed Lahontan cutthroat are now spawning in the Lower Truckee River, with larvae being found in the Truckee River above Pyramid Lake, Nevada, for the first time in 76 years.
- Our Partners for Fish & Wildlife, Coastal, and Schoolyard Habitat Programs collaborated with more than 50 partners including private landowners, Tribes, Federal and State agencies, counties, municipalities, schools, timber companies, churches, non-profits and others to complete 150 habitat restoration projects across 3,771 uplands acres, 2,892 wetlands acres, and 19 stream miles in California, Nevada and Klamath Basin.
- We worked with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the State of California to provide a thorough review of impacts to federally listed species (biological opinion) and golden eagles for Phase I of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, which covers 10 million acres of BLM land in southeastern California and will result in the conservation of listed species and golden eagles as renewable energy projects are developed in designated areas.

Volunteers at the Region's National Wildlife Refuges donated 78,271 hours to assist refuge staff with events, wildlife-dependent recreation, environmental education programs and other important tasks.

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**TIME:** 10:00 am  
**FROM:** Scott Cameron, Lead Political Appointee, Water and Science, 202 208-0969  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting Governor Jerry Brown

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The meeting is for the Secretary and Governor to discuss a variety of shared priorities and concerns and how they can work together going forward.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The main topic on the governor's agenda is likely to be California WaterFix, a largely privately funded effort to bring water by tunnels from the upper Sacramento River, around the Bay-Delta, in order to avoid endangered species complications from pumping water directly out of the south end of the Bay-Delta. The pumps reverse the flow of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers near their facilities and entrain endangered fish. The California WaterFix project hinges on (1) satisfying both federal and state endangered species laws, while(2) providing enough certainty to the four big water agencies that will allow them to successfully raise capital in the financial markets to pay for the roughly \$14B project.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Meetings are taking place at the senior staff level with the state and federal agencies and water district executives in California this week to try to come to closure. Currently, the state fish and game agency and the state endangered species law seem to be the stumbling blocks.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

Reclamation and Fish and Wildlife Service are continuing to try to be supportive of the state and water agency efforts, while it seems that some of the problems perceived to be coming from NOAA/NMFS are now less of an obstacle than the state fishery agency.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

A comprehensive list of potential issues and Secretarial talking points has been provided under separate cover.



**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - Thur, April 13 - 20, 2017 - California Trip**

**TIME:** 03:10 pm

**FROM:** Palmer L. Jenkins, Superintendent, 209-379-0201

**SUBJECT:** Yosemite Budget Overview

**Key Points:**

- Yosemite National Park's budget was slightly over \$114 million last year, inclusive of appropriated funds and park-generated revenue
- The park generates significant revenues from visitors, concessioners, and park partners, which is largely spent on projects in Yosemite
- While visitation and project funding has increased rapidly in the last few years, appropriated funding for base park operations has not
- Additional flexibility to utilize park-generated revenue would allow better park planning, more thorough project oversight, and more robust visitor access strategies

**Background:**

- Yosemite operates on two primary revenue streams; Federal appropriations and revenue generated by the park
- In FY 2016, federal appropriations from Operation of the National Park System (ONPS or base funds) accounted for only 26% of total funding of the park; this percentage is significantly lower than most other NPS units
- Park-generated revenue includes Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) funds, Concession Franchise Fee (CFF) funds, funding from the City of San Francisco pursuant to the Raker Act, private philanthropy (grants), housing income, and utilities income (see chart)
- Restrictions on the use of revenue streams creates inefficiencies in leveraging fund sources as well as strains funding for other critical base operations needs
- Most of the revenue stream generated in Yosemite has a proven track record of stability from year to year, providing a high level of certainty in future funding
- Appropriated base operations funding is lagging growth in visitation and project funding (largely from revenue sources). Additional flexibility in the use of revenue sources could be a way to address some critical needs, such as improving housing, improving the transportation system and to some degree staffing.

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**TIME:** 03:10 pm  
**FROM:** Palmer L. Jenkins, Superintendent, 209-379-0201  
**SUBJECT:** Yosemite Deferred Maintenance

**Key Points:**

Yosemite National Park is working to address its deferred maintenance backlog and improve infrastructure and visitor amenities.

In 2014, Yosemite conducted a Re-optimization (prioritization) workshop to prioritize facility management work and projects to focus on most important and mission critical assets.

The park leverages funding from different sources to address annual and cyclic maintenance. The park also leverages funding from different fund. This includes NPS Repair Rehabilitation, Line Item Construction, Helium Act, Recreation Fee, Concession Franchise Fees and private philanthropy. These programs are geared towards funding maintenance based projects with a focus on critical facility systems and deferred maintenance, with the goal of bringing assets back into good condition.

Equally important is maintaining a stable annual Operation of the National Park Service (ONPS) and Cyclic Maintenance program, which are key component in reducing the deferred Maintenance backlog while appropriately maintaining our priority facilities.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - Thur, April 13 - 20, 2017 - California Trip**

FROM: Palmer L. Jenkins, Superintendent, 209-379-0201

SUBJECT: Fee Revenue and Expenditure

**Key Points**

- Passed by Congress in 2004 and amended in 2015, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) established a service wide program for collecting and managing recreational fees to federal lands. FLREA sunsets in September 2017.
- Yosemite is an 80% park, in that 80% of the revenue stays in Yosemite. In FY 2016, revenue grossed \$25.7 million (campground - \$4.8 million, entrance - \$20.9 million), with allocated revenue at \$19.8 million.
- The Project Management Division manages \$20 million/year in recreation fee expenditures to fund projects that directly benefit park visitors by improving a visitor facility or experience.

**Background**

- Recreational Fee Demonstration Program - Congress authorized the “Fee Demo” program in 1997 at various National Park Service units, including Yosemite.
- Fee increase - a service-wide effort to standardize fees took place in late 2014. In 2015, Yosemite implemented its first entrance fee increase since 1997 and campground fee increase since 2006. Transportation fee - this was implemented during the fee increase in 2014: \$5 from every \$30 vehicle entrance is allocated into a transportation account. Unlike other recreation fee revenue, 100% of transportation fees remains in Yosemite and is dedicated solely to projects addressing transportation. Transportation fee revenue posted in FY 2016 was \$2.6 million.

**Current Status**

- Yosemite saw an increase in visitation of 21% in 2016, which directly correlates to a corresponding revenue increase.
- Some current projects supported by recreational fees, including those addressing high deferred maintenance needs, are as follows:
  - Rehabilitate and restore the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias \$8,386,660
  - Construct village day use parking lot \$9,725,849
  - Complete new restroom facility at Camp 4 \$1,908,452
  - Improve the Glacier Point restroom wastewater effluent system \$1,727,116
  - Replace failed Crane Flat Campground septic leach fields \$1,645,745
  - Replacement of restrooms in valley campgrounds \$4,280,368

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## April 14, 2017

### Fri., April 14, 2017 - Sequoia & King's Canyon N.P.

FROM: Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

#### OVERVIEW

Pony Express in 1860. *The first Pony Express reached San Francisco. It was a ten-day horseback ride from St. Joseph, Missouri.*

Today will take you to Kings Canyon N.P. and Sequoia N.P.

