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Amanda-

Thanks again for your help at last week's oversight hearing. Attached is the electronic copy of Zinke's QFR's, the hard copies should arrive sometime next week.

Please let me know if you have any questions, once again thanks so much for your help last week.

Best,

**Will Layden**

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June 29, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

Thank you for appearing before the Committee on Natural Resources oversight hearing on Thursday, June 22, 2017, to present testimony on *"Examining the Department of the Interior's Spending Priorities and the President's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal."*

Your testimony regarding the spending priorities of the Interior assisted the Committee in considering a greater array of the issues concerning the President's overall FY2018 budget proposal and I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your valued statement. While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Committee has additional questions, attached, for your reply.

Please forward your responses to Will Layden, Clerk, Committee on Natural Resources, at [Will.Layden@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.Layden@mail.house.gov), by no later than Monday, July 17, 2017.

Once again, thank you for your participation in making this a valuable hearing.

Sincerely,



Rob Bishop  
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**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Oversight Hearing**  
**1324 Longworth House Office Building**  
**June 22, 2017**  
**9:30 A.M. EST**

Oversight Hearing on *“Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal.”*

**Questions from Rep. Tom McClintock** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

Question #1

There are some 150 conservation corps across the nation. These corps have a long tradition of stewardship of our public lands and waters. By partnering with corps, land managers leverage their budgets with cost-effective projects that reduce the multi-billion-dollar maintenance backlog, remediate wildfires, curb the spread of invasive species, improve access to public lands, build and maintain trails, and ensure good fish and wildlife habitat for enthusiasts, hunters, and anglers.

Q: Are you aware of any impediments that have limited growth of this program?

Question #2

After years of talking and concerted efforts by telecommunications companies and concessioners, too many front country areas of our national parks and too many key road corridors in our parks still offer no cellular or WiFi connectivity. There are safety issues and lost opportunities to boost park experiences with helpful visitor information.

Q: Does the FY2018 budget envision additional WiFi connectivity requests for proposals?

Q: Will this be one of your priorities as Secretary?

Question #3

Across the National Park System stays are down. RV overnights in national park campgrounds are down more than two million, or almost 50%, at a time when the RV market is booming. Recently while speaking to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association you stated: “As the secretary, I don’t want to be in the business of running campgrounds.”

Q: Does the FY2018 budget include a major push to improve and transfer campground operations?

Question #4

Mr. Secretary, you have previously stated that one of your top priorities as secretary was to increase employee morale and ensure that employees on the front lines have the right tools, resources, and flexibility to make the decisions to get their jobs done. According to the 2016 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government rankings compiled by the Partnership for Public Service and based on OPM's annual Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, employee engagement at DOI has been improving since 2015. However, several of the agency's components continue to rank low in their employee engagement, including the Bureaus of Land Management, Indian Affairs and the Park Service.

Q: What are you doing to hold leadership across the department accountable for engaging employees? How can this committee help?

Question #5

Within the Department of the Interior, agencies like the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Fish and Wildlife Service frequently interact with citizens in their day-to-day operations. As part of their 2015 cross-agency priority (CAP) goals, agencies should be working to ensure the delivery of smarter, better and faster service to their citizens.

Q: What steps are department and agency leaders taking to meet their customer service CAP goals?

Q: What is the agency doing to collect feedback from customers to improve its service to citizens?

Q: How is the department incorporating citizens' experience into its reform plan due to OMB on June 30?

Question #6

The government reorganization executive order and subsequent OMB guidance attempt to align government reform efforts with the federal budget and performance planning processes. In response, agencies are developing high-level reform and workforce reduction plans outlining proposals to reduce duplication, increase efficiency and maximize employee performance.

Q: What are you doing as Secretary to lead reform and reshaping efforts within the department?

Q: What actions will the Department take to reduce duplication in its operations, increase the effectiveness and efficiency of its services and maximize the performance of its staff?

#### Question #7

Just fourteen percent of the DOI workforce falls under age 34, but 48 percent of the workforce is over 50. Filling positions in remote locations and retaining employees are difficult issues for the department and, in particular, for organizations like the National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and Bureau of Land Management.

Q: What barriers does the department face in reaching and utilizing entry-level talent to fill these key positions?

Q: What steps is the department taking to better attract, recruit, and retain the next generation of public servants to solve the department's complex challenges?

#### Question #8

Increasing Public Private Partnerships is one of the many ways to help reduce the National Park Service maintenance backlog.

Which types of P3s do you believe will be most effective in addressing the backlog while also upholding the guiding principles of the NPS?

#### Question #9

Historic leasing is an example of a public-private partnership that could help alleviate the deferred maintenance backlog.

What are your recommendations for how to expand this innovative approach?

#### Question #10

What are the goals that the National Park Service hoped to achieve with the Capital investment strategy?

Does the focus on the high-priority projects come at the expense of lower-priority projects?

**Questions from Rep. LaMalfa** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

1. As we all know, the Endangered Species Act is in need of significant reforms, with the success rate of species' moving from endangered to fully recovered around 1-3%. In my district, the Service's own scientists recommended delisting the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, yet it remains listed today and imposes major costs to flood protection and other projects.

Listing of other species, like the Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog, has resulted in such low-impact events as a trail run being canceled. Federal agencies actually believed humans running on existing trails could negatively impact listed frogs. What is the Fish and Wildlife Service doing to review the listing status for threatened or endangered species which have been recommended for delisting, like the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle?

2. Last year, we saw the Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service issue conflicting requirements for the operation of Shasta Dam, one demanding higher water releases, the other demanding lower releases. These proposals would have dramatically reduced water supplies for homes and farms.

Could centralizing responsibility for ESA-listed species with the Fish & Wildlife Service prevent conflicting directives like these? For example, having the Fish & Wildlife Service subsume the responsibilities of the National Marine Fisheries Service?

**Questions from Rep. Jody Hice** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

As you are aware, President Trump has asked for an all-hands-on-deck approach to offshore research and development, and you yourself signed an order on May 1, 2017 directing Interior to look at the entire Gulf of Mexico region for potential drilling sites.

However, A.M. Kurta, acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, sent a letter to Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), on April 26, 2017, stating his belief that military training and related exercises in the eastern Gulf necessitate a continuation of Congress's ban on drilling in the area.<sup>1</sup>

- Eastern Gulf Of Mexico – Shared Use with DOD
  - As a Navy SEAL Commander, you have a strong understanding of the need for military preparedness. How do you reconcile the mission of your Department to promote responsible federal offshore development with the DOD's mission of military preparedness? Can the two coexist if the moratorium is lifted?
  - In the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, military preparedness operations coincide with potential oil and gas development. This requires constant, open communication and an understanding and respect for the mission of both Departments occupying the land. How will you coordinate with the DOD to ensure mutual, responsible management of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico?
- The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) "National Oil and Gas Leasing Program" (previously known as the 5-Year Plan)
  - You've called a new five year plan, now known as a "National Oil and Gas Leasing Program." How will the new plan differ from the previously approved plan?
- Atlantic
  - In order to responsibly manage our nation's natural resources, we must first account for what we have. Please explain the importance of conducting geological and geophysical research in our offshore areas, and how we can use this information to make informed decisions regarding resource management.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter attached.

**Questions from Rep. Thompson** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

1. Last year, EPA finalized a rule on Privately-Owned Treatment Works (POTWs). Since then, I've weighed in with the agency to express great concern over its impact on treatment facilities in Pennsylvania that appear to be inadvertently caught up in the regulation. Although the rule was intended for unconventional production, I've heard a lot of concern that water derived from conventional production will also be subject to the regulation due to a lack of definitions and the individual basins cited in the rule.

What is EPA doing to correct this problem and ensure that conventionally-derived wastewater is not subject to the POTW rule?

2. I would like to request an update on the status of the remedial action at the Folcroft Landfill, a property which was purchased by the US Department of Interior in 1980 and incorporated into the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge under legislative authority provided by Congress. In 2001, the property was added to the National Priorities List (NPL). Congress initially appropriated \$11 million for the development of the Refuge, and then increased funding to \$19.5 million for expansion, including acquisition of the Folcroft Landfill (PL 96-315). The legislative history of the Refuge indicates that Congress intended a portion of the funds to be directed toward investigation and on-going maintenance of the Folcroft Landfill (PL 99-191).

Guidance from the EPA requires the Agency to consider future land use in the selection of a remedy. What communication has the Department of Interior had with the EPA regarding the selection of a remedy for the Folcroft Landfill? What remedies are under consideration? Are the remedies under consideration by EPA consistent with the future use of the property outlined in the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge's 2012 Comprehensive Conservation Plan?

3. What is the timeline for implementation of a remedy? What role will the Department of Interior play in the remediation effort? Can you provide an estimate of the cost of the remediation? What will be the contribution from the Department of Interior and other federal agencies that have been identified as potentially responsible parties? Are any of the \$19.5 million appropriated by Congress still available to fund this effort, or will additional appropriations be necessary?

4. What measures must be put in place by the Department of Interior to maintain the property once remediation efforts have been completed?

**Questions from Ranking Member Raúl M. Grijalva for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:**

Sacred Sites:

1. Mr. Secretary, without thoughtful review, land management decisions relating to mining and energy development have the potential to degrade and desecrate sacred sites, areas, and landscapes. How will your approach to energy development on public lands comply with the Federal government's legal and moral obligation to protect and preserve sacred places and Native Peoples' religious cultural rights and practices?

Tribal Climate Resilience:

1. Are American Indian and Native Alaskan communities facing profound challenges to their culture, economies, and livelihoods because of climate change?
2. Would you agree that the federal government has an essential and unique role in helping tribal nations prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change on their land and natural resources?
3. Why does this budget eliminate the Tribal Climate Resilience program?
4. The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Tribal Climate Resilience Program was one of the few programs at BIA with the word 'climate' in its name. As of last week, the word 'climate' has been removed from the title of the BIA program. Did you direct your staff to not use "climate change," in written memos, briefings or other written communication?
5. Did the President direct your staff to not use "climate change," in written memos, briefings or other written communication?

Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawaii:

1. The National Invasive Species Council is located within the Department of the Interior and is responsible for coordinating the Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawaii. Will you commit the Department of Interior to full participation in implementing the Regional Biosecurity Plan?

Policy and Managerial Decisions:

1. Can you point to a single significant policy or managerial decision you have made as Secretary that has been to the detriment of the coal, oil, and natural gas industries?

Coal Industry Jobs:

5. How many Americans were employed in the U.S. coal industry in 1985?
6. How many Americans were employed in the U.S. coal industry in 2008?
7. What factors do you believe led to the decline in U.S. coal jobs between 1985 and 2008?
8. According to both you and President Trump, the “war on coal” is now over. You have enacted policies and made decisions with the intent of reviving the U.S. coal industry. How many jobs do you expect to return to the U.S. coal industry by November 2020?
9. Are you confident that there will be more jobs in the U.S. coal industry in November 2020 than there were in November 2016?

Department of the Interior Employees:

1. As a Member of the House of Representatives and now as the Secretary you have said that the Interior Department needs more scientists in the field and fewer lawyers. However your Fiscal Year 2018 budget request decreases full-time staff for the Bureau of Land Management by 11.3%, the National Park Service by 6.4%, and the U.S. Geological Survey by 13.7%. Employees of these bureaus include biologists, geologists, chemists, forestry technicians, and other scientists. Conversely, the Office of the Solicitor – an office comprised almost entirely of lawyers – would add three full-time positions under your proposed budget. How does your budget proposal comport with your statements that the Department needs more scientists and fewer lawyers?

Science-based Decision-making:

1. Mr. Secretary, when you were still on this Committee, you stated in a 2015 hearing that with respect to the Interior Department’s decision-making process, “I think we need to be more science-based and less politics, and that would be helpful.” However your budget includes significant cuts to numerous scientific programs that conduct vital scientific work. Do you have any science-based evidence that the threats facing our nation’s land,

water, and wildlife from climate change have decreased to the point that these cuts are appropriate?

- a. Do you believe that the cuts within your budget will allow decisions made by the Department of the Interior to be more science-based?

Poaching and Trafficking:

1. Your proposed budget includes significant funding cuts for programs that fight poaching and trafficking. It reduces the Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement and international affairs accounts, and slashes the Multinational Species Conservation Funds by nearly 20 percent. Do you have a plan for how to continue making progress in the fight against wildlife crime under these circumstances?

Damage to National Wildlife Refuge Property:

1. Your budget includes a request for authority for the Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation from people who damage National Wildlife Refuge property. Both the Park Service and NOAA have similar authority. Why is it important for the Fish & Wildlife Service to have this authority?

National Wildlife Refuge System:

1. Do you believe the proposed funding levels for Refuges are consistent with your vision of increasing access to America's public lands, while also managing and expanding the Refuge System to protect and enhance America's wildlife resources?

Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs:

1. When do you anticipate we will see the nomination of an Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs? This is a priority for the people of the territories because it represents the equal treatment of their concerns with the Department's other programs and priorities.

Senior Executive Service (SES):

1. According to news reports, around three dozen Senior Executive Service (SES) staff within the Interior Department have received notices that they have been reassigned and transferred into new positions within the Agency. At the earliest possible time that you

can disclose information while respecting privacy concerns, please provide answers to the following questions:

- a. How many SES employees have been sent letters informing them that they were being transferred into new positions?
- b. How many of these employees requested those transfers, and with how many employees were the transfers discussed, before the letters were sent?
- c. What are the names and current positions of the employees who have received these letters? What positions are they being transferred into?
- d. Please provide copies of these letters.
- e. Of the individuals who have already received letters, identify those that work in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area and are being moved to positions outside the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.
- f. Of the individuals who have already received letters, identify those that work outside the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and are being moved to positions inside the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.
- g. Of the individuals who have already received letters, identify those that work in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and are being reassigned to positions within the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.
- h. Once the complete relocation costs for each employee being relocated is known, including any assistance for selling an employee's home, please provide the complete permanent change of station (PSC) move figures for each employee, their spouse, and dependents to the Committee.
- i. Will you be sending similar letters to more SES employees in the coming months?
- j. In total, how many SES employees do you expect to reassign and transfer?
- k. As is recommended by the Office of Personnel Management, are these reassignments linked to individual Executive Development Plans for each employee? For any employee where the transfer is consistent with information contained in their Executive Development Plan, please provide information on how the transfer is consistent with the Plan to the Committee.

1. For any employee where the transfer is not consistent with information contained in their Executive Development Plan, please provide the analysis that was conducted or information that was reviewed in order to make the determination to transfer that employee.
- m. Do you subscribe to the belief that there is a “deep state” operating within the Federal Government?
- n. Are Interior Department SES employees a part of the “deep state”?

Border Wall:

1. Secretary Zinke: You have indicated support for President Trump’s proposal to construct a wall along the southern border. Construction of such a border wall would split the Tohono O’odham Nation and threaten the tribe’s connection to its ancestral lands. How will President Trump’s border wall respect tribal sovereignty and self-determination?
2. Federal agencies are required to initiate formal consultation with Fish and Wildlife Service if their actions “may affect” a listed species or designated critical habitat. President Trump’s border wall would affect listed species or designated critical habitat. Federal agencies are required to prepare an environmental impact statement on major Federal actions “significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.” President Trump’s border wall constitutes a major action significantly affecting the environment. Have the Departments of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection conducted a new analysis of the proposed wall?
  - a. Do they intend to do so before any construction takes place?
3. As you have noted, building a wall along the southern border is complex. Where then, would the wall go? On the Texan side of the Rio Grande? Down the middle of the river? Through Big Bend National Park? Through Tribal lands?
4. How exactly will President Trump extract payment from Mexico to pay for the border wall?
5. Should money come from the Interior Department budget if Mexico refuses to pay?

National Heritage Areas:

1. Last year Senator John McCain requested that the National Park Service undertake a “Reconnaissance Study” of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot to determine its suitability to

tell the nationally significant story of the past, present, and future of the Colorado River. I support his efforts. We know that the work in the field has been done by the NPS Intermountain Region. Can your office provide me a status report on the “Reconnaissance Study”?

2. Secretary Zinke, I understand that your community of Great Falls is considering asking for designation as a National Heritage Area. My community in Arizona has had pretty good results in Yuma with the program. What are your general thoughts about the National Heritage Area program, which seeks to conserve national and historic resources through a community-based approach, as opposed to a top-down approach?