Landmarks you will see today include General Grant Tree Parking Lot, Grove, General Grant Grove of Giant Sequoias, Historic Generals Highway, General Sherman Tree, Indian Head Entrance Sign,

Frontline managers you meet today include officers in the wildland fire management program, employees and staff at Sequoia and Kings Canyon museums and welcome centers.

**\*\*\* Stamp Alert \*\*\*** You may stamp your passport book at the Giant Forest Museum.

- 08:00 am: Drive to Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP
- 09:30 am: Arrive at Kings Canyon National Park
- 09:40 am: Orientation at the General Grant Tree Parking Lot in Kings Canyon National Park
- Woody Smeck Superintendent
- 10:00 am: Overview of Wildland Fire Management Program / Tour Grant Grove of Giant Sequoias
- David Allen Fire Management Officer
  - Mike Theune Fire Information Officer
- 11:00 am: Tour Pile Burning near Grant Grove Fire Station
- 11:50 pm: Walk to Lunch Site
- 12:00 pm: Staff Box Lunch & Remarks in the Grant Grove of Giant Sequoia's.**
- 01:00 pm: Drive on Historic Generals Highway to Sequoia N.P**
- 01:30 pm: **Picture at the General Sherman Tree with the Park Rangers.**
- 02:00 pm: Drive to Giant Forest Museum on the Historic Generals Highway.
- 02:15 pm: **Visit the Giant Forest Museum in Sequoia N.P.**
- 02:45 pm: Drive to Indian Head Entrance Sign .
- 03:30 pm: Photo at the Indian Head Entrance Sign for Photo.
- 03:40 pm: Drive to Santa Barbara.

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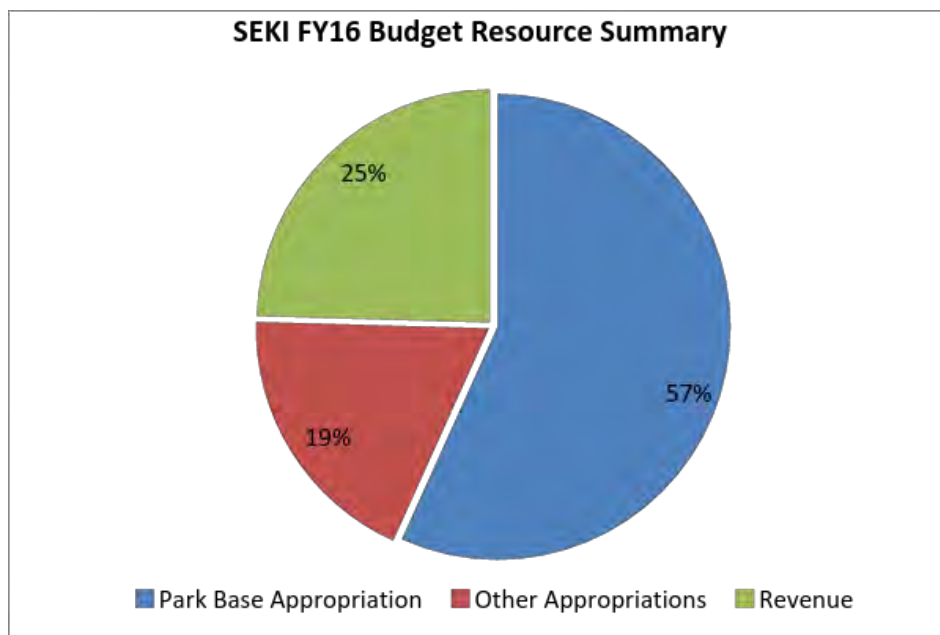
## April 14, 2017

**FROM:**

**SUBJECT: SEKI Budget Overview: FY 2017**

### Key Points:

- Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks budget was \$32.6M in FY16. This number includes base and non-base appropriations, as well as revenue fund sources.
- The park generates revenue from visitors, concessioners, and park partners, which is largely spent on projects in SEKI.
- SEKI's FY17 base budget, under a full-year CR, would be \$17.1M. SEKI's FY10 base budget was \$17.3M. In real dollars, SEKI's FY17 base budget represents an 11% decrease from its FY10 base budget. Over the same period, visitation increased by 15%.



### Background:

- Like most large parks, SEKI operates on two primary revenue streams; Federal appropriations and park-generated revenues.
- In FY16, federal appropriations from Operation of the National Park System (ONPS or base) accounted for 57% of total funding.
- Park-generated revenue includes Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act funds (FLREA), Concession Franchise Fee (CFF) funds, funding from Southern California Edison, private philanthropy, employee housing income, and utilities income, whereby SEKI charges concessioners and partners for use of park utilities. FLREA and CFF closely track visitation, and last year's entrance fee increase and execution of a more favorable contract have improved SEKI's revenue outlook.

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## April 14, 2017

**FROM:** Woody Smeck, Superintendent, Sequoia & Kings Canyon N.P., 559-565-3101

**SUBJECT:** Deferred Maintenance

### Key Points:

- Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks have been able to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance from \$201 million in 2013 to \$133 million today. This was accomplished through targeting investments toward improving mission critical facilities and carefully tracking completed work orders, a ambitious Condition Assessment program, massive data clean-up of duplicate work orders and re-assessing changed conditions.
- The deferred maintenance backlog is tracked in a Facility Management Software System, (FMSS) and Project Management Information System (PMIS) according to project type. Combined, these systems help park management prioritize, leverage, and track investments using a variety of appropriated and non-appropriated funding sources.

### Background:

- Sequoia National Park was established in 1890 to protect Giant Sequoia groves and provide for public recreation and enjoyment. Kings Canyon National Park was created 50 years later to protect the Kings and San Joaquin river watersheds and provide for wilderness recreation.
- As two of the earliest national parks, Sequoia and Kings Canyon also provide visitor facilities that are among the oldest and most historically significant in the national park system. This includes a mix of rustic-style and Mission 66 recreation structures that creates an ambiance that many associate with the national park experience.
- The current replacement value of the facility inventory is \$1.2 billion. This includes 130 miles of paved roads, 900 miles of trails, 14 campgrounds, four visitor centers and three lodges. The backlog of deferred maintenance is \$133 million.

### Current Status:

- In 2012, Sequoia and Kings Canyon piloted a Re-optimization process to prioritize facility management work orders and projects to focus on improving the condition of mission critical assets. This process was later refined and used as a model for the rest of the National Park Service.
- Facility conditions and maintenance requirements are tracked through a Facility Management Software System. Work orders are generated, assigned, and tracked to address highest priority needs for mission critical assets. Improvements in facility conditions are tracked through closed work orders and re-assessment of facility conditions.
- There is a critical need for recurring operational and cyclic maintenance funding to maintain improved, mission critical facilities in good condition and prevent a return of deferred maintenance requirements.