Department Staffing:

1. I'm concerned about the March Executive Order to reorganize the Executive branch and subsequent Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo on reducing the federal workforce (M-17-22) and what that could mean for Interior Department agencies. In the case of the National Park Service, I understand that staff levels have been in decline, there are now more than 1,500 vacant positions, and that Interior has frozen hiring for certain positions as a result of this effort. Secretary Zinke, for your confirmation hearing both your verbal and written testimony indicated one of your priorities is to ensure that park rangers have the resources they need, but this exercise threatens that priority.
  - a. What has the Department's position been on this government reform effort in conversations with OMB?
  - b. Can you commit to following through on your commitment to support staff by ensuring that the Park Service and other Interior agencies aren't further understaffed as a result of this exercise?
2. The March Executive Order on reorganizing the Executive branch and subsequent OMB and DOI guidance concern me a great deal. It appears the exercise could be used as an excuse to further understaff the park service and other land agencies and cut funding for certain programs the administration may not find to be critical. The OMB guidance on reducing the federal workforce (M-17-22) directs agencies to use the FY18 and FY19 budget processes to drive workforce reductions. However while there may well be carefully considered opportunities for reform within Interior agencies, I'd like to remind you that funding levels for staff and specific agency programs are ultimately up to the appropriations committees. To prematurely attempt some of these reorganization efforts that would be subject to the decision of appropriators without our consultation and

consent would be a poor use of agency resources. Can you commit to soon updating us in writing on the status of this exercise and commit to be in regular contact with us in regard to it?

3. What is the current status of the workforce reduction exercise subsequent to the March executive order to reorganize the Executive branch and subsequent OMB memo on reducing the federal workforce (M-17-22)?
  - a. Please list by agency the programs you will seek to eliminate or merge for each Interior agency.
  - b. Please list the staff positions you intend to eliminate for each Interior agency.

Ethics Waivers:

1. On January 28<sup>th</sup> of this year, President Trump issued Executive Order 13770 entitled: Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Employees. Among other provisions, EO 13770 states that appointees in the Trump Administration will not work on matters they used to lobby on, or on matters involving their former employers or clients, for a period of two years after they are appointed.
  - a. Are you familiar with EO 13770, and is it your intent for the Interior Department to comply with it?
  - b. Assuming that Mr. Bernhardt is confirmed to be your Deputy Secretary, will you require him to comply with E.O. 13770 – meaning he will not be permitted to work on any matters he was involved in as a lobbyist for two years?
  - c. Have you been involved in any discussions regarding the possibility that Mr. Bernhardt might receive a waiver from complying with the EO?
  - d. Would you recommend to the President that Mr. Bernhardt receive such a waiver?
  - e. Would you make such a waiver public?
  - f. How would such a waiver serve the public interest?
  - g. Have any such waivers been granted to anyone in the Department and if so, will you make those waivers public?
  - h. How is nominating Mr. Bernhardt to serve as your Deputy consistent with “draining the swamp” here in Washington?

- i. Can you assure this Committee that none of the nominees for the remaining Senate-confirmable jobs will turn out to be lobbyists for clients with interests before the Department?
- j. Will you commit to making any waivers of E.O. 13770 granted to *any* employee of the Department of the Interior available to the public?

Interior Department Hiring Strategy:

1. Mr. Secretary, you've ordered a hiring freeze for any position in Washington DC and Denver. Interior agencies are also subject to a freeze for any GS-12 and higher position, no matter the location. Your office must approve waivers to fill these positions and has placed a priority on positions involved in oil and gas development. You have repeatedly said that Interior's energy strategy will be "all of the above," yet you have singled out positions focused on oil and gas development for priority hiring. While some agencies within Interior are centered on energy development, the NPS and FWS are not, and it goes against their mission. It is concerning that you are putting a priority on oil and gas development to fill jobs within these agencies. Are you trying to change the mission of these two agencies with this new hiring strategy?

Protecting Public Lands:

1. Mr. Secretary, you've said repeatedly that the review of national monuments is not about selling public land. Can you guarantee that not one acre of federal land will be given to state or county control during your tenure as Secretary?
  - a. If you do give that land away, can you guarantee none of it will be sold to private interests?

National Monuments Review:

1. Mr. Secretary, you've said the governor and state congressional delegation have to be consulted before you make recommendations on national monuments. So far you've only met with the Republican governors of Utah and Maine. How many governors do you plan to meet with as part of this review?
  - a. Just to look at the states affected by this monument review, have you reached out yet to the Democratic governors of Washington, California, Oregon, Hawaii, Colorado, Connecticut, Rhode Island or Montana?

2. Mr. Secretary, during your hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee you informed Senator Gardner that Canyons of the Ancients wasn't "currently on our priority list."
  - a. Will you share with this committee what is on your priority review list?
  - b. If the public comment period is still underway what determines whether a monument is a priority for review?
  - c. What does it take for a monument to be left alone or removed from the review list?
  - d. How can the public trust this review process if we have just now discovered that there is a second list of monuments that are especially threatened by this review?
  - e. Shouldn't the public, elected officials and other stakeholders have been aware of this when the comment period started?

Access to Public Lands:

1. Mr. Secretary, according to the BLM, the American public does not have adequate access to 23 million acres of BLM-managed land, primarily because of land ownership. The previous administration dedicated \$8 million in 2017 to improving access to these public lands by purchasing adjacent property or securing rights of way, but your budget includes no funds for this purpose. Wouldn't you agree that this limits access to BLM land for American hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts?

The Antiquities Act:

1. Mr. Secretary, I have heard you say on numerous occasions that your top priority as Secretary of Interior is to ensure that the federal government is a good neighbor and steward of public resources. Recommending executive action to decrease protections for national monuments would go directly against this fundamental principle. Does the President have the legal authority to shrink or abolish national monuments?

National Park Service Services:

1. Since 2011, National Park Service commercial services staff has declined by 10 percent. Meanwhile, the number of commercial leases has increased by 25 percent, and the number of Commercial Use Agreements has nearly tripled. Moreover, the program's workload keeps growing, particularly as the agency begins to award new contracts under the Visitor Experience Improvements Authority established by last year's National Park Service Centennial Act. Your budget proposal includes an over half a million dollar cut to commercial services. How do you plan to increase P3 partnerships and ensure adequate oversight of public resources while reducing the amount of staff devoted to commercial services?

Endangered Species Act:

1. Mr. Secretary, you have said recently that you think the states should play a larger role in species conservation but this budget proposal absolutely savages the funding streams that make this cooperative work possible, including cutting Cooperative Endangered Species Fund grants by \$34 million to one-third of the current level. You can prevent listing species by doing proactive conservation work or you can recover species once they require listing; however, this budget cuts funding for both. Do you believe that these funding levels are adequate to help states be full partners in conserving fish and wildlife?
2. Along these same lines, you have long opposed the historic conservation agreement reached between states and the Obama Administration to protect the greater sage-grouse and avoid an ESA listing. Your recent Secretarial Order requiring a review of the plans threatens to turn this conservation success story into a failure, and this budget is not helping. The budget cuts \$11.5m – 22 percent – from BLM's sage-grouse conservation efforts.
  - a. Do you think these cuts will have a negative impact on greater sage-grouse populations and sagebrush habitat?
  - b. Do you think these cuts make it more likely that the bird will require the protections of the ESA?
  - c. Do you oppose the inclusion of a rider on your Department's appropriations bill that would prevent you from listing the species even if it is shown that such an action is necessary to prevent extinction?
  - d. FY 17 funding for sage-grouse conservation efforts is already out the door but your recent order has created uncertainty about if and how it will be used. Are

BLM field offices authorized to use that funding for sage-grouse conservation efforts under the current conservation plan, or has your office ordered them to stop?

3. As a Member of Congress, you voted against the protection of threatened and endangered species 100 percent of the time. You are now in charge of implementing the Endangered Species Act, not undermining it, but this budget shows that you may not have fully made that transition yet.

Even though it is widely known that current funding levels are insufficient to make significant progress toward protecting and restoring imperiled fish and wildlife populations, this proposal slashes funding for species listing, recovery, habitat protection, consultation, and work with states and tribes to prevent listings.

Given that we are in the middle of a global extinction crisis driven by irresponsible land use and climate change do you believe that this budget will allow you to meet your statutory obligations under the ESA to prevent extinction and recover threatened and endangered species?

4. Republican Members of this Committee, including you in the past, have argued that the ESA is a failure because more species are not being delisted. This is in spite of the fact that the ESA has been 99 percent effective in preventing species from going extinct.

In order to be delisted, though, species must be shown by the best available science to have recovered. Before the process of recovery can even begin, species must first be listed so that they can receive the protections of the Act just to “stop the bleeding.” This is the simple, stepwise fashion in which the ESA works.

Unfortunately, this budget proposes to cut the listing program by more than 17 percent. It also proposes to cut the recovery program by more than \$3.5 million.

- a. Do you believe these cuts will allow you to meet your obligations to give species ESA protections when it is show that it is scientifically necessary?
- b. Do you believe this budget will achieve your goal of delisting more species without running afoul of the requirement to base decisions on the best available science?

- c. Do you believe that at these funding levels FWS will be able to avoid losing lawsuits over failing to take required actions to protect species in a timely manner?

Resource Advisory Committees:

1. Time and time again, you have said you're a champion of public access and transparency. On your first day as Secretary, you signed Order No. 3347 which encourages access, conservation stewardship, and hunting and fishing activities. This order gave department agencies 30 days to report on Executive Order 13443, and then calls on the expertise of two Resource Advisory Committees to refine recommendations. You have since suspended "all 225 different councils and boards...so [you] could ask what do you do, who is on your board, what have you done in the last year" this includes the two which are involved in Secretarial Order 3347. How is this suspension improving access, transparency and efficiency at the Interior Department?

Coastal Barrier Resources System:

1. The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) administers the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), established by Congress in 1982 to prevent government-subsidized development from occurring in hazard-prone, undeveloped coastal areas. This simple yet ingenious program does not prevent private citizens from using their own money to develop land that is included in the System but it does prohibit the use of federal funds including flood insurance, transportation and housing grants, and energy infrastructure assistance.
  - a. Do you agree that sea level rise, increased coastal flooding, and other hazards due to climate change are a threat to coastal communities?
  - b. Do you believe that taxpayers should be on the hook for bailing out individuals, companies, and localities that make risky development decisions?
  - c. Will you commit to funding the CBRS program at levels that reflect the urgent need to address the impacts of sea level rise on coastal communities

Stream Protection Rule Job Figures:

A February 21, 2017, a blog post on the Department of the Interior's (DOI) website claimed that the Stream Protection Rule (SPR), which was repealed by President Trump's signature of a

Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval, “was estimated to put 7,000 clean coal jobs in 22 states at risk.” This figure appears to come from a widely discredited and outdated draft environmental study, generated by Polu Kai Services (PKS) under contract from OSMRE, and contradicts the job impacts published by the Department and OSMRE. An investigation by the DOI Office of Inspector General found that there was widespread dissatisfaction with PKS’ performance. Furthermore, the OIG investigation found no evidence of any inappropriate behavior by anyone in the Obama administration in relation to the dispute over the job-loss numbers or the decision to allow the PKS contract to expire. This conclusion was also backed up by a multi-year investigation conducted by the House Natural Resources Committee, which was also unable to find evidence of any wrongdoing.

Given this, I request answers to the following questions:

1. Please provide a source for the February 21 claim that the Stream Protection Rule put 7,000 clean coal jobs at risk.
2. Does OSMRE agree with the blog post claiming that the SPR would put 7,000 jobs at risk? If so, what is the evidence that the regulatory impact analysis performed for the final rule is less accurate than the February 21 blog post?
3. If the February 21 blog post was based on the DEIS completed by PKS, are the methods and standards used by PKS to develop the DEIS the same methods and standards Congress and the public should expect for work performed by OSMRE or DOI throughout the Trump Administration?
4. Does OSMRE or DOI believe that the PKS DEIS from 2011 adequately reflects the provisions of the final SPR published in 2016?
5. Does OSMRE or DOI disagree with the characterization of PKS’ performance included in the OIG study? If so, what did the OIG miss?
6. How does the Department define “clean coal”?

Office of Natural Resources Revenue Rule:

As part of responding to the dozens of valuation and royalty-collection recommendations from the past decade, on July 1, 2016, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) published a final rule entitled *Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform*, with an effective date of January 1, 2017. Despite the fact that the rule became effective on January 1, 2017, ONRR published a *Federal Register* notice on February 27, 2017, announcing that the effective date of the valuation rule would be postponed indefinitely due to legal challenges pending against the rule, using the authority under 5 U.S.C. 705 of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). The legality of this action is highly questionable. It appears that ONRR has used this provision to repeal an active and in-effect regulation in contravention of the notice-and-comment procedures required by the APA.

With the rule in full effect as of January 1, 2017, it became the role of the courts, and not ONRR, to adjudicate the challenges to the valuation rule. The rule cannot be unilaterally subverted by ONRR. In the light of this, I would like answers to the following questions:

1. Did DOI's Office of the Solicitor provide a written opinion or memo regarding the legality of postponing the effective date of a rule after the effective date has already passed? If so, please provide a copy of that opinion or memo.
2. Please provide any examples that the Department has of other rules where 5 U.S.C. 705 has been successfully invoked to delay the implementation date of a rule after the effective date has passed.
3. Did DOI's Office of the Solicitor review the February 22, 2017, memo from ONRR?
4. Please provide the surnaming page of the *Federal Register* notice that was published on February 27, 2017, showing the identity of those officials within DOI who reviewed and approved the notice.

#### Backlog of Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs):

The recent publication of internal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) strategy and communications documents has provided some disappointing insight into the intended focus of the BLM during the current administration. One of the more surprising items in the document is the instruction to, "[a]ddress backlog of Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs)". It is not clear that there is a significant backlog of unprocessed APDs; in fact, the BLM's own data indicate that there is a glut of drilling permits that the oil and gas industry cannot act on fast enough. According to the BLM's FY 2017 Budget Justification, there were 3,785 APDs pending at the

end of Fiscal Year 2015, but also 7,532 approved permits in industry's hands just waiting to be used.

1. Therefore, in order to understand the true nature of the "backlog" of APDs, please provide the number of ADPs that are pending and the number of approved ADPs waiting to be drilled as of the end of the Fiscal Year 2016.

U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative:

In 2011, as part of the Open Government Partnership, the United States announced its intention to become an Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) compliant country. The EITI Advisory Committee was scheduled to meet on June 7 and 8 to continue the work required of the U.S. to become EITI compliant. However, on May 25, 2017, the Department of the Interior published a notice postponing the scheduled meeting, saying merely that it would be "rescheduled at a later date." When combined with reports from earlier this year, this postponement appears to reflect a lack of commitment to EITI by this Administration. The Secretary of the Interior serves as the Administration's senior official representative for EITI implementation.

1. What is Trump Administration's stance on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative?
2. Can you commit to holding the postponed U.S. EITI Advisory Committee meeting no later than the end of August, 2017?

Review of 5-Year Offshore Leasing Program, as Instructed by April 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Order:

The Department of the Interior has begun a review of the 5-year offshore leasing program, as instructed by President Trump's April 28, 2017, offshore energy executive order. Given the likely adverse impacts of this action on the environment, fishing, and tourism industries, I am deeply concerned with President Trump's decision to lift the leasing ban in regions currently closed to development. Secretary Zine, please address the following:

1. The executive order directs a review of areas currently closed off from drilling, including the Mid- and South Atlantic, the Chukchi Sea, and the Beaufort Sea. Please provide all risk assessments and analysis undertaken to determine how lifting the ban on drilling in

these areas would not adversely affect fragile ecosystems or damage fishing, restaurant, or tourism interests.

2. What additional actions or plans does the Department intend to take to protect coastal communities from the possibility of another catastrophic oil spill, particularly in light of the unique challenges of responding to an oil spill in these environments?
  - a. For example, has the Department conducted any analysis with or otherwise coordinated with the Coast Guard to ensure that Area Contingency plans are sufficiently robust to address an oil spill the magnitude of the Deepwater Horizon?
3. The March 16, 2017 budget blueprint calls for a \$1.5 billion, or 12 percent, reduction to the Department's fiscal year 2018 budget. How would these proposed cuts affect the ability of the Department to draft a new 5-year plan, which presumably would also include oil spill response and mitigation plans, while administering an even greater number of oil and gas leases?
4. American fishing, tourism, and recreation industries rely on a healthy ocean ecosystem to generate billions of dollars each year in economic activity. If this review goes forward, please indicate what additional analysis the Department intends to conduct to determine what safeguards will be required to protect these industries.
5. Given the significant growth of U.S. oil production on both private and public lands over the past seven years, the U.S. is now one of the largest producers of crude oil in the world, and the world leader in total liquid hydrocarbon production. In fact, oversupply in oil production has led the U.S. to begin exporting crude oil for the first time in generations. Further, gas prices in 2016 were the lowest they have been in more than a decade. Given these market conditions, why is a new planning process required now, as opposed to waiting only three years to continue on the normal planning schedule?
6. Under the current leasing program, approximately 70 percent of the economically recoverable offshore resources in the OCS are available to the oil and gas industry for leasing. In the Gulf of Mexico, companies hold leases on approximately 16 million acres, but have developed only approximately 26 percent of that acreage. Please provide all the assessments and analysis the Department has undertaken to determine the need for additional leasing acreage at this time.

Secretarial Order 3349 and Executive Order 13783:

On March 29, 2017, you signed Secretarial Order Number 3349, which was designed to implement the directive in the Executive Order of March 28, 2017 (Executive Order 13783), to “review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions...that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources.” The Executive Order and Secretarial Order also rescinded or ordered the rescission of a number of important Obama Administration climate and mitigation policies, lifted the moratorium on new coal leases, and ordered the review of four commonsense regulations affecting oil and gas operations on National Park Service lands, fish and wildlife refuges, and other public lands. In order to understand the potentially massive changes in public lands policy and management that will arise from the Executive Order and Secretarial Order, please provide the following documents described in Secretarial Order 3349:

1. The list of all Department Actions related to mitigation policies provided to the Deputy Secretary by each bureau and office, as required to be completed by April 12, 2017, as per Section 5(a)(i) of Secretarial Order 3349;
2. The list of all Department Actions related to climate change policies provided to the Deputy Secretary by each bureau and office, as required to be completed by April 12, 2017, as per Section 5(b)(i) of Secretarial Order 3349;
3. The report from the Director, Bureau of Land Management, on the rule entitled, “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation,” as required to be provided to the Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(ii) of Secretarial Order 3349;
4. The report from the Director, National Park Service, on the rule entitled, “General Provisions and Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights,” as required to be provided to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(iii) of Secretarial Order 3349;
5. The report from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, on the rule entitled, “Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights,” as required to be provided to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(iv) of Secretarial Order 3349; and
6. The reports from each bureau and office head provided to the Deputy Secretary that identify all existing Department Actions that “potentially burden...the development or utilization of domestically produced energy resources,” as required by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(v) of Secretarial Order 3349.

DOI Memo Directing Bureau and Acting Directors to Report to the Acting Deputy Secretary:

On April 12, 2017, you sent a memo to the Assistant Secretaries of the Department of the Interior directing them to ensure that all bureau heads and office directors report to the Acting\Deputy Secretary on all "proposed decisions" that have "nationwide, regional, or statewide impacts," and that decisions may not be made until the Acting Deputy Secretary has "reviewed the report and provided clearance." The memo also directs bureau heads and office directors to report to the Acting Deputy

Secretary all Fiscal Year 2017 grants and cooperative agreements of \$100,000 or greater before the final award is issued, in order to "assess how we are aligning our grants and cooperative agreements to Department priorities."

In order for us to better understand how this memo will affect Departmental policy and operations, please provide answers to the following questions:

- 1) Has any guidance been provided to bureau heads or office directors regarding what constitutes a decision with "nationwide, regional, or statewide impacts"? If so, please provide that guidance.
- 2) Is the Acting Deputy Secretary maintaining approval or modification authority over the grants, cooperative agreements, and decisions that are provided to him as a result of the April 12 memo?
- 3) Has the Acting Deputy Secretary denied any grants or cooperative agreements, or required or requested changes to the terms of those grants or cooperative agreements, as a result of information provided to him as a result of the April 12 memo? If so, please identify those grants or cooperative agreements, and information regarding why the Acting Deputy Secretary denied or required or requested changes to those, as appropriate.
- 4) Who in the Secretary's office or Deputy Secretary's office, other than the Acting Deputy Secretary, is also reviewing the information provided to the Acting Deputy Secretary as a result of the April 12 memo?
- 5) For all grants and cooperative agreements awarded between April 12 and the date of this letter, please provide the information under items #1 through #11 as provided to the

Acting Deputy Secretary under the "Template for Data Call on Fiscal Year 2017 Grants and Cooperative Agreement Awards."

- 6) For all records of decision issued after review by the Acting Deputy Secretary between April 12 and the date of this letter, please provide all information provided to the Acting Deputy Secretary under the "Template for Data Call on Proposed Records of Decision and Other Significant Decision Documents."

DOI Regulations Task Force:

On April 24, 2017, an article in *E&E News* reported that you had appointed a task force for abolishing regulations, consisting of five political "beachhead" employees and one career staffer, but no Senate-confirmed personnel and no one with clear technical expertise in land management, wildlife management, environmental protection, or safety regulation. While the task force is required under Executive Order 13777, there is no reference to this task force in your Secretarial Order implementing Executive Order 13783 (SO 3349), and no information provided about how this task force will operate, where it fits in the regulatory review process created by SO 3349, whether any of its activities or decisions will be transparent and be made known to the public, whether it will accept public comments, or any other logistical detail. In order to better understand this task force and how it will operate, please provide the following information:

- 1) The names of each member of the task force and their qualifications for analyzing regulations related to land management, wildlife management, environmental protection, and safety;
- 2) How career staff with technical expertise in land management, wildlife management, environmental protection, and safety will be involved in the operations of the task force;
- 3) How the task force fits into the process laid out in Secretarial Order 3349;
- 4) The timeline for the regulatory task force to make decisions;
- 5) The criteria to be used by the task force to make decisions related to whether or not to modify or rescind existing regulations;

- 6) Whether there will be any public meetings of the task force and whether or not the task force will accept comments from the public; and
- 7) Whether any documents created by the task force are intended to be made public once the task force has completed its work.

### U.S.G.S. Climate Change Report

In May of this year, the *Washington Post* reported that officials within the Interior Department ordered employees at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to remove a reference to climate change from a press release announcing the publication of a new study on sea level rise and coastal flooding. Scrubbing this press release over the objections of some of the scientists involved in the study deprived media outlets and the general public of the context of the study. In order to prevent future abuses of this kind, I request responses to the following questions:

1. Did Acting Deputy Secretary of the Interior James Cason, or anyone in his office, or at the Office of Management and Budget, review the USGS press release before it was issued?
2. If so, who made the decision to remove the line reported by the authors of the study to read: “Global climate change drives sea-level rise, increasing the frequency of coastal flooding.”?
3. If not, what was the highest level Departmental office that reviewed and edited the press release?

### Political Appointees Granted Ethics Waivers:

On January 28, 2017, President Trump repealed President Obama’s Executive Order No. 13770 and replaced it with his own Executive Order requiring all political appointees to sign an ethics pledge. As with his predecessor, President Trump reserved the right to issue waivers to exempt certain individuals from this ban. Unlike President Obama, however, President Trump is refusing to comply with the Office of Government Ethics’ request for a list of those political appointees granted such waivers. The current Administration’s refusal to comply with this completely reasonable and standard request for information flies in the face of the President’s repeated

claims to support an open and transparent government of which the American people can be proud.

In the interests of clarity and openness, please disclose all ethics waivers granted since the beginning of the current Administration for political appointees working for the Department of Interior.

#### Questions Regarding Review of National Monuments:

On April 26, 2017, President Trump ordered a sweeping review of a wide range of national monuments established under the Antiquities Act in the last twenty years. The Executive Order directed the Department of the Interior with 45 days to issue a report on the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and any other monument determined appropriate for inclusion in the interim report. The justification for this review was the allegation that certain monument designations were made without sufficient public input and a review was needed to allow the American people to comment on their national monuments. The justification for this review was the allegation that certain monument designations were made without sufficient public input and a review was needed to allow the American people to comment on their national monuments.

1. In the spirit of transparency and open government, please provide a detailed itinerary and list of your meetings while in Utah and any other location associated with the review of national monuments.
2. Additionally, please provide an account of all comments received during the public comment period that includes a tally of positive and negative submissions.

#### Questions Regarding Methane Waste Rule pullback:

On June 15, 2017, in apparent contravention of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published in the Federal Register a postponement of the effective date of portions of the BLM's rule on methane waste, titled *Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation* (Methane Waste Rule). As with the Department's postponement of the *Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform* (Valuation Rule) regulation on February 27, 2017, the authority claimed for

postponement of the effective date is Section 705 of the Administrative Procedures Act,<sup>2</sup> a questionable interpretation of that section that, to my knowledge, the Department has made no effort to defend as of this date. Postponing the compliance dates contained in the Methane Waste Rule unlawfully deprives the American people of valuable revenue, wastes a non-renewable resource, and threatens people's health by increasing the amount of harmful pollution in our air. Please provide answers to the following:

1. Did DOI's Office of the Solicitor provide a written opinion or memo regarding the legality of postponing the compliance dates in a rule after the effective date of that rule has already passed? If so, please provide a copy of that opinion or memo.
2. Did DOI or BLM perform a legal analysis of the Methane Waste Rule under the four-part test for preliminary injunctions? If so, please provide a copy of that analysis.

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<sup>2</sup> 5 U.S.C. 705.

**Questions from Rep. Anthony Brown** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

Environmental Justice:

1. Mr. Secretary, decades of studies have proved that minority, low-income, rural, tribal and indigenous populations face tremendous environmental and health disparities. Do you agree?
2. In 1994 President Clinton signed Executive Order 12898 requiring that the U.S. EPA and other federal agencies implement environmental justice policies. That order required all federal agencies to incorporate environmental justice considerations in their missions, develop strategies to address disproportionate impacts to minority and low-income people from their activities, and coordinate the development of data and research on these topics. Do you support the goals of this order?
3. Under your budget, this order faces its gravest assault. The Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (OEPC), part of the Office of the Secretary, is the focal point for implementing the Department's environmental justice policy, including the environmental justice executive order, and ensuring compliance. The proposed budget would cut the Office of the Secretary – your office – by over 80%. How can a cut this large not undermine the environment and health of minority, low-income, rural Americans, tribal and indigenous communities?

**Questions from Rep. A. Donald McEachin** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

Sexual Harassment:

1. Secretary Zinke, during questioning at the hearing, you agreed that your hiring freeze was the reason the DOI attorneys needed to work through the backlog of sexual harassment allegations have not yet been hired. But you seem to blame others for that. There are only two people that can approve exceptions to your hiring freeze; you and your Deputy Secretary – or acting Deputy Secretary in the this case. There are really only two people to blame for the failure to do what it takes to work through the backlog. When will those attorneys in the ELLU unit be hired?
2. Sexual harassment is a sizable, difficult, complex problem that requires a serious long term commitment. A problem like that needs a plan with clear goals and a viable path to achieving them. I have not found a plan for NPS. I could cobble together the promises made in various statements, memos, and briefing notes to see what has been said but I have not found a plan. Without a plan, it's hard to address the problem efficiently and have accountability for those in charge of getting rid of sexual harassment. Is there a written plan for how NPS will address its sexual harassment problem?

Inspector General:

1. Secretary Zinke, would a permanent Inspector General help you and your department function more efficiently and transparently?

**Questions from Rep. Ruben Gallego** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

Sexual Harassment:

1. Secretary Zinke, as a follow up to Mrs. Tsongas' questions during the hearing, please address the following. A workforce survey on sexual harassment is an important tool available to those that are serious about rooting out sexual harassment in their organizations. As you alluded to in your testimony, the military has a sexual assault and harassment problem of its own. In seeking to address this grave and prevalent issue, the military now conducts such a survey every other year. Making the surveys recurring is an honest way to track progress in eliminating sexual harassment, helps refine departmental efforts, and sends a clear signal to employees that sexual harassment is a priority.

With this in mind, will the Department commit to ensuring the National Park Service (NPS) performs its survey on a recurring basis?

2. In his recent testimony before the Senate, acting NPS Director Michael Reynolds said this about the results of the sexual harassment workforce survey they are currently conducting: "I assure you that we are committed to transparency and once we receive the final data, we will share it widely with this subcommittee as well as all employees and interested stakeholders." It's a step in the right direction but accountability requires true transparency. And true transparency means anyone— not just the employees or stakeholders— can see the results. Again, the military published the results of its survey for all to see.

In your testimony before the committee, you indicated your openness to sharing the results of both the January 2017 survey and the seasonal survey scheduled for July 2017. Please confirm that the Department will make both survey results available on the public-facing website.

3. You indicated during the hearing that the sexual harassment issues known to exist in the National Park Service "may be department-wide." Accordingly, and given your stated zero-tolerance policy, please explain what efforts you will undertake to expand information gathering and response efforts so to include the totality of Interior Department personnel.

**Questions from Rep. Norma Torres for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:**

Tribal Concerns:

1. Mr. Secretary, there has been some disturbing rhetoric coming from some members of this committee, as well as some in the Administration, attacking the sovereignty of tribes and questioning the recognition process and the land into trust process. Will you reaffirm your and the Department's commitment to its trust responsibility to all tribes that are currently federally recognized, including the ability to take land into trust?
2. To follow up on that, I would like you to address the ongoing issue that is the Carcieri decision. That decision has troubled Indian Country since it came down 2009, and has left many land decisions in limbo. It's been almost 10 years now – do you agree that Congress needs to resolve the Carcieri issue once and for all?
3. The Tiwahe Initiative has proven to be exceptionally successful at assisting tribes in addressing the inter-related problems of poverty, violence, substance, abuse and their associated outcomes like youth suicide. Tiwahe is currently in its pilot phase and impacting 61 tribes directly, with an additional \$24 million in Tiwahe Social Services and ICWA funds distributed to tribes across the country. In spite of this success, Tiwahe is being targeted for elimination. Can you tell us if the Department will be able to support the Tiwahe Initiative's success through its continued funding?
4. I understand that the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee has been suspended as part of a larger review of DOI committees. This is congressionally-charted committee and does critical work across the country in the rightful return of human remains to Indian tribes. Do you have an estimate of when the department's review will be completed and the committee re-activated?

**Questions from Rep. Colleen Hanabusa** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

Hazards Programs:

1. The U.S. Geological Survey’s natural hazards programs are critical for communities across our nation to understand the science behind natural disasters and how we can best prepare for them. The Earthquake Hazards Program and the Volcano Hazards Program as examples today, since they are of particular importance to Hawaii. These programs use science and technology to monitor signs of activity to help ensure the public is given ample warning of an earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic activity, so that proper precautions can be taken to reduce the amount of damage and loss of lives.

Your budget seems to reflect the opposite. On cuts to the Earthquake Hazards Program, it says “This reduction would diminish the EHP’s ability to execute its core activities...” On cuts in the Volcano Hazards Programs, it says “This reduction would diminish the VHP’s ability to execute its core activities to provide forecasts and warnings of hazardous volcanic activity at volcanoes in the United States with the current monitoring networks,” among other things.

These proposed cuts are deeply concerning. Although they are not large, they could have serious consequences, especially if these cuts hinder these programs’ abilities to “execute its core activities”.

- a. Please explain the rationale behind these proposed cuts.

Invasive Species:

1. Invasive species is a global problem that will continue to invade our lands and waters with devastating economic and ecological impacts unless we actively protect our resources. It has been shown time and again that prevention of invasive species saves far more money than trying to eradicate the pest after it has been introduced. It is problematic to cut invasive species funding, seeing as invasive species continue to cost the United States more than \$120 billion in damages annually. (Pimental et al. 2005).

Invasive species management requires a holistic effort due to the impacts to both aquatic and terrestrial resources. Especially troubling in the budget are reductions for the Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Insular Affairs, and National Parks Service for invasive

species management, while funding is increased by more than \$4.5 million for the Bureau of Reclamation, which focuses on dams. While there are invasive species in dams, the issues plague areas on both land and in the sea. The funding shift away from offices within the Department of Interior that have jurisdiction over areas with invasive species and to an agency with little expertise in this area would be an inefficient waste of taxpayer money.

My home state of Hawaii, for example, has very unique ecosystems that are particularly vulnerable to invasive species. We require robust invasive species funding to prevent further damage from such species as the Brown Tree Snake, Little Fire Ant, Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, and the Coqui frog, much of which is best managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

- a. Given that the threat from invasive species is not diminished and reducing prevention will cost us much more in eradication, can you explain the rationale behind cuts to invasive species management?
- b. How is the Bureau of Reclamation going to effectively manage invasive species in places like Hawaii where the Bureau has no presence?