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## April 17 - 18, 2017

FROM: Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

### **Mon., April 17, 2017 - Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park**

#### Fun CA Fact: Movies in 1937

*Porky Pig and Daffy Duck debuted in "Porky's Duck Hunt," a Warner Brothers cartoon. Mel Blanc did all the character's voices.*

### **Tues., April 18, 2017 - Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park**

#### Fun CA Fact: Earthquakes in 1906.

*The Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire struck. Some 3,000 people died and over 80% of San Francisco was destroyed. It was one of the largest natural disasters in U.S. history.*

### **ELECTRONIC BRIEFINGS:**

- Status of Island Landings at Channel Islands National Park
- Channel Islands Budget Overview

Channel Islands Deferred Maintenance

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**FROM:** Russell E. Galipeau, Jr., Superintendent (805) 658-5702

**SUBJECT:** Status of Island Landings at Channel Islands National Park

### Key Points:

- The NPS manages five landings on four of the five islands within Channel Islands National Park.
- These include pier landings at Bechers Bay, Santa Rosa Island, and at Prisoners Harbor and Scorpion Anchorage on Santa Cruz Island, and dock landings on Anacapa and Santa Barbara Islands. San Miguel Island has no landing infrastructure and is accessed via beach skiff landings or airplane.
- All pier and dock landings are operational, except for the Santa Barbara Island dock which suffered severe storm damage on January 17, 2016 resulting in a closure which is still in place.
- The pier at Scorpion Anchorage, the most visited destination in the park (85,000 visitors a year), is scheduled to be replaced in FY18.

### Status of Landings:

#### Santa Rosa Island

- The pier at Bechers Bay is fully operational, serving approximately 7,000 visitors annually.
- It was replaced in 2010 with concrete encased steel pilings and a wood deck.
- Access is also available via concession air taxi service.

#### Santa Cruz Island – Prisoners Harbor

- The pier at Prisoners Harbor on is fully operational, serving over 17,000 visitors annually.
- It is a wood pile pier with wood decking and was replaced by the NPS in 2002.
- This pier also serves seasonal private boater landings, and key operations for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the U.S. Navy.

#### Santa Cruz Island – Scorpion Anchorage

- The pier at Scorpion Anchorage is operational and due to be replaced in FY18.
- DOI approval to publish a Federal Register notice for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Scorpion Anchorage Pier replacement project occurred on March 27, 2017.
- In December 2015, the Scorpion Anchorage pier was closed due to storm damage.
- In December 2016, the pier was reopened with an interim repair as a short-term solution until the NPS constructs a new pier in FY18.
- During the yearlong pier closure, skiff landings were used to transport visitors and employees to shore and overall visitation to the island increased by nine percent in 2016.

#### Anacapa Island

- The Anacapa dock provides the only access to landing on the island, and is fully operational and in fair/good condition.
- Engineering assessments recommending safer transfer of people from the boat to landing dock were completed in January 2016 and a comparative cost analysis was completed in November 2016.
- Engineering alternatives for repairs for the Anacapa Island dock have been estimated at \$1.6 -



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\$2.4 million.

- Next steps for the NPS will be to conduct planning and compliance documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act.

#### Santa Barbara Island

- The Santa Barbara Island dock provides the only access to landing on the island; however, due to severe storm damage in 2016 the dock remains closed to public access.
- Temporary repairs are estimated at \$1.5 - \$2 million, and full replacement costs are estimated at \$10-\$12 million.
- Engineering alternatives for repairs for the Santa Barbara Island dock have been completed.
- Next steps for the NPS will be to conduct planning and compliance documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act.
- The NPS is currently assessing the feasibility of allowing private boaters to land on the rock ledges adjacent to the dock as an interim solution to providing public access to the island.
- Santa Barbara Island is the smallest and one of the least visited islands in the park with an average of 750 visitors annually, but is a popular destination for private boaters given its location 24 miles from neighboring Santa Catalina Island.

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**TIME:** April 17 & 18, 2017  
**FROM:** Russell E. Galipeau, Jr., Superintendent (805) 658-5702  
**SUBJECT:** Channel Islands Budget Overview

### Key Points:

- Channel Islands National Park's total budget was slightly over \$13 million last year, inclusive of appropriated funds and park-generated revenue
- The park generates revenues from commercial services, camping fees, and park partners that are largely spent on park projects.

### FY 2016 Budget – Channel Islands National Park

#### **Background:**

- Channel Islands operates on two primary revenue streams; Federal appropriations and revenue generated by the park
- In FY 2016, federal appropriations from Operation of the National Park System (ONPS or base funds) accounted for 56% of total funding of the park. We have a track record of maintaining fixed operating costs below 80%.
- Park-generated revenue includes Concession Franchise Fee (CFF) funds, Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) funds, funding from the Montrose Restoration Settlement, private philanthropy (donations and grants), and housing income.
- Annual revenue from camping fees is less than \$150k and is limited by island carrying capacities. Beginning in FY2017 we were approved to begin managing camping fees under Special Park Uses authority rather than under FLREA. This results in the park retaining 100% of the revenue as one-year funds (as opposed to 80% of the revenue as no year funds under FLREA), significantly streamlines funding processes, and increases management flexibility.
- Most of the revenue stream sources in Channel Islands are stable and/or slightly increasing from year to year. However, the Montrose Settlement Trustee Council, which has actively funded restoration projects within the Channel Islands since 2002 is scaling back significantly and will be drawing to a full close within the next few years. This fund source represents 17% of the park's annual budget and significant contributions to the restoration and protection of natural resources.
- Appropriated base operations funding is lagging growth in cost of operations in a logistically complex park dependent on off grid utility systems. This is coupled with the significant technical complexity and associated issues related to our information technology communications network and systems throughout our mainland and island work locations.

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**TIME:** April 17 & 18, 2017  
**FROM:** Russell E. Galipeau, Jr., Superintendent (805) 658-5702  
**SUBJECT:** Channel Islands Deferred Maintenance

### Key Points:

- Channel Islands has 244 assets spread over 6 locations
- Current Replacement Value (CRV) of these assets is over \$143,000,000.
- Current deferred maintenance is over \$13,000,000.
  - Santa Barbara Island \$571,000
  - Anacapa Island \$2,234,000
  - Santa Cruz Island \$5,180,000
  - Santa Rosa Island \$4,133,000
  - San Miguel Island \$560,000
  - Headquarters/Visitor Center \$974,000

### Background:

Parkwide deferred maintenance projects:

- PMIS 215668-Replace Solar Array, Santa Rosa Island Bechers Bay. \$235,420 (Repair/Rehab)
- PMIS 173512-Rehabilitate Horse Barn on Santa Rosa Island. \$608,000 (Repair/Rehab)
- PMIS 173758-Rehabilitate Generator Barn on Santa Rosa Island. \$494,231 (Repair/Rehab)
- PMIS 158372-Upgrade Smugglers Ranch Water System. \$296,259 (Repair/Rehab)
- PMIS 215969-Replace Scorpion Ranch Solar Panels. \$153,260 (CFF 80%)
- PMIS 242224-Replace Scorpion Ranch Water Tanks. \$92,451 (CFF 80%)
- PMIS 229981-Replace Scorpion Ranch Leach Field. \$64,796 (CFF 80%)