**Questions from Rep. Sablan** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

- 1) In 2005, Interior's Office of Insular Affairs started a competitive system for allocating among the U.S. territories \$27.72 million in Covenant Funds that originally all went to the Northern Marianas to help build our public infrastructure. The Northern Marianas currently receives only about a third of the money. The competition is largely based on financial management criteria. Financial management is important but so is infrastructure. According to the EPA, Saipan, the main island in the Northern Marianas, is the only U.S. municipality without 24-hour potable water. That is a serious health concern. Isn't it time to look at new criteria for the \$27.72 million in Marianas Covenant Funds, so that public health and safety needs are prioritized?
- 2) OIA budget justifications for FY 2018 tout the importance of various programs including the Technical and Maintenance Assistance Programs, the Brown Tree Snake Control and Coral Reef Initiatives, and the Empowering Insular Communities program. Yet the request includes steep funding cuts to each of these programs. I appreciate the need to control spending, but these across-the-board cuts would likely end up costing much more, both at the federal and local levels, if programs are not properly implemented. The Brown Tree Snake Control Program costs a few million, but if these snakes spread, as they have on Guam, the cost in damage to electrical systems and the extermination of native endangered birds would cost tens of millions or more. Isn't it a wiser use of taxpayers' money to prevent problems than to try to fix them after the damage is done?
- 3) Territorial Representatives Bordallo, Radewagen, Plaskett, and I sent you a letter dated March 9, 2017, asking that you retain the position of Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas. We have not received a response to date. The Office of Insular Affairs has administrative responsibility for coordinating federal policy in the U.S. territories of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Keeping the position of Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, equal to other Assistant Secretaries in the Department, is an important symbol of respect for our constituents as it shows their concerns are taken as seriously as citizens residing in the states, and insular area issues are viewed equally significant as other issues under the Department's jurisdiction. In your reorganization of the Interior Department, will you retain the position of Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas?
- 4) In my reply to your letter soliciting comments to assist your review of the Marianas Trench National Monument under Executive Order 13792, I wrote about the promises made to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands that remain unfulfilled. For years, we have been urging Interior to produce the management plan, required when President Bush created the Monument. The plan is key to fishing and other resource use in the Monument, public education and outreach, and the development of a Monument visitors center. Please provide an update on any progress and a specific date for issuance of the Monument Management Plan the Fish and Wildlife Service has been working on for eight years now.

- 5) The Fish and Wildlife Service requests \$470 million – a decrease of \$13.8 million – for management of National Wildlife Refuges. This includes decreases to wildlife and habitat management, visitor services, law enforcement, and elimination of funding for refuge conservation planning. These cuts will surely ensure that American hunters, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts will have less access to sporting opportunities on public lands. Do you believe the proposed funding levels for Refuges are consistent with your vision of increasing access to America’s public lands, while also managing and expanding the Refuge System to protect and enhance America’s wildlife resources?

**Questions from Rep. Grace F. Napolitano** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

1. President Trump’s executive order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act on April 26, 2017 stated, “Within 120 days of the date of this order, the Secretary shall provide a final report to the President.” Do you expect the report to be finished on time?
  - a. Will your report recommend any action and/or changes through the legislative process or through executive order?
  - b. After these recommends, how can local residents, business and cities be confident to implement their city and business plans without fear that the President or the Interior Department will review their nearby designation again?
2. Do you plan to visit the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument before the comment period ends on July 10, 2017?
  - a. If not, how do you plan to make a decision on the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument without meeting with local residents, businesses and cities?
  - b. What other information besides public comments made online will you take into consideration? Where will that information come from and who? How can local residents, businesses and cities ensure that that information is in their best interest?
3. The monument designation has helped San Gabriel communities leverage additional federal dollars for critically needed recreation, trail maintenance, trash collection and fire prevention. Seeing that three major fires – the 2009 Station Fire, the 2014 Colby Fire, and the 2015 Cabin Fire – have threated our local communities. How do you expect our region to continue to fight forest fires without this critical designation?
4. Thanks to the help of the designation, the monument has raised more than \$5 mil through the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument fund. One example, is Coca-Cola was has donated \$900,000 toward clean-up efforts in the forest. This was possible because USFS land cannot form private-public partnership unless they are designated a national monument. Seeing that the USFS and Interior Department budgets continue to shrink, do you believe public-private partnerships like the one listed above is important for our parks?
  - a. Without a monument designation, how do you plan to allow USFS lands to form these partnerships?
5. Many water agencies in the arid west are looking towards recycled water projects as the most cost effective solution to drought management; do you believe we should start to refocus our investments towards recycled water?
  - a. What does President Trump’s budget do to support recycled water projects?

- b. How can an increase in funding impact the amount of water projects that can be introduced in the drought-stricken west?

**Questions from Rep. Jared Huffman** for the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

(1) Reliable broadband access can frequently be hard to come by in rural communities that border our public lands. As you may know, I recently introduced the Public Lands Telecommunications Act, which provides public land management agencies with fee retention authority to increase funding for telecommunications deployment, and cooperative agreement authority to improve partnerships with local communities and the private sector to expand broadband access. I have long believed that our public land management agencies could do more to improve broadband access in remote and rural communities.

How do you believe the Department of the Interior could achieve this aim with new, sustained funding for telecommunications deployment, as well as cooperative agreement authority to improve partnerships with our constituents and the private sector?

(2) Ranching is important to my district. Last year, I rallied with local cattle and dairy operators to fight a lawsuit that would have limited their grazing rights in the Point Reyes National Seashore area. This is because I believe that careful management of land resources can allow ranching and conservation to co-exist.

In my district, the Marin Carbon Project has demonstrated that rangeland soils can achieve significant carbon sequestration through use of ‘carbon farming’ techniques, such as the application of compost as a soil amendment. Barriers to such carbon farming techniques from being more widely among California’s ranching community include lack of state and federal funding, and lack of understanding among conservation and land management agencies, and ranchers, regarding how carbon gets stored and lost in soils.

What steps could the Department of the Interior take to help local ranching communities integrate carbon farming techniques into traditional ranching practices?

(3) California salmon runs have collapsed during the recent drought, in both the Klamath and Bay-Delta watersheds. This year marked the lowest they have been on record, prompting a complete fisheries closure on the Klamath.

- i. How will your agency prioritize salmon restoration in the coming fiscal year? How is this need reflected in the Department of the Interior’s budget, as proposed in the President’s Budget Request?
- ii. Does the Department of the Interior plan to participate in financing the proposed Delta tunnels (California WaterFix) that are currently under evaluation by federal regulators and the Bureau of Reclamation?
- iii. Is there a finance plan for those tunnels? If so, can you provide it to us?

- iv. Are any Bureau of Reclamation contractors ready to pay their proportional share of the cost of the tunnels?
- v. How confident are you that this project will not result in the large cost overruns that are commonly characterize large infrastructure projects?
- vi. Is the Bureau of Reclamation considering asking federal taxpayers to subsidize the construction of a Shasta Dam raise?

(4) Renewable energy development has broad bipartisan support, and plays a large and growing role in our economy. A 2017 Department of Energy report found that solar supports 373,807 jobs. This is more than the number of jobs in natural gas (362,118), and over twice the number of jobs in coal (160,119). Wind also supports 101,738 jobs. Smartly-sited, large-scale renewable energy projects on public lands have drawn support from rural counties and other important stakeholders.

If the new Administration is committed to an “all of the above” energy strategy, then why is renewable energy the only energy program that is proposed to be cut?

(5) One June 20, 2017, when Senator Cory Gardner asked you whether Canyons of the Ancients National Monument would be impacted by the broader federal review of NMs, you mentioned that it wasn't on your “priority review list.” This was despite the Canyons of the Ancients NM being specifically named on your list of National Monuments under review. Again, the following day (June 21, 2017), during a Senate subcommittee hearing, you indicated to Senator Tom Udall that you were unlikely to recommend changes to any New Mexico monuments.

Stating that some National Monuments will be left alone, even though they were listed on the DOI “priority review list” and before the public comment period is finished, seems arbitrary. Which national monuments are actually on your “priority review list?”

## **Part II**

On May 24, 2016, Mr. John Bezdek, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, testified before the Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee regarding the bills H.R. 4366 “To affirm an agreement between the United States and Westlands Water District dated September 15, 2015, and for other purposes;” and H.R. 5217 “To affirm “The Agreement Between the United States and Westlands Water District” dated September 15, 2015, “The Agreement Between the United States, San Luis Water District, Panoche Water District and Pacheco Water District”, and for other purposes.” At the time, the Department of the Interior was supporting a legal settlement between the United States and Westlands Water District, and you have given no indication that this support no longer holds true in this new Administration. The Department of Interior never responded to questions regarding this, that I repeatedly submitted, and as such it is my sincere hope that you will address the following questions now that they fall under your tenure.

1. Please provide an estimate of the total financial benefit that would be provided to San Luis Unit contractors if H.R. 4366 and H.R. 5217 are enacted. Please include financial benefits associated with waiving Central Valley Project (CVP) repayment obligations, Reclamation Reform Act waivers, title transfers of property owned by the federal government and other direct and indirect financial benefits contained in both bills.
2. Under the settlement agreements, does the waiver of CVP repayment obligations include the capital obligation for the Trinity River Division facilities including the Trinity River hatchery?
3. If the settlement agreements are enacted, how much Trinity River Division water will be allocated under the new 9(d) contracts provided for in the settlements?
4. As Trustee for the Hoopa Valley Tribe, how can the Administration agree to a settlement based on a CVP water supply to which the trust beneficiary tribe has first priority under Reclamation law, without ensuring that any pending dispute the San Luis Unit contractors have about that priority is fully and finally resolved in the beneficiary's favor?
5. Section 3404(c)(2) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) requires the Secretary of Interior to incorporate in any contract for CVP water the provisions of the CVPIA and other law. Will you agree to fulfill that requirement in the agreements that would be authorized by the settlement, including: (1) the CVPIA requirement for contractors to pay for the costs of the Trinity River Restoration program for as long as water is diverted by the Trinity River Division; (2) acceptance of the separate priorities provided for in section 2 of the 1955 Act authorizing the Trinity Division and senior to diversions to the Central Valley? If not, why not?
6. Why does the Administration believe that this this drainage settlement should proceed when fundamental issues regarding entitlement to water for delivery to the San Luis Unit remain unresolved? If San Luis Unit contractors are not entitled to the water being sought in this settlement, wouldn't a consequent reduction in water deliveries to the San Luis Unit potentially resolve a portion of the drainage problem by reductions in CVP water deliveries to the San Luis Unit?
7. On December 23, 2014, the Solicitor of the Department of Interior issued Opinion M-37030 regarding Trinity River Division Authorization's 50,000 Acre-Foot Proviso and the 1959 Contract between the Bureau of Reclamation and Humboldt County. In the 18 months since then, have the Department's water managers accounted for that opinion's conclusion in CVP operations models and estimates of water supply? *If yes*, what has the Department done? *If not*, why not?
8. In an April 21, 2016 letter to Representative David Valadao, Deputy Interior Secretary Michael Connor states that "it is widely recognized that the drainage issue may have

lessened over the last few years due to drought and irrigation efficiencies.” Has the Department of Interior developed any updated calculations since the 2007 Record of Decision to estimate the *current* cost of providing drainage to the San Luis Unit? If no updated estimates have been developed, does the Department of Interior believe – based on increased irrigation efficiencies and other developments since the 2007 Record of Decision – that a current estimate of drainage costs would be less than the costs identified in 2007?

9. The Termsheet on the proposed Northerly District Agreement is vague about the future status of the San Luis Drain, and the future management and cleanup of sediments in the Drain. Under some scenarios, the future management of the Drain and its sediments could have an adverse impact on national wildlife refuges and other wetlands that Interior Department agencies are supposed to protect under numerous laws. For example, Section 3406(d) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act requires the Secretary of Interior to maintain and improve wetland habitat areas in California, by providing water supplies and supporting the objectives of the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture. In accordance with the Department of Interior’s wetlands-related responsibilities, what is the Department’s plan for the future management of the San Luis Drain in and around the Grasslands complex of state, federal and privately managed wetlands? How will the Department of Interior ensure that all potential impacts from the Drain and its future management and clean-up will not adversely impact these wetlands and the numerous species they support *before* the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation relinquish federal control of the Drain?

**Questions from Rep. Don Beyer** the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior:

1. Please confirm for me that the contract for Dyke Marsh is on track to be awarded before the end of the fiscal year.
2. I increasingly hear concerns about traffic and traffic safety along the GW Parkway.
  - a. Please indicate how the Department tracks usage statistics for the Parkway.
  - b. Please indicate how the Department tracks accidents along the Parkway.
  - c. What is the Department doing to increase the safety of the parkway? Please speak to the Department's plans for Morningside Lane and how it will budget appropriately to be able to address safety concerns.
  - d. What is the Department doing to improve the accuracy of its traffic counts?
  - e. What is the Department doing to improve how it tracks accidents?

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Thank you,

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The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
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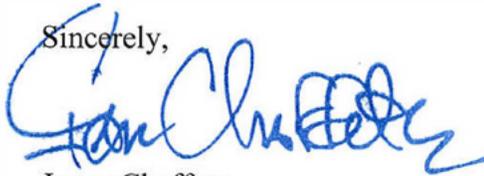
Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Committee currently has certain pending requests for documents and information with the Department of the Interior. As the Department transitions to new leadership, I reiterate these requests here. For your ready reference, I have attached them hereto.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X.

Please have your staff contact Melissa Beaumont of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

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October 16, 2015

The Honorable Neil Kornze  
Director  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street NW, Room 5665  
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Dear Director Kornze:

The hydraulic fracturing rule finalized by the Bureau of Land Management in March 2015 will impinge on thousands of wells, impose significant costs, and expand federal oversight of hydraulic fracturing operations in the West.<sup>1</sup> As a result, several states, including Utah and Wyoming, Indian tribes and other affected parties, have litigated to prevent the rule from being implemented.<sup>2</sup> On September 30, 2015, a federal judge in Wyoming granted an injunction that blocked the rule on the grounds that BLM exceeded its authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing.<sup>3</sup>

Given the controversy surrounding this rule, and the impact that it will have on the West, the Committee is reviewing the process by which the rule was made. To assist the Committee, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications that comprise the full administrative record relating to the hydraulic fracturing rule issued by BLM on or about March 20, 2015.
2. All documents and communications, including, but not limited to, maps, charts, diagrams, photos, logs, illustrations, memoranda, guidelines, orders, instructions, regulations, journals, notes, periodicals, studies, proposals, meeting minutes/agendas, agreements, reports, contracts, matrices, comments, correspondence, lists, and presentations, referring or relating to the hydraulic fracturing rule.

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<sup>1</sup> Michelle Ye Hee Lee, *You can't trust the numbers on the new fracking regs*, WASH. POST, Mar. 30, 2015, available at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/wp/2015/03/30/you-cant-trust-the-numbers-on-the-new-fracking-regs/> (last visited Sep. 30, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> Ann Butler, *BLM fracking rule stayed*, DURANGO HERALD, June 24, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> Tom Morton, *Judge Grants Injunction Blocking Fracking in Favor of Energy Groups, States, Tribe*, K2 RADIO WYOMING, Sep. 30, 2015, available at <http://k2radio.com/judge-grants-injunction-blocking-fracking-in-favor-of-energy-groups-states-tribe/> (last visited Sep. 30, 2015).

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It is our understanding that much of this information has already been gathered as part of the litigation process and we expect that BLM will produce those records promptly. Records that BLM has withheld from plaintiffs as privileged should also be produced pursuant to this request.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2015. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to the Committee's request. When producing documents to the Committee, please deliver production sets to the OGR Majority staff in room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the OGR Minority staff in room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee prefers, if possible, to receive all documents in electronic format.

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Please contact Bill McGrath of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman



Cynthia Lummis  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

The Honorable Brenda L. Lawrence, Ranking Member  
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February 4, 2016

The Honorable Neil Kornze  
Director  
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Dear Director Kornze:

The Committee has become aware of increasing complaints about Bureau of Land Management activities in Nevada and Utah. State officials have asserted that BLM law enforcement agents use tactics that amount to “bullying, intimidation and . . . lack of integrity.”<sup>1</sup> Those tactics have undermined safety in rural communities and strained local law enforcement budgets. In particular, BLM’s officers allegedly harass citizens and tourists, interfere with the work of local law enforcement, operate outside of their jurisdictions, and refuse to cooperate with local officials.<sup>2</sup> The situation has led some local counties to declare the presence of BLM law enforcement in Utah and Nevada “a threat to the health, safety and welfare of their citizens.”<sup>3</sup>

Last year, BLM law enforcement terminated long-standing contracts with county sheriffs in Utah. Under those agreements, BLM compensated local law enforcement officers for patrolling public lands, handling emergency and rescue operations, and providing crucial police oversight during busy periods.<sup>4</sup> This decision created a law enforcement vacuum in the area and caused serious financial problems for local governments. As one county official from Utah stated, “BLM’s Chief of Law Enforcement cancelled the agreement leaving Garfield County with a significant budget shortfall and staff operating in an area without an agreement.”<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies, Part II. before the Subcomm. on Public Lands and Env’t Regulation.*, 113th Cong. (2014) (Testimony of Leland F. Pollock, Commissioner, Garfield Cty, UT), available at <http://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/pollocktestimony7-24-14.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Brian Maffley, *BLM, Utah Counties Wrangle Over Law Enforcement*, THE SALT LAKE TRIB., June 19, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Supra*, note 1.

The press reported on allegations that the contracts were cancelled as retribution for state legislation passed in 2013 to limit federal police powers on public lands.<sup>6</sup>

Moreover, during the summer of 2015, BLM law enforcement demanded a more than \$1 million increase to the permit price for the annual *Burning Man* event in Nevada's Black Rock Desert to fund amenities for BLM agents.<sup>7</sup> The demands were unrelated to providing safety and security, and instead included having laundry facilities, 24-hour access to ice cream, air conditioning, and vanity mirrors.<sup>8</sup> BLM eventually withdrew its demands and granted the permit,<sup>9</sup> but only after a significant public outcry, including intervention by Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), who criticized these "outlandishly unnecessary facilities."<sup>10</sup>

In order to help the Committee better understand BLM's changing role, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to BLM's decision to terminate or not renew contracts with Utah sheriffs;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the BLM permit for *Burning Man* in 2015, and demands made by BLM law enforcement relating to the event;
3. All communications between BLM law enforcement personnel and state and local officials in Utah and Nevada, including elected officials, county commissioners and state/local law enforcement, from January 2009 to the present; and
4. All communications between BLM law enforcement personnel referring or relating to state and local officials in Utah and Nevada, including elected officials, county commissioners and state/local law enforcement from January 2009 to the present.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than by 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2016. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to the Committee's request. When producing documents to the Committee, please deliver production sets to the OGR Majority staff in room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee prefers, if possible, to receive all documents in electronic format.

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<sup>6</sup> *Supra*, note 3.

<sup>7</sup> Jenny Kane, *RGJ Exclusive: BLM Wants \$1 Million VIP Compound From Burning Man*, RENO GAZETTE JOURNAL, June 26, 2015.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> Assoc. Press, *Burning Man Gets Black Rock Site Permit, BLM Scraps 'Lavish' Request*, BILLBOARD, Aug. 10, 2015.

<sup>10</sup> Jenny Kane, *Reid to BLM: You want flush toilets at Burning Man? Go to Gerlach*, RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL, June 29, 2015.

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Sincerely,



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# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 29, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

On February 12, 2016, the White House designated 1.8 million acres of land in California for conservation under the Antiquities Act of 1906.<sup>1</sup> The designation, which created three new national monuments in the California desert, nearly doubled the total amount of land set aside as national monuments by the President during his time in office.<sup>2</sup> In fact, the President has used the Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate approximately 265 million acres of land and water as national monuments—far more than any previous President.<sup>3</sup>

The broad and frequent application of the Antiquities Act raises questions about the lack of transparency and consultation with local stakeholders leading up to the President's designation of national monuments. To help the Committees understand how and why certain areas are designated for conservation, please provide the following documents:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2016. When producing documents to the Committees, please deliver production sets to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and Minority staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building; the Committee on Natural Resources Majority staff in Room 1324 of the Longworth House Office Building and Minority staff in Room 1329 of the Longworth House Office Building; and to the Committee on Appropriations Majority staff in H-305 of the Capitol Building and Minority staff in 1016 Longworth House Office Building. The Committees strongly prefer to receive all documents in electronic format.

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<sup>1</sup> White House Fact Sheet: President Obama to Designate New National Monuments in the California Desert (Feb. 12, 2016), available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/02/12/fact-sheet-president-obama-designate-new-national-monuments-california>.

<sup>2</sup> Jenny Rowland, *Obama Designates Three New National Monuments In The California Desert*, CLIMATE PROGRESS, Feb. 12, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Timothy Cama, *Obama sets aside 1.8M California desert acres as monument*, THE HILL, Feb. 12, 2016.

The Honorable Sally Jewell

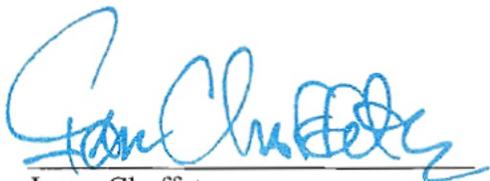
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Please contact William McGrath of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform staff at (202) 225-5074, or Spencer Kimball of the Committee on Natural Resources staff at (202) 226-7736, or Dave LesStrang of the Committee on Appropriations at (202) 225-2771 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

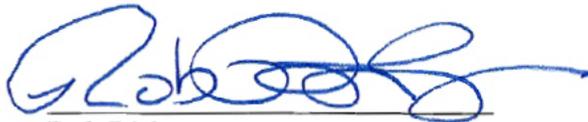
Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member  
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May 11, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

In a letter dated March 29, 2016, this Committee, along with the House Committees on Natural Resources and on Appropriations, requested information related to use of the Antiquities Act of 1906.<sup>1</sup> As outlined in that letter, the Committees are interested in the Administration's process for using the Act. Specifically, the Committees requested documents and communications from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Department of the Interior referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present. The letter requested these materials by April 12, 2016. A similar request was sent to CEQ.

Since the Department received that letter, it has not provided a single responsive document to the Committees, or even an official response stating when the Department intends to do so. In fact, the Committees have only received an official response from CEQ, which vaguely indicated that the Committees should expect the Department to respond on its behalf at some point in the future. If the Department does not produce these documents voluntarily by 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2016, the Committee will be required to issue a subpoena to obtain them.

Additionally, in order to better understand the Administration's use of the Antiquities Act, the Committee requests a transcribed interview with DOI employee Nikki Buffa not later than May 25, 2016.

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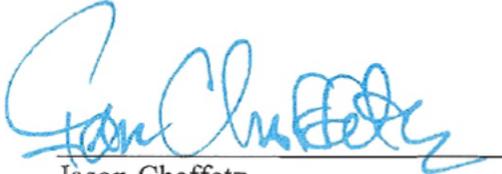
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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, Hon. Rob Bishop Chairman, H. Comm. on Nat. Resources, and Hon. Harold Rogers, Chairman, H. Comm. on Appropriations, to Ms. Christy Goldfuss, Man. Dir., Council on Environmental Quality, (Mar. 29, 2016).

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
May 11, 2016  
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Please contact Bill McGrath of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule Ms. Buffa's interview, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman



Cynthia M. Lummis  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior

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August 4, 2016

The Honorable Neil Kornze  
Director  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street NW, Room 5665  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Kornze:

On October 2, 2015, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California State Office issued a decision regarding the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project's use of a right-of-way on BLM land pursuant to the General Railroad Right-of-Way Act of 1875. For years, the Act has been interpreted to allow railroads to extend rights-of-way to third parties on BLM land without prior authorization from the agency,<sup>1</sup> until a November 4, 2011, memorandum from the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor changed this interpretation.<sup>2</sup> After the memorandum, in order for a third party to obtain a railroad right-of-way, the proposed use must advance a railroad purpose.<sup>3</sup> In its recent decision concerning the Cadiz project, BLM decided that the project did not "originate from a railroad purpose" despite the fact that the project brought recognizable benefits to the railroad.<sup>4</sup>

The Committee is concerned that the November 4, 2011, memorandum may have been specifically drafted for the purpose of denying a permit to the Cadiz project. Documents obtained by the Committee also raise concerns about the level of coordination between BLM and private interests with respect to the Cadiz decision.

Emails obtained by the Committee show a Realty Specialist in BLM's California State office regularly communicated with an employee at Whetstone Capital Advisors, LLC about the Cadiz Project and the right-of-way authorization process it was unfolding.<sup>5</sup> Cadiz Inc. is a publicly traded company, and the permit decision would affect the company's financial outlook.

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<sup>1</sup>The General Railroad Right of Way Act of 1875 (Mar 3, 1875), ch. 152, 18 Stat. 482.

<sup>2</sup>Memorandum from the Dep't of the Interior Office of the Solicitor to BLM, "Partial Withdrawal of M-36964-Proposed Installation of MCI Fiber Optic Communications Line Within Southern Pacific Transportation Co.'s Railroad Right-of-Way" (Nov. 4, 2011).

<sup>3</sup>*Id.*

<sup>4</sup>Letter from James Kenna, CA State Dir., BLM, to Jason Perry, Genesse & Wyoming Inc. and Scott Slater, Cadiz, Inc. (Oct. 2, 2015).

<sup>5</sup>Email from Mr. Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (Sept. 23, 2014).

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Whetstone is a “Kansas City-based value oriented investment manager,” according to the fund’s website.<sup>6</sup> Specifically, the emails show the BLM Realty Specialist shared information related to the potential approval of the Cadiz project with Whetstone.<sup>7</sup> He also shared information from a meeting of senior BLM officials regarding the Department’s evaluation of the project,<sup>8</sup> and his opinions on how the project was progressing.<sup>9</sup>

The emails obtained by the Committee raise questions about BLM’s decision-making process with respect to the Cadiz project. The emails also implicate executive branch ethics guidelines, including Executive Order 12731 which states, “Employees shall act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual.”<sup>10</sup> E.O. 12731 also states, “Employees shall not engage in financial transactions using nonpublic government information or allow the improper use of such information to further any private interest.”<sup>11</sup>

To help the Committee understand the Department’s decision on the Cadiz project, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications between any Bureau of Land Management employee and any employee of Whetstone Capital, since June 1, 2014.
2. All documents and communications to or from any employee of the Bureau of Land Management, since June 1, 2014, referring or relating to:
  - a. Whetstone Capital;
  - b. the partial withdrawal of M-36964 by the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor;
  - c. The Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project; and
  - d. The railroad purpose of the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than by 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2016.

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<sup>6</sup> Whetstone Capital Advisors, LLC website, *available at* <http://whetstone-capital.com/home>.

<sup>7</sup> Email from Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (June 18, 2015).

<sup>8</sup> Email from Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (Sept. 23, 2015).

<sup>9</sup> Email from Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (Oct. 1, 2015).

<sup>10</sup> U.S. Office of Govt. Ethics, “Executive Order 12731 of October 17, 1990 Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees,” *available at* [https://www2.oge.gov/Web/OGEL.nsf/All%20Documents/25792F3D2FF647AF85257E96006A90F1/\\$FILE/f69da5359a134002808b96ca703cc4692.pdf?open](https://www2.oge.gov/Web/OGEL.nsf/All%20Documents/25792F3D2FF647AF85257E96006A90F1/$FILE/f69da5359a134002808b96ca703cc4692.pdf?open).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

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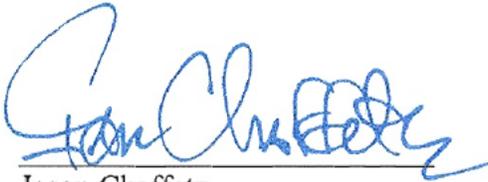
Additionally, please make Mr. Erik Pignata, BLM Realty Specialist, available for a transcribed interview as soon as possible, but no later than August 18, 2016.

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Please contact Melissa Beaumont of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman



Cynthia M. Lummis  
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September 9, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Department of the Interior has failed to respond to a series of requests for documents and information related to the Committee's oversight and investigative initiatives. The same challenges that have thus far prevented the Department from complying with the Committee's requests may also be affecting the Department's ability to fulfill its responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

To help the Committee understand how and why the Department is unable to comply with document requests in a timely and complete manner, please provide a briefing for Committee staff and a tour of the Department's resources for responding to document requests from Members of Congress and FOIA requests. The briefing and tour will assist the Committee's effort to identify ways by which the Department can improve the timeliness and completeness of its responses to such document requests.

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Please have your staff contact Melissa Beaumont of Chairman Chaffetz' staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule the briefing and tour, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
Subcommittee on Government Operations



Cynthia M. Lummis  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior

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December 29, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madame Secretary:

On December 28, 2016, President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada pursuant to his authority under the Antiquities Act.<sup>1</sup> Advocates for this action touted it as a means to establish a co-management agreement for Bears Ears between the federal government and a group of Native American tribes.<sup>2</sup> In fact, in the press release announcing these new national monuments, the White House recognizes the importance of tribal participation in the management of the land and asserts this action serves as a tool to achieve co-management.<sup>3</sup> Co-management of public lands, however, requires the approval of Congress.<sup>4</sup> Advocacy organizations, federal agencies, and the White House have all put out differing opinions on co-management, and it is important to clarify the bounds of the President's authority. I am writing to obtain more information about how and why the President exercised his authority in this case.

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<sup>1</sup> *Rumors point toward possible December 23 designation. Anxiety builds over possible national monument*, SAN JUAN RECORD, Dec. 13, 2016, available at [http://www.sjrnews.com/view/full\\_story/27329673/article-Rumors-point-toward-possible-December-23-designation--Anxiety-builds-over-possible-national-monument-?instance=home\\_news\\_left](http://www.sjrnews.com/view/full_story/27329673/article-Rumors-point-toward-possible-December-23-designation--Anxiety-builds-over-possible-national-monument-?instance=home_news_left).

<sup>2</sup> Amy Jol O'Donoghue, *Native American chairman says Jewell order lacks equality for tribes*, DESERET NEWS, Oct. 21, 2016, available at <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865665388/Bears-Ears-coalition-leader-says-Jewell-order-lacks-equality-for-tribes.html?pg=all>.

<sup>3</sup> FACT SHEET: President Obama to Designate New National Monuments Protecting Significant Natural and Cultural Resources in Utah and Nevada, , <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/28/fact-sheet-president-obama-designate-new-national-monuments-protecting>.

<sup>4</sup> See *U.S. Telecom Ass'n v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554, 565-66 (D.C. Cir. 2004) (“[S]ubdelegations to outside parties are assumed to be improper absent an affirmative showing of congressional authorization . . . . When an agency delegates authority to its subordinate, responsibility—and thus accountability—clearly remain with the federal agency. But when an agency delegates power to outside parties, lines of accountability may blur, undermining an important democratic check on government decision-making. Also, delegation to outside entities increases the risk that these parties will not share the agency’s “national vision and perspective . . . .”). See also *High Country Citizens’ Alliance v. Norton*, 448 F. Supp. 2d 1235, 1246-1247 (D. Colo. 2006) (similar, citing *U.S. Telecom*).

The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act to create or expand at least 25 national monuments—more than any other president in history.<sup>5</sup> His sweeping application of the Antiquities Act raises questions about the Administration’s commitment to transparency and consultation with local stakeholders with respect to designating national monuments. It also raises serious questions about whether these designations are limited to the, “smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”<sup>6</sup> The Antiquities Act “was designed to protect federal lands and resources quickly” in response to concerns about “theft from and destruction of archaeological sites.”<sup>7</sup> In most cases, however, the processes outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) are most appropriate because they require environmental studies, a review of the public purpose, and an opportunity for public participation before any federal agency action.<sup>8</sup> The NEPA and the FLPMA processes provide for a more thoughtful determination, whereas the Antiquities Act was meant to be reserved for emergency scenarios.

Until yesterday, the Administration’s actions with respect to Bears Ears more closely resembled the NEPA and FLPMA process. In anticipation of the Bears Ears designation, the Department of the Interior took on a large role in gathering input and coordinating planning.<sup>9</sup> You, Secretary Jewell, visited the potential site for a listening session.<sup>10</sup> In fact, during a hearing before the Subcommittee on the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze testified that BLM and the White House have been coordinating.<sup>11</sup> It is therefore unclear why the President opted to designate a massive national monument in Utah via the Antiquities Act in the waning days of his presidency, and to ignore federal environmental and procedural laws enacted to ensure stakeholders and other affected parties have a meaningful role in determining the outcome.

Similarly, the President’s actions with regard to the Gold Butte National Monument designation bypassed Congress and the public. Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Gold Butte National Monument spans nearly 300,000 acres.<sup>12</sup> Such a large designation, made unilaterally, deprives the American people and their elected representatives a collaborative discussion on how best to protect the land for all to enjoy. Large designations such as Gold Butte Monument are the type of major federal agency action envisioned by our federal environmental and procedural laws.

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<sup>5</sup> H. Sterling Burnett, *Obama’s Dangerous Use of The National Monument law*, FORBES, Oct. 12 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. §§20301-320303

<sup>7</sup> Carol Hardy Vincent, “National Monuments and the Antiquities Act,” Cong. Research Serv. (2016) (R41330).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> Amy Jol O’Donoghue, *Bears Ears Controversy Ramps Up With Jewell’s Visit; Bishop’s Planned Legislation*, KSL NEWS, July 13, 2016, available at <https://www.ksl.com/?sid=40632616&nid=148&title=bears-ears-controversy-ramps-up-with-jewells-visit-bishops-planned-legislation>.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> *Examining BLM Public Lands Leasing Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Interior of the H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform*, 114th Cong. 14 (2016) (statement of Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management) (Mr. Kornze: “I am talking about looking at the country and figuring out where would this be appropriate, where would it not?” Mr. Gosar: “So there is some conversation going on between the White House and BLM and agencies in regards to antiquities withdrawal?” Mr. Kornze: “Yes.”).

<sup>12</sup> See *supra* note 3.

Furthermore, in a letter dated March 29, 2016, this Committee, along with the House Committees on Natural Resources and on Appropriations, requested information related to use of the Antiquities Act of 1906.<sup>13</sup> After receiving an inadequate response, a follow up letter was sent on May 11, 2016.<sup>14</sup> As outlined in both letters, the Committees are interested in the Administration's process for using the Antiquities Act. Specifically, the Committees requested documents and communications from the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of the Interior (DOI) referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present.