### Current Status:

Project in progress on Santa Rosa Island:

- PMIS 173846- Rehabilitate Historic Santa Rosa Island Ranch House \$1,635,000 (Repair/Rehab, Cyclic Maintenance)
- PMIS 172848-Restore Historic Roundups and Line Cabins on Santa Rosa Island \$48,172 (Cultural Cyclic Maintenance)

Parkwide projects in planning and design:

- PMIS 174534-Replace Pier at Scorpion Anchorage. \$9,870,000 (FLTP Alternative Transportation Program)
- PMIS 185164-Replace Anacapa Crane. \$4,000,000 (Line Item Construction)
  - PMIS 197462-Rehabilitate Anacapa Island Boat Dock Landing. \$1,000,000 (Repair/Rehab)
  - PMIS 206382-Replace Damaged Santa Barbara Island Dock. Minimum \$1,300,000

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## April 19, 2017

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

### **Wed., April 19, 2017 - Presidio of San Francisco National Park**

#### Fun CA Facts Inventions in 1881

Lucy Corning, of San Jose, patented a hay baling press.

#### Condors in 1987

All twenty-two remaining wild California Condors were captured. The birds were successfully bred at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park and the Los Angeles Zoo. One of the world's rarest bird species, they were reintroduced into the wild in 1991.

### **ELECTRONIC BRIEFINGS**

- Presidio Budget Briefing
- Presidio Trust relationship and jurisdiction
- Golden Gate Fact Sheet

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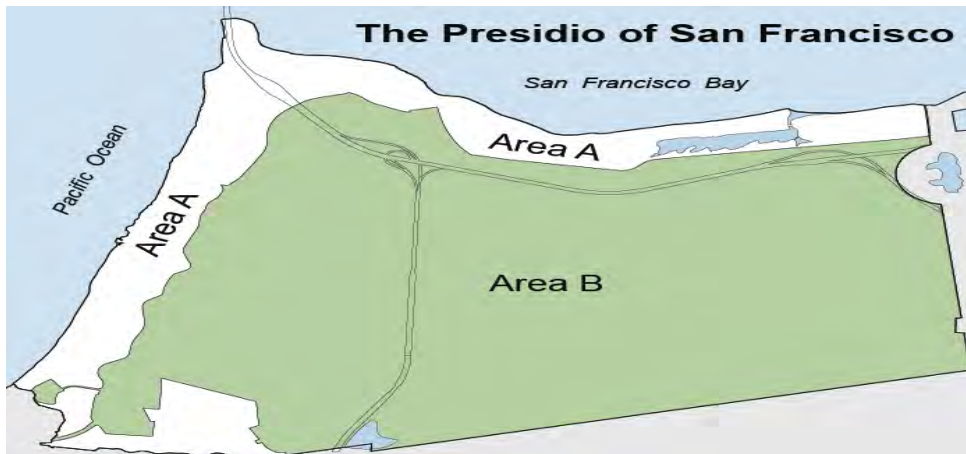
## April 19, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Presidio Budget Briefing

**FROM:** Presidio Trust CEO Jean Fraser, 415-561-5060;  
GOGA National Recreation Area Acting Superintendent Cicely Muldoon 415-561-4720

### Key Points:

- The Presidio Trust (Trust) manages the interior lands of the Presidio (80% of total acreage known as Area B); the National Park Service manages coastal areas (known as Area A) as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
- The Trust is a government corporation established by Congress in 1996 through the Presidio Trust Act. The Trust is managed by a seven-member board of directors (six appointed by the President of the United States and one by the Secretary of the Interior). **It is not under the authority of the Department of Interior.**
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA) and the Trust have been working to create a seamless visitor experience at the Presidio. In addition to joint operation of a visitor center, NPS, Trust, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (a partner common to both NPS and Trust) are jointly initiating programming for visitor-service facilities at the Presidio. The partners also work together to preserve open spaces, improve the Presidio Trail System and provide visitor programs.
- The Trust earns all of its own revenue by renting out houses and buildings at market rates. The Trust receives no federal funding.
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area has not received a budget authorization specific to the Presidio since FY12. Instead, the NPS's operational costs in Area A of the Presidio are folded into the park's annual authorization. This is a more efficient model that better serves American taxpayers.



### Background:

- The Presidio is one of Golden Gate National Recreation Area's most beloved and iconic places. Spanning nearly 80,000 acres and 60 miles of coastline, Golden Gate National Recreation Area is the most visited park in the National Park System. Highlights from Golden Gate National Recreation Area include Muir Woods National Monument, Fort Point National Historic site, the Presidio, Crissy Field, Alcatraz, the Marin Headlands, Ocean, Stinson, and Muir Beaches. And 30 more beloved national park sites north and south of the Golden Gate.

### Current Status:

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- Presidio Trust FY 2017 budget (in millions):

Operating Revenue	\$130
Operating Expenses	<u>\$94</u>
<i>Net Contribution to Park</i>	<i>\$36</i>
Other Income & Expenses	<u>\$45</u>
<i>Operating Surplus Available for Capital Investments</i>	<i>\$81</i>
Capital Investments	<u>\$79</u>
<i>Forward Year Park Funding</i>	<i>\$2</i>
- Under the Trust Act, the Presidio Trust is required to contract with the U.S. Park Police for public safety services. The Trust pays \$4.7 million annually to fund U.S. Park Police operations in Area B of the Presidio.

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**SUBJECT:** Presidio N.P.  
USPP / Presidio Trust relationship and jurisdiction

**Contact Person:** Robert D. MacLean, Chief of Police, 202.438.6656

### Key Points:

- The Presidio, in its entirety, became part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA) in 1994 in accordance with Public Law 92-589 and is exclusive federal jurisdiction.
- The Presidio Trust Act required the Trust to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Secretary of the Interior for law enforcement activities and services to be provided by the USPP, an organizational component of the NPS.

### Background:

- Established in 1791 and serving our Nation for over 225 years, the USPP is a full service urban law enforcement agency which provides for the safety of park visitors and protection of resources at designated NPS sites in the metropolitan areas of D.C., New York, and San Francisco.
- In 1933, the USPP found a permanent home within the NPS.
- In 1974, the USPP was requested by the NPS Director to establish field offices in the Gateway NRA (GATE) in New York and GOGA in San Francisco, due to the urban nature of the law enforcement mission.
- USPP San Francisco Field Office provides a full range of law enforcement and public safety services in GOGA, which includes Area A (coastal portion under GOGA jurisdiction) and Area B (the Presidio Trust portion) of the Presidio, and the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (SAFR).
- Four reimbursable, interagency agreements (IAs), entered into by the Trust and the USPP, provide services for law enforcement, communications (i.e., 911 calls), parking enforcement, and special events.