To date, DOI has only provided a very limited response to the Committee that largely consisted of public statements and news clippings. If the Department does not produce these documents voluntarily, the Committee will be required to obtain them through compulsory measures.

Please immediately provide the documents requested in the Committee's March 29<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> letters. In addition, please produce the following documents as soon as possible, but not later than January 13, 2016:

1. All calendars, including all meetings and attendees, for all DOI employees involved or referenced in any discussions related to any national monument selection or designation.
2. The daily schedules and call logs for Secretary Jewell, Tommy Beaudreau, Nikki Buffa and Neil Kornze from April 21, 2013 to present.
3. All communications between any DOI employee and White House staff, including but not limited to Senior Advisor Brian Deese, between January 2015 and present.
4. All documents and communications referring or related to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from April 21, 2013 to present.
5. All documents and communications related to the reduction in size, limitation, or repeal of a national monument from January 20, 2008 to present.

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<sup>13</sup> Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, Hon. Rob Bishop Chairman, H. Comm. on Nat. Resources, and Hon. Harold Rogers, Chairman, H. Comm. on Appropriations, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (Mar. 29, 2016).

<sup>14</sup> Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, and Hon. Cynthia Lummis, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform Subcommittee on the Interior, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (May 11, 2016).

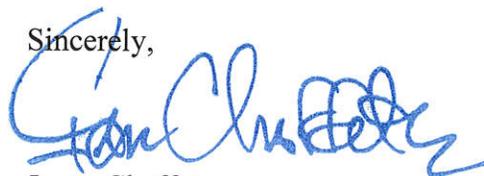
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Additionally, please make available for transcribed interview the following three DOI officials as soon as possible, but not later than January 20, 2016: Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze; your Chief of Staff Tommy Beaudreau; and DOI employee Nikki Buffa.

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Please contact Chris Esparza of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule the interviews, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

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March 1, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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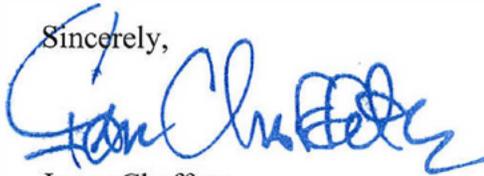
Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Committee currently has certain pending requests for documents and information with the Department of the Interior. As the Department transitions to new leadership, I reiterate these requests here. For your ready reference, I have attached them hereto.

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Sincerely,



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Chairman

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October 16, 2015

The Honorable Neil Kornze  
Director  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street NW, Room 5665  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Kornze:

The hydraulic fracturing rule finalized by the Bureau of Land Management in March 2015 will impinge on thousands of wells, impose significant costs, and expand federal oversight of hydraulic fracturing operations in the West.<sup>1</sup> As a result, several states, including Utah and Wyoming, Indian tribes and other affected parties, have litigated to prevent the rule from being implemented.<sup>2</sup> On September 30, 2015, a federal judge in Wyoming granted an injunction that blocked the rule on the grounds that BLM exceeded its authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing.<sup>3</sup>

Given the controversy surrounding this rule, and the impact that it will have on the West, the Committee is reviewing the process by which the rule was made. To assist the Committee, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications that comprise the full administrative record relating to the hydraulic fracturing rule issued by BLM on or about March 20, 2015.
2. All documents and communications, including, but not limited to, maps, charts, diagrams, photos, logs, illustrations, memoranda, guidelines, orders, instructions, regulations, journals, notes, periodicals, studies, proposals, meeting minutes/agendas, agreements, reports, contracts, matrices, comments, correspondence, lists, and presentations, referring or relating to the hydraulic fracturing rule.

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<sup>1</sup> Michelle Ye Hee Lee, *You can't trust the numbers on the new fracking regs*, WASH. POST, Mar. 30, 2015, available at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/wp/2015/03/30/you-cant-trust-the-numbers-on-the-new-fracking-regs/> (last visited Sep. 30, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> Ann Butler, *BLM fracking rule stayed*, DURANGO HERALD, June 24, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> Tom Morton, *Judge Grants Injunction Blocking Fracking in Favor of Energy Groups, States, Tribe*, K2 RADIO WYOMING, Sep. 30, 2015, available at <http://k2radio.com/judge-grants-injunction-blocking-fracking-in-favor-of-energy-groups-states-tribe/> (last visited Sep. 30, 2015).

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It is our understanding that much of this information has already been gathered as part of the litigation process and we expect that BLM will produce those records promptly. Records that BLM has withheld from plaintiffs as privileged should also be produced pursuant to this request.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2015. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to the Committee's request. When producing documents to the Committee, please deliver production sets to the OGR Majority staff in room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the OGR Minority staff in room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee prefers, if possible, to receive all documents in electronic format.

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Sincerely,



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February 4, 2016

The Honorable Neil Kornze  
Director  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street NW, Room 5665  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Kornze:

The Committee has become aware of increasing complaints about Bureau of Land Management activities in Nevada and Utah. State officials have asserted that BLM law enforcement agents use tactics that amount to “bullying, intimidation and . . . lack of integrity.”<sup>1</sup> Those tactics have undermined safety in rural communities and strained local law enforcement budgets. In particular, BLM’s officers allegedly harass citizens and tourists, interfere with the work of local law enforcement, operate outside of their jurisdictions, and refuse to cooperate with local officials.<sup>2</sup> The situation has led some local counties to declare the presence of BLM law enforcement in Utah and Nevada “a threat to the health, safety and welfare of their citizens.”<sup>3</sup>

Last year, BLM law enforcement terminated long-standing contracts with county sheriffs in Utah. Under those agreements, BLM compensated local law enforcement officers for patrolling public lands, handling emergency and rescue operations, and providing crucial police oversight during busy periods.<sup>4</sup> This decision created a law enforcement vacuum in the area and caused serious financial problems for local governments. As one county official from Utah stated, “BLM’s Chief of Law Enforcement cancelled the agreement leaving Garfield County with a significant budget shortfall and staff operating in an area without an agreement.”<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies, Part II. before the Subcomm. on Public Lands and Env’tl Regulation.*, 113th Cong. (2014) (Testimony of Leland F. Pollock, Commissioner, Garfield Cty, UT), available at <http://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/pollocktestimony7-24-14.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Brian Maffley, *BLM, Utah Counties Wrangle Over Law Enforcement*, THE SALT LAKE TRIB., June 19, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Supra*, note 1.

The press reported on allegations that the contracts were cancelled as retribution for state legislation passed in 2013 to limit federal police powers on public lands.<sup>6</sup>

Moreover, during the summer of 2015, BLM law enforcement demanded a more than \$1 million increase to the permit price for the annual *Burning Man* event in Nevada's Black Rock Desert to fund amenities for BLM agents.<sup>7</sup> The demands were unrelated to providing safety and security, and instead included having laundry facilities, 24-hour access to ice cream, air conditioning, and vanity mirrors.<sup>8</sup> BLM eventually withdrew its demands and granted the permit,<sup>9</sup> but only after a significant public outcry, including intervention by Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), who criticized these "outlandishly unnecessary facilities."<sup>10</sup>

In order to help the Committee better understand BLM's changing role, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to BLM's decision to terminate or not renew contracts with Utah sheriffs;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the BLM permit for *Burning Man* in 2015, and demands made by BLM law enforcement relating to the event;
3. All communications between BLM law enforcement personnel and state and local officials in Utah and Nevada, including elected officials, county commissioners and state/local law enforcement, from January 2009 to the present; and
4. All communications between BLM law enforcement personnel referring or relating to state and local officials in Utah and Nevada, including elected officials, county commissioners and state/local law enforcement from January 2009 to the present.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than by 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2016. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to the Committee's request. When producing documents to the Committee, please deliver production sets to the OGR Majority staff in room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee prefers, if possible, to receive all documents in electronic format.

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<sup>6</sup> *Supra*, note 3.

<sup>7</sup> Jenny Kane, *RGJ Exclusive: BLM Wants \$1 Million VIP Compound From Burning Man*, RENO GAZETTE JOURNAL, June 26, 2015.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> Assoc. Press, *Burning Man Gets Black Rock Site Permit, BLM Scraps 'Lavish' Request*, BILLBOARD, Aug. 10, 2015.

<sup>10</sup> Jenny Kane, *Reid to BLM: You want flush toilets at Burning Man? Go to Gerlach*, RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL, June 29, 2015.

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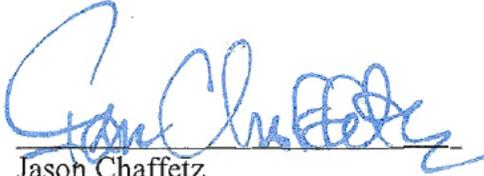
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Please contact Bill McGrath of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman



Cynthia M. Lummis  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

The Honorable Brenda L. Lawrence, Ranking Member  
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# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 29, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

On February 12, 2016, the White House designated 1.8 million acres of land in California for conservation under the Antiquities Act of 1906.<sup>1</sup> The designation, which created three new national monuments in the California desert, nearly doubled the total amount of land set aside as national monuments by the President during his time in office.<sup>2</sup> In fact, the President has used the Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate approximately 265 million acres of land and water as national monuments—far more than any previous President.<sup>3</sup>

The broad and frequent application of the Antiquities Act raises questions about the lack of transparency and consultation with local stakeholders leading up to the President's designation of national monuments. To help the Committees understand how and why certain areas are designated for conservation, please provide the following documents:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2016. When producing documents to the Committees, please deliver production sets to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and Minority staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building; the Committee on Natural Resources Majority staff in Room 1324 of the Longworth House Office Building and Minority staff in Room 1329 of the Longworth House Office Building; and to the Committee on Appropriations Majority staff in H-305 of the Capitol Building and Minority staff in 1016 Longworth House Office Building. The Committees strongly prefer to receive all documents in electronic format.

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<sup>1</sup> White House Fact Sheet: President Obama to Designate New National Monuments in the California Desert (Feb. 12, 2016), available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/02/12/fact-sheet-president-obama-designate-new-national-monuments-california>.

<sup>2</sup> Jenny Rowland, *Obama Designates Three New National Monuments In The California Desert*, CLIMATE PROGRESS, Feb. 12, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Timothy Cama, *Obama sets aside 1.8M California desert acres as monument*, THE HILL, Feb. 12, 2016.

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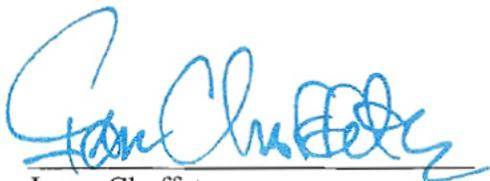
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Please contact William McGrath of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform staff at (202) 225-5074, or Spencer Kimball of the Committee on Natural Resources staff at (202) 226-7736, or Dave LesStrang of the Committee on Appropriations at (202) 225-2771 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

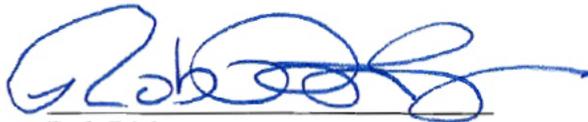
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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform



Rob Bishop

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The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva, Ranking Member  
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May 11, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

In a letter dated March 29, 2016, this Committee, along with the House Committees on Natural Resources and on Appropriations, requested information related to use of the Antiquities Act of 1906.<sup>1</sup> As outlined in that letter, the Committees are interested in the Administration's process for using the Act. Specifically, the Committees requested documents and communications from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Department of the Interior referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present. The letter requested these materials by April 12, 2016. A similar request was sent to CEQ.

Since the Department received that letter, it has not provided a single responsive document to the Committees, or even an official response stating when the Department intends to do so. In fact, the Committees have only received an official response from CEQ, which vaguely indicated that the Committees should expect the Department to respond on its behalf at some point in the future. If the Department does not produce these documents voluntarily by 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2016, the Committee will be required to issue a subpoena to obtain them.

Additionally, in order to better understand the Administration's use of the Antiquities Act, the Committee requests a transcribed interview with DOI employee Nikki Buffa not later than May 25, 2016.

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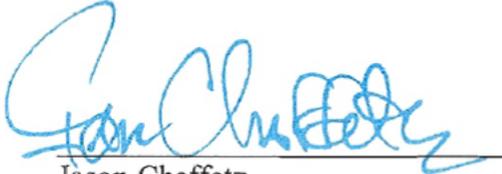
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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, Hon. Rob Bishop Chairman, H. Comm. on Nat. Resources, and Hon. Harold Rogers, Chairman, H. Comm. on Appropriations, to Ms. Christy Goldfuss, Man. Dir., Council on Environmental Quality, (Mar. 29, 2016).

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Please contact Bill McGrath of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule Ms. Buffa's interview, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman



Cynthia M. Lummis  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member  
  
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August 4, 2016

The Honorable Neil Kornze  
Director  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street NW, Room 5665  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Kornze:

On October 2, 2015, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California State Office issued a decision regarding the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project's use of a right-of-way on BLM land pursuant to the General Railroad Right-of-Way Act of 1875. For years, the Act has been interpreted to allow railroads to extend rights-of-way to third parties on BLM land without prior authorization from the agency,<sup>1</sup> until a November 4, 2011, memorandum from the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor changed this interpretation.<sup>2</sup> After the memorandum, in order for a third party to obtain a railroad right-of-way, the proposed use must advance a railroad purpose.<sup>3</sup> In its recent decision concerning the Cadiz project, BLM decided that the project did not "originate from a railroad purpose" despite the fact that the project brought recognizable benefits to the railroad.<sup>4</sup>

The Committee is concerned that the November 4, 2011, memorandum may have been specifically drafted for the purpose of denying a permit to the Cadiz project. Documents obtained by the Committee also raise concerns about the level of coordination between BLM and private interests with respect to the Cadiz decision.

Emails obtained by the Committee show a Realty Specialist in BLM's California State office regularly communicated with an employee at Whetstone Capital Advisors, LLC about the Cadiz Project and the right-of-way authorization process it was unfolding.<sup>5</sup> Cadiz Inc. is a publicly traded company, and the permit decision would affect the company's financial outlook.

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<sup>1</sup>The General Railroad Right of Way Act of 1875 (Mar 3, 1875), ch. 152, 18 Stat. 482.

<sup>2</sup>Memorandum from the Dep't of the Interior Office of the Solicitor to BLM, "Partial Withdrawal of M-36964-Proposed Installation of MCI Fiber Optic Communications Line Within Southern Pacific Transportation Co.'s Railroad Right-of-Way" (Nov. 4, 2011).

<sup>3</sup>*Id.*

<sup>4</sup>Letter from James Kenna, CA State Dir., BLM, to Jason Perry, Genesse & Wyoming Inc. and Scott Slater, Cadiz, Inc. (Oct. 2, 2015).

<sup>5</sup>Email from Mr. Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (Sept. 23, 2014).

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Whetstone is a “Kansas City-based value oriented investment manager,” according to the fund’s website.<sup>6</sup> Specifically, the emails show the BLM Realty Specialist shared information related to the potential approval of the Cadiz project with Whetstone.<sup>7</sup> He also shared information from a meeting of senior BLM officials regarding the Department’s evaluation of the project,<sup>8</sup> and his opinions on how the project was progressing.<sup>9</sup>

The emails obtained by the Committee raise questions about BLM’s decision-making process with respect to the Cadiz project. The emails also implicate executive branch ethics guidelines, including Executive Order 12731 which states, “Employees shall act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual.”<sup>10</sup> E.O. 12731 also states, “Employees shall not engage in financial transactions using nonpublic government information or allow the improper use of such information to further any private interest.”<sup>11</sup>

To help the Committee understand the Department’s decision on the Cadiz project, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications between any Bureau of Land Management employee and any employee of Whetstone Capital, since June 1, 2014.
2. All documents and communications to or from any employee of the Bureau of Land Management, since June 1, 2014, referring or relating to:
  - a. Whetstone Capital;
  - b. the partial withdrawal of M-36964 by the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor;
  - c. The Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project; and
  - d. The railroad purpose of the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than by 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2016.

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<sup>6</sup> Whetstone Capital Advisors, LLC website, *available at* <http://whetstone-capital.com/home>.

<sup>7</sup> Email from Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (June 18, 2015).

<sup>8</sup> Email from Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (Sept. 23, 2015).

<sup>9</sup> Email from Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist, BLM, to Thomas McGannon, Whetstone Capital (Oct. 1, 2015).

<sup>10</sup> U.S. Office of Govt. Ethics, “Executive Order 12731 of October 17, 1990 Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees,” *available at* [https://www2.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/All%20Documents/25792F3D2FF647AF85257E96006A90F1/\\$FILE/f69da5359a134002808b96ca703cc4692.pdf?open](https://www2.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/All%20Documents/25792F3D2FF647AF85257E96006A90F1/$FILE/f69da5359a134002808b96ca703cc4692.pdf?open).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

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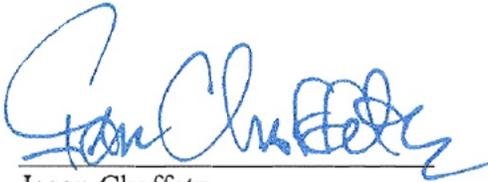
Additionally, please make Mr. Erik Pignata, BLM Realty Specialist, available for a transcribed interview as soon as possible, but no later than August 18, 2016.

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Please contact Melissa Beaumont of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman



Cynthia M. Lummis  
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Subcommittee on the Interior

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September 9, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Department of the Interior has failed to respond to a series of requests for documents and information related to the Committee's oversight and investigative initiatives. The same challenges that have thus far prevented the Department from complying with the Committee's requests may also be affecting the Department's ability to fulfill its responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

To help the Committee understand how and why the Department is unable to comply with document requests in a timely and complete manner, please provide a briefing for Committee staff and a tour of the Department's resources for responding to document requests from Members of Congress and FOIA requests. The briefing and tour will assist the Committee's effort to identify ways by which the Department can improve the timeliness and completeness of its responses to such document requests.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X.

Please have your staff contact Melissa Beaumont of Chairman Chaffetz' staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule the briefing and tour, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman

Sincerely,



Mark Meadows  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Government Operations



Cynthia M. Lummis  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior

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September 9, 2016

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December 29, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madame Secretary:

On December 28, 2016, President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah and the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada pursuant to his authority under the Antiquities Act.<sup>1</sup> Advocates for this action touted it as a means to establish a co-management agreement for Bears Ears between the federal government and a group of Native American tribes.<sup>2</sup> In fact, in the press release announcing these new national monuments, the White House recognizes the importance of tribal participation in the management of the land and asserts this action serves as a tool to achieve co-management.<sup>3</sup> Co-management of public lands, however, requires the approval of Congress.<sup>4</sup> Advocacy organizations, federal agencies, and the White House have all put out differing opinions on co-management, and it is important to clarify the bounds of the President's authority. I am writing to obtain more information about how and why the President exercised his authority in this case.

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<sup>1</sup> *Rumors point toward possible December 23 designation. Anxiety builds over possible national monument*, SAN JUAN RECORD, Dec. 13, 2016, available at [http://www.sjrnews.com/view/full\\_story/27329673/article-Rumors-point-toward-possible-December-23-designation--Anxiety-builds-over-possible-national-monument-?instance=home\\_news\\_left](http://www.sjrnews.com/view/full_story/27329673/article-Rumors-point-toward-possible-December-23-designation--Anxiety-builds-over-possible-national-monument-?instance=home_news_left).

<sup>2</sup> Amy Jol O'Donoghue, *Native American chairman says Jewell order lacks equality for tribes*, DESERET NEWS, Oct. 21, 2016, available at <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865665388/Bears-Ears-coalition-leader-says-Jewell-order-lacks-equality-for-tribes.html?pg=all>.

<sup>3</sup> FACT SHEET: President Obama to Designate New National Monuments Protecting Significant Natural and Cultural Resources in Utah and Nevada, , <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/28/fact-sheet-president-obama-designate-new-national-monuments-protecting>.

<sup>4</sup> See *U.S. Telecom Ass'n v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554, 565-66 (D.C. Cir. 2004) (“[S]ubdelegations to outside parties are assumed to be improper absent an affirmative showing of congressional authorization . . . . When an agency delegates authority to its subordinate, responsibility—and thus accountability—clearly remain with the federal agency. But when an agency delegates power to outside parties, lines of accountability may blur, undermining an important democratic check on government decision-making. Also, delegation to outside entities increases the risk that these parties will not share the agency’s “national vision and perspective . . . .”). See also *High Country Citizens' Alliance v. Norton*, 448 F. Supp. 2d 1235, 1246-1247 (D. Colo. 2006) (similar, citing *U.S. Telecom*).

The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act to create or expand at least 25 national monuments—more than any other president in history.<sup>5</sup> His sweeping application of the Antiquities Act raises questions about the Administration’s commitment to transparency and consultation with local stakeholders with respect to designating national monuments. It also raises serious questions about whether these designations are limited to the, “smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”<sup>6</sup> The Antiquities Act “was designed to protect federal lands and resources quickly” in response to concerns about “theft from and destruction of archaeological sites.”<sup>7</sup> In most cases, however, the processes outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) are most appropriate because they require environmental studies, a review of the public purpose, and an opportunity for public participation before any federal agency action.<sup>8</sup> The NEPA and the FLPMA processes provide for a more thoughtful determination, whereas the Antiquities Act was meant to be reserved for emergency scenarios.

Until yesterday, the Administration’s actions with respect to Bears Ears more closely resembled the NEPA and FLPMA process. In anticipation of the Bears Ears designation, the Department of the Interior took on a large role in gathering input and coordinating planning.<sup>9</sup> You, Secretary Jewell, visited the potential site for a listening session.<sup>10</sup> In fact, during a hearing before the Subcommittee on the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze testified that BLM and the White House have been coordinating.<sup>11</sup> It is therefore unclear why the President opted to designate a massive national monument in Utah via the Antiquities Act in the waning days of his presidency, and to ignore federal environmental and procedural laws enacted to ensure stakeholders and other affected parties have a meaningful role in determining the outcome.

Similarly, the President’s actions with regard to the Gold Butte National Monument designation bypassed Congress and the public. Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Gold Butte National Monument spans nearly 300,000 acres.<sup>12</sup> Such a large designation, made unilaterally, deprives the American people and their elected representatives a collaborative discussion on how best to protect the land for all to enjoy. Large designations such as Gold Butte Monument are the type of major federal agency action envisioned by our federal environmental and procedural laws.

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<sup>5</sup> H. Sterling Burnett, *Obama’s Dangerous Use of The National Monument law*, FORBES, Oct. 12 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Antiquities Act of 1906, 54 U.S.C. §§20301-320303

<sup>7</sup> Carol Hardy Vincent, “National Monuments and the Antiquities Act,” Cong. Research Serv. (2016) (R41330).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> Amy Jol O’Donoghue, *Bears Ears Controversy Ramps Up With Jewell’s Visit; Bishop’s Planned Legislation*, KSL NEWS, July 13, 2016, available at <https://www.ksl.com/?sid=40632616&nid=148&title=bears-ears-controversy-ramps-up-with-jewells-visit-bishops-planned-legislation>.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> *Examining BLM Public Lands Leasing Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Interior of the H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform*, 114th Cong. 14 (2016) (statement of Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management) (Mr. Kornze: “I am talking about looking at the country and figuring out where would this be appropriate, where would it not?” Mr. Gosar: “So there is some conversation going on between the White House and BLM and agencies in regards to antiquities withdrawal?” Mr. Kornze: “Yes.”).

<sup>12</sup> See *supra* note 3.

Furthermore, in a letter dated March 29, 2016, this Committee, along with the House Committees on Natural Resources and on Appropriations, requested information related to use of the Antiquities Act of 1906.<sup>13</sup> After receiving an inadequate response, a follow up letter was sent on May 11, 2016.<sup>14</sup> As outlined in both letters, the Committees are interested in the Administration's process for using the Antiquities Act. Specifically, the Committees requested documents and communications from the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of the Interior (DOI) referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present.

To date, DOI has only provided a very limited response to the Committee that largely consisted of public statements and news clippings. If the Department does not produce these documents voluntarily, the Committee will be required to obtain them through compulsory measures.

Please immediately provide the documents requested in the Committee's March 29<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> letters. In addition, please produce the following documents as soon as possible, but not later than January 13, 2016:

1. All calendars, including all meetings and attendees, for all DOI employees involved or referenced in any discussions related to any national monument selection or designation.
2. The daily schedules and call logs for Secretary Jewell, Tommy Beaudreau, Nikki Buffa and Neil Kornze from April 21, 2013 to present.
3. All communications between any DOI employee and White House staff, including but not limited to Senior Advisor Brian Deese, between January 2015 and present.
4. All documents and communications referring or related to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from April 21, 2013 to present.
5. All documents and communications related to the reduction in size, limitation, or repeal of a national monument from January 20, 2008 to present.

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<sup>13</sup> Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, Hon. Rob Bishop Chairman, H. Comm. on Nat. Resources, and Hon. Harold Rogers, Chairman, H. Comm. on Appropriations, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (Mar. 29, 2016).

<sup>14</sup> Letter from Hon. Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, and Hon. Cynthia Lummis, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform Subcommittee on the Interior, to Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (May 11, 2016).

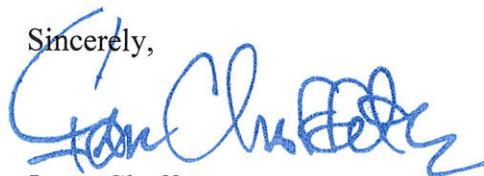
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Please contact Chris Esparza of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule the interviews, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
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cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

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Please see attachment as I have added Self-Bonding (see red text) as OSMRE issue under HNR, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and under SENR.

Although OSMRE has not been called for a hearing, we have received multiple congressional inquiries on self-bonding and there is increasing Hill interest.

Thank you.

Tom

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**CC:** Julie Fleming <julie.fleming@bsee.gov>  
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**CC:** Julie Fleming <[julie.fleming@bsee.gov](mailto:julie.fleming@bsee.gov)>  
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**From:** "Gonzales-Evans, Anita" <anita.gonzales-evans@onrr.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Oct 06 2016 12:23:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Barkin, Pamela" <pamela\_barkin@ios.doi.gov>  
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ONRR has no comments.

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**CC:** Edward Tilton <lee.tilton@boem.gov>  
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Hello Pam,

Please find attached BOEM's inputs. They are in track changes for easy review.

Do not hesitate to reach out if we can assist further.

v/r  
Mitch

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**Subject:** Re: Transition Document - Congressional Relations

Pam -- With edits/suggestions from Reclamation. Thanks, Ann, Mat and Gina

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### **A. OVERVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION – 114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEES**

##### **Natural Resources (HNR)**

###### **Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Bureau of Land Management*  
*Bureau of Ocean Energy*  
*Management*  
*Bureau of Safety and Environmental*  
*Enforcement*  
*Office of Surface Mining*  
*U.S. Geological Survey*

###### **Federal Lands**

*Bureau of Land Management*  
*National Park Service*

###### **Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs*  
*Bureau of Indian Education*  
*Office of Insular Affairs*  
*Office of Special Trustee*

###### **Oversight and Investigations**

*Department of the Interior*

###### **Water, Power and Oceans**

*Bureau of Reclamation*  
*Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Oversight and Government Reform (HOGR)**

*Department of the Interior*

#### **SENATE COMMITTEES**

##### **Energy and Natural Resources (SENR)**

*Office of Insular Affairs*

###### **Energy**

*Bureau of Ocean Energy*  
*Management*  
*Bureau of Safety and Environmental*  
*Enforcement*

###### **National Parks**

*National Park Service*

###### **Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Bureau of Land Management*

###### **Water and Power**

*Bureau of Reclamation*  
*U.S. Geological Survey*

##### **Environment and Public Works**

###### **Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

*Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)**

*Department of the Interior*

##### **Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs*  
*Bureau of Indian Education*  
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## **B. KEY ISSUES OF EACH COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION—114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

### **House Committee on Natural Resources (HNR)**

#### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Rob Bishop (UT-1)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Grijalva (AZ-3)*

*Staff Director Majority:*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Critical habitat – FWS revised rules (FWS)
- Gold King Mine (BOR)
- LWCF reauthorization (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Rec fees/public access for recreation (BLM, FWS, NPS, BOR)
- Offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico (BOEM, BSEE)
- Oil spill safety improvements since DWH (BOEM, BSEE)

#### **2. Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Chairman: Doug Lamborn (CO-5)*

*Ranking Member: Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Mancos shale
- Online offshore leasing sales (BOEM)
- Methane emissions/ venting, flaring (BLM)
- State/ tribal energy royalty policy (BIA)
- Fracking on federal lands (BLM)
- Arctic resources
- Offshore energy plan
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)

#### **3. Subcommittee on Federal Lands**

*Chairman: Tom McClintock (CA-4)*

*Ranking Member: Niki Tsongas (MA-3)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Utah Public Lands Initiative
- Public land management in Nevada

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Wild horses and burros (BLM)
- Federal/local land management cooperation (BLM)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NPS)
- St. George draft resource management plan
- NPS Centennial (NPS)
- World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial (NPS)
- Sportsmen's access (BLM, FWS, NPS)

#### **4. Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Chairman: Don Young (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Ruiz (CA-36)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- CNMI worker program
- Palau agreement
- Tribal recognition
- Land into trust
- Subsistence
- Economic development on tribal land
- Trust land acquisition standards

#### **5. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

*Chairman: Louie Gohmert (TX-1)*

*Ranking Member: Debbie Dingell (MI-12)*

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*Issues:*

- Wolf management
- Ivanpah solar project
- BLM planning 2.0 draft rule
- FWS ethics – Steve Barton OIG report
- Department's ethics – "Culture of Corruption"
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- Electricity reliability
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- Retrospective review of existing regulations

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*Issues:*

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*Issues:*

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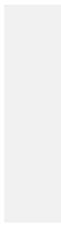
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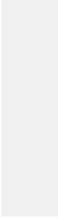
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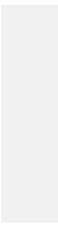
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The primary objectives of this project are to develop a robust system that meets the requirements of the client and to ensure that the system is delivered on time and within budget.

3. **Scope**  
The scope of the project includes the design, development, testing, and deployment of the system. The project will focus on the core functionality of the system and will not include the development of additional features.

4. **Timeline**  
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The purpose of this report is to analyze the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. The report will focus on the economic challenges faced by various countries and the role of government intervention in mitigating the impact.

2. **Methodology**  
The data for this report was collected from various sources, including government reports, academic journals, and news articles. The data was analyzed using statistical methods to identify trends and patterns.

3. **Results**  
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4. **Conclusion**  
The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for governments to take decisive action to support their economies. This may include measures such as fiscal stimulus, monetary policy, and social safety nets. The report concludes that a coordinated global response is essential to mitigate the long-term economic damage caused by the pandemic.

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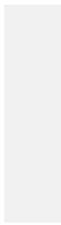
- Develop a robust software solution that meets the user requirements.
- Ensure the system is scalable and secure.
- Deliver the project on time and within budget.

3. **Scope**  
The project scope includes the design, development, testing, and deployment of the software application. It also encompasses the necessary infrastructure and support services.

4. **Deliverables**  
The key deliverables of this project are:

- Software Requirements Specification (SRS)
- System Architecture Design
- Developed Software Application
- User Acceptance Test (UAT) Report
- Deployment Plan

5. **Conclusion**  
This document outlines the project's goals and provides a clear roadmap for its execution. It is essential for all team members to understand and adhere to these guidelines to ensure the project's success.







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The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of a new educational program on student performance. The study is based on a sample of 100 students from a high school in the city of New York.

2. **Methodology**  
The study used a quasi-experimental design. The participants were divided into two groups: an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group received the new educational program, while the control group received the traditional curriculum. Data was collected through standardized tests and questionnaires.

3. **Results**  
The results of the study show that the experimental group performed significantly better than the control group on the standardized tests. The mean score for the experimental group was 85, while the mean score for the control group was 78. The difference was statistically significant (p < 0.05).

4. **Conclusion**  
The study concludes that the new educational program has a positive effect on student performance. The results suggest that the program should be implemented in other schools to improve student learning outcomes.



1. **Introduction**  
2. **Methodology**  
3. **Results**  
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This document provides a detailed overview of the project's objectives, scope, and the methodology used for data analysis. It is intended for stakeholders and team members involved in the project.

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The primary objectives of this project are to analyze the data, identify trends, and provide actionable insights. The secondary objectives include ensuring data accuracy and maintaining confidentiality.

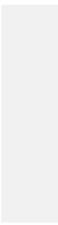
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The project scope is limited to the data collected during the specified period. It does not include external factors or data from other sources.

4. **Methodology**  
The methodology used for data analysis includes data collection, data cleaning, data analysis, and data visualization. The analysis is performed using statistical methods and data visualization tools.

5. **Results**  
The results of the data analysis show a clear trend of increasing data volume over time. The analysis also identifies key factors influencing the data and provides recommendations for future actions.

6. **Conclusion**  
The project has successfully achieved its objectives and provided valuable insights into the data. The findings are consistent with the initial hypotheses and provide a solid foundation for future research and decision-making.