Law Enforcement	4,017,970
Communications	661,550
Parking Enforcement	50,000
Special Events	37,800

**Current Status:** The USPP currently performs law enforcement services in the areas managed by the Presidio Trust.



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**SUBJECT: Golden Gate National Recreation Area**

### **Park History**

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), one of the largest national parks in an urban area, preserves and enhances the natural, historic, scenic and recreational resources of the lands north and south of the Golden Gate for the education, enjoyment and inspiration of people today and in the future. In the spirit of bringing national parks to the people, the park reaches out to diverse communities to promote the richness and breadth of the national park system and make Golden Gate a park for all. The park's many volunteer and partnership programs foster broad-based public stewardship.

### **Purpose**

Established by Congress in 1972 as part of the Parks for the People movement, GGNRA includes under its management two additional units of the National Park Service: Fort Point National Historic Site and Muir Woods National Monument.

### **Resources**

GGNRA lands span three counties: Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo. With more than 19 million annual visitors, the park is both an international destination and a local treasure for the 7 million people who call the Bay Area home. The park includes world-renowned destinations like Alcatraz Island, Muir Woods and the Presidio, as well as sites of regional and national importance, including the Marin Headlands, Stinson Beach, Fort Mason, Ocean Beach, Fort Funston, Sweeney Ridge and Mori Point. Park resources include:

- 1,439 historic structures and 5 National Historic Landmark Districts
- 13 National Register of Historic Places properties
- 370 archeological sites identified
- 9 Cultural Landscapes
- 5 lighthouses
- 3,947 plant and animal species, including 37 threatened or endangered species
- Included in the UNESCO Golden Gate International Biosphere
- 19 separate ecosystems in 7 distinct watersheds
- 91 miles of bay and ocean shoreline

### **Statistics**

- Size: 82,791 acres
- Staffing: 255 full-time equivalents
- Annual Visitation: 19,028,068 (FY16)
- Budget: \$27,056,000
- Deferred Maintenance: \$303,801,492
- Economic Benefits to Communities: \$637.1 million; Park visitors spent \$520.4 million in local communities, supporting 6,637 jobs in the local area.

Data is cumulative of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Point National Historic Site, and Muir Woods National Monument.

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### Interested Agencies & Organizations

The Presidio Trust, The Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria, the State of California and its agencies, the City and County of San Francisco, the County of Marin and County of San Mateo, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and many other critical park partners.

### Congressional District

- Senators: Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Kamala D Harris (D-CA)
- Representatives: Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12), Jackie Speier (D-CA-14), Jared Huffman (D-CA- 2)
- Contacts General Superintendent: Craig Kenkel
- Deputy Superintendent: Carey Feierabend
- Director of Communications and Partnerships: Jenny Anzelmo-Sarles
- Public Affairs Officer: Nathan Hale Sargent, 415-561- 4732

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 25, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**OVERVIEW:**

Today you have 4 briefings:

08:00 - 08:45	am	Outdoor Industry Assoc Press Event
11:00 - 11:30	am	Little Shell Tribe
01:00 - 01:30	pm	Western Energy Alliance
03:00 - 03:30	pm	Meeting University of Oregon President

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
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**TIME:** 08:00 - 08:45 am  
**SUBJECT:** Outdoor Industry Association Press Event

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) will be holding a conference focusing on the “outdoor recreation economy.” You have been invited to speak on the topic of outdoor recreation and its benefits to our nation. The Outdoor Industry Association is a membership-driven trade organization for the outdoor industry. In collaboration with their members, they are a force for the industry in recreation and trade policy, sustainable business innovation and increasing outdoor participation.

**II. PROGRAM DETAILS**

**ATTIRE:** Business  
**Press:** Open

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

- Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
- Amy Roberts, Outdoor Industry, Association Executive Director
- Eric Artz, REI, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- Whit Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Pres and CEO
- Rep. Mike Simpson, (R) Idaho 2nd District

**IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>7:35 a.m.:</b>	Depart Residence
<b>7:55 a.m.:</b>	Arrive at National Press Club
<b>8:00 a.m.:</b>	Amy Roberts remarks
<b>8:13 a.m.:</b>	Introduction by Amy Roberts
<b>8:15 a.m.:</b>	Secretary Zinke remarks
<b>8:45 a.m.:</b>	End Secretary Zinke remarks
<b>8:50 a.m.:</b>	Depart National Press Club

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

**TAB A:** Event Outline and Details  
**TAB B:** Participant Biographies

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 25, 2017**

**TIME:** 11:00 - 11:30 am  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Chairman Gerald Gray, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Chairman Gerald Gray of the Little Shell Tribe of Montana is in DC this week and wanted to briefly sit down with you to congratulate you on your confirmation as Secretary of the Interior. The Chairman and his lobbying team, Josh Clause and Casey Sixkiller, will also be in attendance.

**II. BACKGROUND**

In addition to offering congratulations, the Chairman will discuss their federal recognition bill, S.39, a bill to extend the Federal recognition of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes. Introduced by Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines, the bill passed out of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs unanimously on February 8, 2017. Further floor action is unclear at this point in time.

The Chairman may also take the opportunity to update you on their progress going through the revised Part 83 Federal Recognition process.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Please refrain from *any* conversations regarding federal recognition outside of the Part 83 process or efforts for Congressional approval.

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**TIME:** 01:00 - 01:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Western Energy Alliance

**I. BACKGROUND**

The Western Energy Alliance (WEA) represents 13 Western states and a consortium of western stakeholders interested in seeing a vibrant energy economy in the West. They are primarily focused on oil and natural gas exploration and production. Kathleen Sgamma, the President of WEA, has testified several times before the House Natural Resources Committee, most recently on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Venting and Flaring rule.

**II. DISCUSSION**

The main focus of the WEA over the last several years has centered around the impact of the multitude of energy-related regulations and planning decisions have had on state and local economies in Western states. In the past, WEA has predominantly criticized (and sued) the DOI for: 1) failure to properly plan for and provide access to federal lands for energy and mineral development; 2) lack of collaboration with state and local governments in the decision-making process; and 3) generating a multitude of rulemakings which have made it exorbitantly expensive which in turn have pushed investments away from federal lands, thus impacting important jobs and revenue streams for state and local governments. WEA attendees will likely focus on the following topics:

Onshore Leasing Reform/More Lease Sales

Ten years ago in 2006, the Department leased 4.4 million acres of public lands; last year, we leased just under 600,000 acres. In FY2008, production of energy and minerals on public lands generated \$24 billion; last year, DOI generated nearly \$6 billion (most of the revenue was from offshore). Energy production on public lands are an integral source of revenue and economic growth for our country. In recognition of how few acres are being leased today on public lands and the impact it has on our bottom line, we are evaluating ways to increase access for responsible energy development. A lot of these efforts start at the planning stages - and with BLM Planning 2.0 repealed, the Secretary has directed the BLM to develop a more collaborative planning process that integrates states and localities and considers multiple use principles - which include American energy development.

Sage Grouse

WEA challenged 12 of the sage-grouse resource management plans - which put hundreds of thousands of acres under no surface occupancy restrictions and included contentious compensatory mitigation strategies. WEA supports state-based sage-grouse strategies.

Mitigation

President Trump repealed President Obama's Executive Order on mitigation - and the Secretarial Order required all Bureaus in the Department to provide a full accounting of all mitigation policies that had been implemented in accordance with the Obama mitigation EO.

NEPA Reform

The Department recognizes that the NEPA process and NEPA-related litigation is the primary reason why so many of our planning and permitting processes can take years to reach conclusion. While we must adhere to the statute, we are looking at what is in our discretion to improve this process - as well as working with our federal partners at the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) to find ways to improve this process that impacts nearly every action at the Department.

Regulatory Certainty

The American Energy Independence Secretarial Order required a hard look at all regulations that burden

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American energy development - and we are currently in the decision-making process on all regulations that meet this definition and must be revisited. It is important to note that while CRA actions provided DOI with a head-start to regulatory reforms by rescinding two major rulemakings so far (Stream Protection Rule and Planning 2.0), the DOI rescission process is another rulemaking process that can take months. Meeting attendees will likely be very concerned about the BLM Venting and Flaring Rule, the Hydraulic Fracturing Rule, BLM Onshore Orders 3,4,5, and the ONRR Valuation Rule.

**III. NEXT STEPS**

Royalty Policy Committee - The public notice on reestablishment of the Royalty Policy Committee and inviting nominations for the committee was published on April 3, 2017 with all nominations and comments required to be submitted by May 3, 2017 [we may want to consider extending this deadline]. WEA may be interested in submitting nominations through this public process.

OMB 2 for 1 Regulatory Requirement - It may be useful to remind WEA attendees of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) 2 for 1 regulatory requirement - for every new rulemaking, an agency must identify two existing rules to rescind. While the DOI has built a credit for rules that have been rescinded by the Congressional Review Act (Planning 2.0 was a particular target for WEA), we welcome any ideas/feedback they would like to share on potential rules and regulations that they would like to see rescinded or revised.

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**TIME:** 03:00 - 03:30 pm

**SUBJECT:** The University President wants to inform the Secretary about the partnership with USGS on natural hazards research

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The University is involved in volcano monitoring and new technologies for monitoring seismic activities, both in conjunction with USGS.

### II. BACKGROUND

The USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory (CVO) has collaborated with University of Oregon (UO) in the establishment of monitoring networks at Three Sisters, Newberry, and Crater Lake volcanoes, and continues to coordinate monitoring and science activities with the UO at those and other Oregon volcanoes. USGS has active scientific collaborations with faculty and students at the University of Oregon's Department of Earth Sciences, on Cascade, Alaska and Yellowstone volcanoes, including co-authoring papers, serving on graduate students' thesis/dissertation committees, and hosting UO students as interns or year-round volunteers at CVO. USGS and UO researchers are serving key roles on committees responsible for organizing the upcoming International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of Earth's Interior 2017 meeting in Portland, OR. With new endowed volcanology hires likely to move forward at UO, CVO and the USGS Volcano Hazards Program looks forward to strengthening collaborations in volcanology with the UO in the near future. Briefly and succinctly provide the necessary background information to frame the issue or topic.

The University of Oregon (UO), the University of Washington, and the USGS jointly operate the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN), which is a participating regional seismic network in the USGS Advanced National Seismic System. The UO team specifically provides field support for the operation of some PNSN seismic stations. UO is also partnering with the USGS in the development of the ShakeAlert west coast earthquake early warning system as a new ANSS product. The USGS Earthquake Hazards Program currently has 3 cooperative agreements with UO. One cooperative agreement is for UO's regular PNSN network operations (\$115K/year). Two cooperative agreements are for UO to improve the PNSN to support ShakeAlert and to conduct user engagement (totaling about \$470K for activities this year).

### III. NEXT STEPS

The University is likely to request continued or increased funding for USGS natural hazards research. Although USGS is taking significant budget cuts in FY18, the natural hazards programs are faring better than most programs of USGS.



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**Briefing Daily Summary - April 26, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

Today you have two meetings/briefings:

12:00 - 12:30 am Australia Minister Joshua Frydenberg meeting  
03:00 - 03:30 pm Call Canadian Minister Jim Carr

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 26, 2017**

**TIME:** 12:00 - 12:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Australia Minister Joshua Frydenberg, Minister for Energy & Environment  
**FROM:** Karen Senhadji, Office of International Affairs, 202-208-5479

**I. PURPOSE**

On April 26, you will meet with Australian Minister for Environment and Energy Josh Frydenberg. Minister Frydenberg will be in Washington, DC to speak at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and to meet with Secretary of Energy Perry and EPA Administrator Pruitt, along with members of Congress. He requested this meeting to discuss shared interests and challenges on environmental issues. This meeting is an opportunity to become personally acquainted with an important international partner for DOI, and to reinforce cooperation on activities that include conservation and drought response.

**II. PARTICIPANTS (as of April 20, 2017)**

- Josh Frydenberg, Australian Minister for the Environment and Energy
- Ministry staff TBD
- Karen Senhadji, Director, Office of International Affairs
- Ryan Close, Senior International Policy Advisor, Office of International Affairs

**III. TALKING POINTS**

- Thank the Minister for coming to DOI during his Washington, DC visit.
- Note the strong relationship between DOI and its Australian counterparts.
- Express appreciation for cooperation on protected area management and conservation.
- Recognize that Australia faces severe drought challenges and underscore DOI's support for future collaboration on water management techniques and policies.
- Express interest in strengthening collaboration to combat invasive species.
- Invite the Minister to share his priorities.
- Thank the Minister for the long-standing and very successful bilateral cooperation on wildland fire management [though this does not fall under his portfolio].

**IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

- DOI's interaction with Australia is limited but constructive, and includes water conservation and drought management, species protection, offshore energy development and regulation, combatting invasive species, protected area management, fire management, remote sensing, and coordination on matters related to indigenous peoples.
- Josh Frydenberg has been Minister for the Environment and Energy since July 19, 2016. The Australian Department of the Environment and Energy oversees policies and programs to protect the environment, water resources and heritage.
- The center-right Liberal-Nationals Coalition has been in government since 2013, but saw a leadership changeover in September 2015, when Malcolm Turnbull replaced Tony Abbott as Prime Minister.
- Historically, Australia has had a very high reputation for environmental management, water management and preservation of large heritage areas and national parks.
- One pressing environmental challenge, though, is the health of the world's largest coral reef, the Great Barrier Reef, which is threatened by climate change and pollution.

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**V. BACKGROUND**

DOI cooperation with the Department for the Environment and Energy includes the following:

**National Parks.** Australia maintains thousands of protected areas at the federal and state levels. Australia's national reserve system covers more than 9,700 protected areas covering nearly 13.5% of the country – over 254 million acres protecting a range of habitats including savannahs and deserts. The National Park Service maintains broad contacts with Parks Australia and many of the Australian State government parks departments.

**Water Management & Drought.** Severe droughts are a major concern for Australia, and the Bureau of Reclamation shares experiences and policy information with Australian counterparts. This cooperation has included high-level discussions between bureau personnel on issues of financing water infrastructure projects, dam safety, and methodologies to assess river basin supply and demand in the context of climate change. Future topics of discussion could include the use of prize competitions, the quantification of ecosystem services and a broader consideration of social and cultural topics relating to water management decisions.

**Wildlife Conservation and Trafficking.** Australia and the U.S. share similar views regarding wildlife trade and trafficking, and Australia has strong national policies and laws to prevent the export of its own wildlife and the import of non-native species. Australia cooperates with the Fish and Wildlife Service on migratory bird conservation through a number of mechanisms.

**Invasive Species.** Australia is home to many endemic species, many of which have become extinct or nearly so due to the introduction of non-native predators and competitors. Given that invasive species have caused severe ecological impacts in both Australia and the United States, scientists in the two countries have a long-standing history of collaboration in order to better mitigate these problems. An area ripe for future collaboration is technology innovation, such as the development of genetic technologies that could help eradicate invasive predators by causing the production of only male offspring.

**Areas of Cooperation with other Australian government entities.** DOI also cooperates with other entities of the Australia federal and state governments. This includes collaboration through multilateral fora to promote safe offshore energy development; establishing remote sensing downloading stations; sharing information on hazards and mineral resources; cooperating to repatriate indigenous human remains; and sharing resources and expertise to manage wildland fire, given opposite fire seasons and similar incident command structures. [Note: DOI, working with USDA and the State Department, renewed its wildland fire management arrangement with Australia in January 2017.]

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**TIME:** 03:00 - 04:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Call Canadian Minister Jim Carr

**FROM:** Karen Senhadji, Director, Office of International Affairs, PMB, 202-208-5479

**NOTE:** Yellow highlighted comments pertain to an announcement yesterday by Commerce Secretary Ross that the U.S. will impose a new tariff on Canadian softwood lumber, which the Minister opposes.

### I. PURPOSE

On April 26, you will have a call with the Canadian Minister of Natural Resources, the Honorable James “Jim” Carr. This meeting will be an opportunity to become personally acquainted with one of DOI’s most important international partners, and to reinforce cooperation on activities of mutual benefit that include promoting safe and sustainable energy development, conducting earth science research, and managing wildland fires. The Minister was in Washington, DC the week of March 27 and had requested an in-person meeting with you, but unfortunately your schedules did not align. You had a call with one of Minister Carr’s cabinet colleagues – Environment and Climate Change Minister McKenna – on March 8.

Note that Minister Carr is likely to express concern about tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber, which Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced on Tuesday of this week—it is best that you refer Minister Carr to Secretary Ross for follow-up.

### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources
- Ministry Staff, TBD
- Karen Senhadji, Director, Office of International Affairs, DOI
- Ryan Close, Senior International Policy Advisor, Office of International Affairs, DOI

### III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS

- Express regret that you were not able to meet the Minister in person while he was in Washington, DC the week of March 27.
- Congratulate Canada on the 150th anniversary of its Confederation.
- Note the strong collaboration between DOI and Canadian counterparts, underscoring that the special relationship with Natural Resources Canada is a top priority for DOI.
- Express interest in learning more about Canada’s desire to balance energy development with environmental commitments.
- Underscore the strong and collaborative relationship with Canada on safety and environmental performance for offshore oil and gas.
- Express interest in finding opportunities for enhanced geoscience collaboration to support joint U.S.-Canada priorities, such as on energy and mineral resources, hydrological monitoring, and geological hazards.
- Thank the Minister for the long-standing and very successful bilateral cooperation on wildland fire management.
- Encourage the federal government of Canada to take the necessary steps to begin renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty.
- Welcome opportunities to increase cooperation on supporting indigenous communities.
- [If softwood lumber tariffs are raised] The Commerce Department made the tariff decision and DOI defers to Commerce on this matter.

### IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS

- 2017 marks Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation (the British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick federally united into one Dominion on July 1, 1867).

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- The Liberal Party of Canada won a majority in 2015, and has made U.S. cooperation priority. Prime Minister Trudeau visited Washington, DC on February 2017.
- James Carr was sworn in as Minister of Natural Resources on November 4, 2015.
- Natural Resource Canada (NRCan) seeks to enhance the responsible development and use of Canada's natural resources, as well as the competitiveness of Canada's natural resource products. It focuses on four primary areas: energy; earth sciences (through the work of the Geological Survey of Canada); minerals and metals; and, forestry.
- Minister Carr is responsible for both NRCan activities and for the National Energy Board, which is Canada's federal energy regulator. The Board's jurisdiction includes regulation of the export and import of natural gas, as well as oil and gas activities on frontier lands and offshore areas not covered by federal/provincial management agreements. NRCan is not a regulator but instead provides energy policy advice.
- On April 24, the Commerce Department decided to apply punitive softwood lumber tariffs of up to 24% on Canadian exporters. Minister Carr and Foreign Minister Freeland released a joint statement that is sharply critical of the decision. Minister Carr is likely to raise this very sensitive subject at every opportunity – including in the call with you, even though DOI is not part of the recent tariff decision. Softwood lumber is Canada's fourth largest export to the U.S. Trade tensions over softwood lumber are longstanding and deeply-rooted, stemming from market differences for softwood timber supply in the United States and Canada. In the U.S., most of the timber used to make softwood lumber is privately owned and sold; in Canada, provincial governments own and control most of the timber supply and most set the price for harvesting timber rather than allowing the market to determine such prices.

### V. BACKGROUND

Together with Mexico, Canada is DOI's most important international partner. The long and interactive border between the U.S. and Canada requires close collaboration to achieve domestic objectives and implement DOI policies. Since DOI does not have an exact equivalent in the Canadian Government, this cooperation occurs with a range of partners. The agencies that are most comparable to DOI are Natural Resources Canada (Minister James Carr); Environment and Climate Change Canada (Minister Catherine McKenna); and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (Minister Carolyn Bennett). Additionally, since individual provinces have jurisdiction over natural resources, significant collaboration occurs with provincial and local stakeholders. DOI cooperates with NRCan on a wide range of subjects, including the following:

**Oil and Gas Activities.** DOI collaborates with Canada on issues related to the safe and responsible exploration and development of offshore oil and gas, and it shares considerable environmental, oil spill preparedness, and engineering research with Canadian counterparts both at the federal and provincial levels.<sup>1</sup> As an example, DOI and Canadian partners

<sup>1</sup> As of February 2017, the Canadian government has 2.2 million hectares licensed in the Canadian Beaufort Sea,

comprising 13 exploration licenses and 48 significant discovery licenses. The United States has 42 active oil and gas

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founded the U.S.-Canada Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum in 2008 to encourage sharing of research to support decision-making for oil and gas activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjoining areas (North Slope of Alaska and Mackenzie Valley, Canada).

In addition to bilateral engagement, DOI participates with Canadian counterparts in a number of multilateral mechanisms that foster cooperation and information sharing on energy development matters. These include the International Offshore Petroleum Environmental Regulators, a group of national and provincial government environmental regulators focused on improving environmental performance in the global offshore petroleum exploration and production industry; the International Upstream Forum, which brings together international government regulators to discuss current offshore oil and gas issues, policy challenges, and best practices; the

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International Regulators' Forum, which promotes global offshore safety; and the Arctic Offshore Regulators Forum, a forum that DOI played a leading role in establishing in order to promote safe and environmentally-responsible offshore energy development in the Arctic.

**Renewable Energy Activities.** Natural Resources Canada is looking to advance offshore renewable energy, and has solicited input from DOI's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) regarding the U.S. regulatory framework. NRCan reports that Canada has the potential for as many as seven large offshore wind projects, with an expected cumulative total capacity of more than 3,000 MW, off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. A tidal energy demonstration project was recently installed in Nova Scotia's Bay of Fundy, where additional projects are expected to be deployed over the coming years. On the Pacific coast, assessments continue to reveal the potential long-term contribution of wave energy to British Columbia's electricity supply. Meanwhile, the Columbia River Treaty outlines hydropower operations, compensation strategies and flood risk curtailment in the Columbia River basin. The treaty's flood control provisions, affecting both countries, are set to change in the coming years. U.S. states, Indian tribes and the government of British Columbia, have called for negotiations to begin. These negotiations could strengthen the relationship between our respective Administrations and highlight cross-border cooperation on balancing flood control, energy development and environmental commitments.

**Science Cooperation.** The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) collaborates with Canadian counterparts on virtually every aspect of earth science research. USGS has an MOU with NRCan to facilitate cooperation on earth sciences, such as via joint mineralogy surveys; scientist-to-scientist engagement on wildlife diseases such as avian flu; and collaborative water measurement and monitoring (which itself has been occurring for over a century). Because Canada is a world leader in the production of mineral resources, including cobalt, uranium, nickel, platinum, and tungsten, we are actively engaged in minerals data exchange. USGS and the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) cooperate on many projects involving mineral resources and geologic and geographic mapping. USGS and GSC are discussing opportunities for enhanced geoscience collaboration on other areas of mutual trans-border and continental-scale interest including energy resources, hydrologic monitoring, geological hazards (earthquakes, landslides, coastal), and developing a standardized geologic mapping nomenclature, particularly (leases covering approximately 80,636 hectares in its portion of the Beaufort Sea and an additional lease covering approximately 2,304 hectares in the adjacent Chukchi Sea.) for Alaska and the Yukon. Future coordination may include energy research for a secure and sustainable energy supply, improving publically accessible hydrologic information on shared water resources and reducing flood and drought risks, natural disaster risk reduction including a bilateral earthquake early warning system for trans-border events, and developing common standards for minerals information data. USGS has collaborated further with GSC since 2007 in joint mapping of the Arctic Ocean between Alaska and Canada to understand our respective extended continental shelves under Article 76 of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

**Wildland Fire Management.** DOI's land management bureaus and the Forest Service have a longstanding mutual aid arrangement with Canada for wildfire assistance. Requests for Canadian assistance are made when U.S. resources are depleted, shortages are projected, or urgency requires immediate support. Canadian resources that are generally needed in the United States include crews, mid-level fire managers, air-tankers, and helicopters. Those same types of resources are available from the United States for Canada during times of exceptionally high fire activity. The two countries have provided mutual assistance nearly every year for decades (formally since 1982), and most recently shared resources in the summer of 2016. Along with USDA and the State Department, DOI is working with NRCan to broaden the existing arrangement on wildland fire management to cover pre-suppression cooperation as well.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 26, 2017**

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 27, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**OVERVIEW:** Today you have three meetings/briefings:

03:00 - 03:45	pm	House Natural Resources Minority Caucus
04:00 - 04:45	pm	House Natural Resources Majority Caucus
06:30 - 07:30	pm	TRCP BBQ Event

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 27, 2017**

**TIME:** 03:00 - 03:45 pm  
**SUBJECT:** House Natural Resources Minority Caucus  
**FROM:** Micah Chambers, OCL

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Secretary will meet with the entire HNRC Minority Caucus in the Natural Resources staff meeting room. The purpose is to hear the members concerns and issues.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Ranking Member Grijalva has been asking for a one-on-one meeting with the Secretary since January. At the Secretary's request, we countered with a meeting for the entire HNRC Minority Caucus.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Ranking Member Grijalva will introduce Secretary Zinke and recognize him for any opening remarks he may wish to make. Each member of the Caucus will then be recognized for two minutes to make remarks or ask questions of the Secretary. This will be a private meeting, with no official reporter or media present. Only the staff director will be present. Most likely, they will cover the supposed "gag order" and the lack of replies they've received from the department along with interest regarding proposed budget cuts and the Paris Climate meeting.

**TIME:** 04:00 - 04:45 pm  
**SUBJECT:** House Natural Resources Majority Caucus  
**FROM:** Micah Chambers, OCL

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**II. BACKGROUND**

Ranking Member Grijalva has been asking for a one-on-one meeting with the Secretary since January. At the Secretary's request, we countered with a meeting for the entire HNRC Minority Caucus. However, we did not want to do a minority meeting without offering the same to majority. Both meetings have been coordinated with Majority and Minority to keep the same parameters.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Secretary Zinke is making himself available to the committee to hear their issues and concerns from each office. Likely topics to be covered are the recent Antiquities Act EO, the proposed "dirt" tax/hard rock mining royalty and Friday's Offshore Energy EO along with the Secretary's priority of the infrastructure bill and the role DOI will play.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary - April 27, 2017**

**TIME:** 06:30 - 07:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** TRCP BBQ Event  
**FROM:** Wadi Yakhour, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Advance, 202-706-9041

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

For the last four years, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) has hosted an annual BBQ for the Secretary to meet the sportsmen's community and informally discuss the issues of importance. You have been invited to this year's event and have been asked to briefly address the guests.

**II. PROGRAM DETAILS**

ATTIRE: Casual  
PRESS: Closed

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

- Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
- Jerry Stritzke, REI Chief Executive Officer
- KC Walsh, Simms of Bozeman Chief Executive Officer

**IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

6:15 p.m.:	Depart DOI
6:30 p.m.:	Arrive REI
6:35 p.m.:	Secretary Zinke remarks
6:45 p.m.:	End Secretary Zinke remarks
6:46 p.m.:	BBQ Buffet opened
7:00 p.m.:	Jerry Stritzke and KC Walsh remarks
7:30 p.m.:	End Jerry Stritzke and KC Walsh remarks
7:31 p.m.:	Social hour/ Depart REI (If desired)
9:00 p.m.:	Event concludes