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## **VI Congressional Relations and Issue**

### **A. OVERVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION – 114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEES**

##### **Natural Resources (HNR)**

###### **Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Bureau of Land Management*  
*Bureau of Ocean Energy*  
*Management*  
*Bureau of Safety and Environmental*  
*Enforcement*  
*Office of Surface Mining*  
*U.S. Geological Survey*

###### **Federal Lands**

*Bureau of Land Management*  
*National Park Service*

###### **Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs*  
*Bureau of Indian Education*  
*Office of Insular Affairs*  
*Office of Special Trustee*

###### **Oversight and Investigations**

*Department of the Interior*

###### **Water, Power and Oceans**

*Bureau of Reclamation*  
*Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Oversight and Government Reform (HOGF)**

*Department of the Interior*

#### **SENATE COMMITTEES**

##### **Energy and Natural Resources (SENR)**

*Office of Insular Affairs*

###### **Energy**

*Bureau of Ocean Energy*  
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###### **National Parks**

*National Park Service*

###### **Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Bureau of Land Management*

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*Bureau of Reclamation*  
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##### **Environment and Public Works**

###### **Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

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##### **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)**

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## **B. KEY ISSUES OF EACH COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION—114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

### **House Committee on Natural Resources (HNR)**

#### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Rob Bishop (UT-1)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Grijalva (AZ-3)*

*Staff Director Majority:*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Critical habitat – FWS revised rules (FWS)
- Gold King Mine (BOR)
- LWCF reauthorization (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Rec fees/public access for recreation (BLM, FWS, NPS, BOR)
- Offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico (BOEM, BSEE)
- Oil spill safety improvements since DWH (BOEM, BSEE)

#### **2. Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Chairman: Doug Lamborn (CO-5)*

*Ranking Member: Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)*

*Staff Director Majority: Kate MacGregor*

*Staff Director Minority: Steve Feldgus*

*Issues:*

- Mancos shale
- Online offshore leasing sales (BOEM)
- Methane emissions/ venting, flaring (BLM)
- State/ tribal energy royalty policy (BIA)
- Fracking on federal lands (BLM)
- Arctic resources
- Offshore Energy 5 Year Program (BOEM)energy plan
- Geographical and Geophysical Survey Permitting (BOEM)
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)

#### **3. Subcommittee on Federal Lands**

*Chairman: Tom McClintock (CA-4)*

*Ranking Member: Niki Tsongas (MA-3)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Utah Public Lands Initiative

- Public land management in Nevada
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Wild horses and burros (BLM)
- Federal/local land management cooperation (BLM)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NPS)
- St. George draft resource management plan
- NPS Centennial (NPS)
- World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial (NPS)
- Sportsmen's access (BLM, FWS, NPS)

#### **4. Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Chairman: Don Young (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Ruiz (CA-36)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- CNMI worker program
- Palau agreement
- Tribal recognition
- Land into trust
- Subsistence
- Economic development on tribal land
- Trust land acquisition standards

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*Issues:*

- Wolf management
- Ivanpah solar project
- BLM planning 2.0 draft rule
- FWS ethics – Steve Barton OIG report
- Department's ethics – "Culture of Corruption"
- Mitigation requirements – Executive Order
- Border security (BLM, BIA, FWS, NPS)
- Department law enforcement records system
- GAO report on renewable energy bonding

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*Issues:*

- California water
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- Invasive species – public water supplies
- Native and endangered fish – predation, conflicting laws
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- Water use and infrastructure
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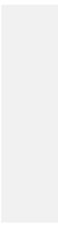
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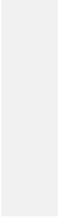
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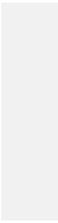
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- Ensure the project is completed within the specified budget and timeline.

3. **Scope**  
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5. **Conclusion**  
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## **VI Congressional Relations and Issue**

### **A. OVERVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION – 114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEES**

##### **Natural Resources (HNR)**

###### **Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Bureau of Land Management  
Bureau of Ocean Energy  
Management  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental  
Enforcement  
Office of Surface Mining  
U.S. Geological Survey*

###### **Federal Lands**

*Bureau of Land Management  
National Park Service*

###### **Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Indian Education  
Office of Insular Affairs  
Office of Special Trustee  
Bureau of Land Management*

###### **Oversight and Investigations**

*Department of the Interior*

###### **Water, Power and Oceans**

*Bureau of Reclamation  
Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Oversight and Government Reform (HOGR)**

*Department of the Interior*

#### **SENATE COMMITTEES**

##### **Energy and Natural Resources (SENR)**

*Office of Insular Affairs*

###### **Energy**

*Bureau of Ocean Energy  
Management  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental  
Enforcement*

###### **National Parks**

*National Park Service*

###### **Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Bureau of Land Management*

###### **Water and Power**

*Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey*

##### **Environment and Public Works**

###### **Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

*Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)**

*Department of the Interior*

##### **Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Indian Education  
Office of Special Trustee  
Bureau of Land Management*

## **B. KEY ISSUES OF EACH COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION—114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

### **House Committee on Natural Resources (HNR)**

#### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Rob Bishop (UT-1)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Grijalva (AZ-3)*

*Staff Director Majority:*

*Staff Director Minority:*

*Issues:*

- *Utah Public Lands Initiative (BLM); also shown under “federal lands” but of particular interest to full committee chairman*
- *Implementation of Washington County, Utah, sections of OPLMA (St. George/Red Cliffs NCA/Beaver Dam Wash NCA resource management plans) (BLM); also shown under “federal lands” but of interest to full committee chairman*
- *Critical habitat – FWS revised rules (FWS)*
- *Gold King Mine (BOR)*
- *Abandoned Mine Lands/ Good Samaritan (BLM)*
- *LWCF reauthorization (BLM, FWS, NPS)*
- *Rec fees/public access for recreation (BLM, FWS, NPS, BOR)*
- *Offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico (BOEM, BSEE)*
- *Oil spill safety improvements since DWH (BOEM, BSEE)*
- *Oversight on proposed regulations (BLM)*
- *Sage Grouse (BLM/FWS)*
- *Planning 2.0 (BLM)*

#### **2. Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Chairman: Doug Lamborn (CO-5)*

*Ranking Member: Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)*

*Staff Director Majority : [bill.cooper@mail.house.gov](mailto:bill.cooper@mail.house.gov),*

*Staff Director Minority: [steve.feldgus@mail.house.gov](mailto:steve.feldgus@mail.house.gov)*

*Issues:*

- *Mancos shale (BLM/USGS)*
- *Onshore oil and gas leasing (BLM)*
- *Online offshore leasing sales (BOEM)*
- *Methane emissions/ venting, flaring (BLM)*
- *State/ tribal energy royalty policy (BIA)*

- Fracking on federal lands (BLM)
- APD and gas-gathering lines approval (BLM)
- Oil & gas project offices (BLM)
- Arctic resources
- Offshore energy plan
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)
- Renewable energy development on public lands (BLM, FWS)

### 3. Subcommittee on Federal Lands

*Chairman:* Tom McClintock (CA-4)

*Ranking Member:* Niki Tsongas (MA-3)

*Staff Director Majority:* Erica.Rhoad@mail.house.gov

*Staff Director Minority:* Brandon.Bragato@mail.house.gov

*Issues:*

- Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)
- Utah Public Lands Initiative (BLM, NPS)
- Public land management in Nevada (BLM)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Wild horses and burros (BLM)
- Federal/local land management cooperation (BLM)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NPS)
- Implementation of Washington County, Utah, sections of OPLMA (St. George/Red Cliffs NCA/Beaver Dam Wash NCA resource management plans) (BLM)
- NPS Centennial (NPS)
- World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial (NPS)
- Sportsmen's access (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Consolidation of State and Federal lands (BLM, FWS, NPS)

### 4. Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs

*Chairman:* Don Young (AK)

*Ranking Member:* Raul Ruiz (CA-36)

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- CNMI worker program
- Palau agreement
- Tribal recognition

- Land into trust (BLM, BIA)
- Subsistence
- Economic development on tribal land
- Trust land acquisition standards
- Land entitlements for Alaska Natives and Alaska Native Veterans
- Placer mining claims (Fortymile)
- Energy development on tribal lands

## 5. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

*Chairman:* Louie Gohmert (TX-1)

*Ranking Member:* Debbie Dingell (MI-12)

*Staff Director Majority:* Casey.Hammond@mail.house.gov

*Staff Director Minority:* vic.edgerton@mail.house.gov

*Issues:*

- Wolf management
- Renewable energy development on public lands (BLM, FWS)
- BLM planning 2.0 draft rule
- FWS ethics – Steve Barton OIG report
- Department’s ethics – “Culture of Corruption”
- Mitigation requirements – Executive Order (BLM, FWS)
- Border security (BLM, BIA, FWS, NPS)
- Department law enforcement records system
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## 6. Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans

*Chairman:* John Fleming (LA-4)

*Ranking Member:* Jared Huffman (CA-2)

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- California water
- Indian water rights settlements – San Luis Rey, Blackfeet, Pechanga, Navajo
- Invasive species – public water supplies
- Native and endangered fish – predation, conflicting laws
- ESA inspection exemption for sea urchins
- Water use and infrastructure
- Electricity reliability
- Sportsmen’s access

## **House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (HOCR)**

### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Jason Chaffetz (UT-3)*

*Ranking Member: Elijah Cummings (MD-7)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Document requests
- NPS ethics
- Federal law enforcement/Safeguarding firearms (BLM, NPS)
- Gold King Mine
- OPM data breach
- DC airspace security

### **2. Subcommittee on the Interior**

*Chairman: Cynthia Lummis (WY)*

*Ranking Member: Brenda Lawrence (MI-14)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Recreation.gov
- ESA delisting
- BLM public lands/oil and gas leasing
- Stream protection rule
- Invasive species policy – NISC
- NPS concessions
- Cybersecurity at the Department

## **Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (SENRR)**

### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Lisa Murkowski (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Maria Cantwell (WA)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)

- Antiquities Act (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Volcano early warning system (USGS)
- Wildfire (BLM, NPS)
- Izembek National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)
- OCS oil & gas 5 year program and production regulations
- Revenue sharing
- USGS oversight (USGS)
- Palau agreement (OIA)
- Mitigation requirements – executive order, interagency coordination
- NPS centennial (NPS)
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)
- ANCSA claims
- Hydropower (BOR)
- Rec Fees/ FLREA
- Drought (BOR)
- Strategic Petroleum Reserve
- Alaska Land Conveyance (BLM)
- Mineral Security
- LWCF (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Sportsmen’s access (BLM, FWS, NPS)

**2. Subcommittee on Energy**

*Chairman: James Risch (ID)*

*Ranking Member: Joe Manchin III (W.VA)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Hard rock mining
- Methane emissions/venting and flaring (BLM)
- Hydraulic fracturing (BLM)
- NPR-A oil & gas development (BLM)
- Alaska Placer mining claims - Fortymile (BLM)
- Special land designations (BLM)

**3. Subcommittee on National Parks**

*Chairman: Bill Cassidy (LA)*

*Ranking Member: Martin Heinrich (NM)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Various NPS park specific bills and boundary adjustments

#### **4. Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Chairman: John Barrasso (WY)*

*Ranking Member: Ron Wyden (OR)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)
- Sage grouse conservation – BLM land use plans (BLM, FWS)
- Forestry/O&C (BLM)
- Fire
- BLM planning 2.0 (BLM)
- Invasive species management (BLM, NISC)
- Natural gas waste reduction
- Soda ash competitiveness
- Fracking (BLM)
- Consolidation of State and Federal lands (BLM, FWS, NPS)

#### **5. Subcommittee on Water and Power**

*Chairman: Mike Lee (UT)*

*Ranking Member: Mazie Hirono (HI)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- California water
- Rural water projects
- Colorado river storage project
- Indian water rights
- Aging infrastructure

### **Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW)**

#### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Jim Inhofe (OK)*

*Ranking Member: Barbara Boxer (CA)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Stream protection rule – ESA implications
- ESA implementation, transparency, settlement agreements, northern long-eared bat
- Trapping on NWRS lands
- Impact of FWS regulations on private property rights (s/c on superfund, waste management and regulatory oversight)

**2. Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

*Chairman: Dan Sullivan (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Mitigation requirements – FWS revised policy
- Marine debris

**Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)**

**1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Ron Johnson (WI)*

*Ranking Member: Thomas Carper (DE)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Retrospective review of existing regulations

**Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

**1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: John Barrasso (WY)*

*Vice Chairman: Jon Tester (MT)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Indian water rights settlements – Hualapai, White Mountain Apache, Salish and Kootenai

- Wildfire on tribal land
- Tribal law enforcement, justice systems, juvenile justice, victim services, drugs
- Tribal veterans health care
- Dam maintenance – DRIFT act
- Indian education
- Indian energy development
- Land into trust (BLM, BIA)
- Indian irrigation projects

**C. MAJOR LEGISLATION WITH SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INTEREST THAT MAY BE PENDING AFTER THE RECESS**

1. **Energy Bill (S. 2012, as amended, and H.R. 8, as amended)**
2. **H.R. 3843, Hardrock Mining Reform**, would make various changes to the current fee structure for the location and maintenance of hardrock mining claims and would also establish an Abandoned Noncoal Mine Lands Program requiring the BLM and Forest Service to identify sites suitable for Good Samaritan projects.
3. **S. 2943, FY 2017 NDAA- Fewer public lands provisions than in recent years.**
4. **Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)**
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6. **Agency Priorities**
  - a. **NPS Centennial**
  - b. **BLM Foundation**
  - c. **Concessions Authority (BLM)**
  - d. **???**

**D. PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED SENATE CONFIRMED POSITIONS (PAS)**  
**WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND COMMITTEE OF**  
**JURISDICTION (17 total)**

**1. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources**

- Secretary of the Interior
- Deputy Secretary of the Interior
- Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks \*
- Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs
- Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
- Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget and Chief Financial Officer
- Assistant Secretary for Water and Science
- Commissioner – Bureau of Reclamation
- Director – Bureau of Land Management
- Director – National Park Service
- Director – Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- Director – United States Geological Survey
- Solicitor

**2. Committee on Indian Affairs**

- Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
- Chair – National Indian Gaming Commission (three-year term of office)
- Special Trustee – American Indians

**3. Committee on Environment and Public Works**

- Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks \*
- Director – United States Fish and Wildlife Service

## **VI Congressional Relations and Issue**

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#### **HOUSE COMMITTEES**

##### **Natural Resources (HNR)**

###### **Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Bureau of Land Management*  
*Bureau of Ocean Energy*  
*Management*  
*Bureau of Safety and Environmental*  
*Enforcement*  
*Office of Surface Mining*  
*U.S. Geological Survey*

###### **Federal Lands**

*Bureau of Land Management*  
*National Park Service*

###### **Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs*  
*Bureau of Indian Education*  
*Office of Insular Affairs*  
*Office of Special Trustee*

###### **Oversight and Investigations**

*Department of the Interior*

###### **Water, Power and Oceans**

*Bureau of Reclamation*  
*Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Oversight and Government Reform (HOGF)**

*Department of the Interior*

#### **SENATE COMMITTEES**

##### **Energy and Natural Resources (SENR)**

*Office of Insular Affairs*

###### **Energy**

*Bureau of Ocean Energy*  
*Management*  
*Bureau of Safety and Environmental*  
*Enforcement*

###### **National Parks**

*National Park Service*

###### **Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Bureau of Land Management*

###### **Water and Power**

*Bureau of Reclamation*  
*U.S. Geological Survey*

##### **Environment and Public Works**

###### **Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

*Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)**

*Department of the Interior*

##### **Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs*  
*Bureau of Indian Education*  
*Office of Special Trustee*

## **B. KEY ISSUES OF EACH COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION—114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

### **House Committee on Natural Resources (HNR)**

#### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Rob Bishop (UT-1)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Grijalva (AZ-3)*

*Staff Director Majority:*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Critical habitat – FWS revised rules (FWS)
- Gold King Mine (BOR)
- LWCF reauthorization (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Rec fees/public access for recreation (BLM, FWS, NPS, BOR)
- Offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico (BOEM, BSEE)
- Oil spill safety improvements since DWH (BOEM, BSEE)

#### **2. Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Chairman: Doug Lamborn (CO-5)*

*Ranking Member: Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)*

*Staff Director Majority: Kate MacGregor*

*Staff Director Minority: Steve Feldgus*

*Issues:*

- Mancos shale
- Online offshore leasing sales (BOEM)
- Methane emissions/ venting, flaring (BLM)
- State/ tribal energy royalty policy (BIA)
- Fracking on federal lands (BLM)
- Arctic resources
- Offshore Energy 5 Year Program (BOEM)energy plan
- Geographical and Geophysical Survey Permitting (BOEM)
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)

#### **3. Subcommittee on Federal Lands**

*Chairman: Tom McClintock (CA-4)*

*Ranking Member: Niki Tsongas (MA-3)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Utah Public Lands Initiative

- Public land management in Nevada
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Wild horses and burros (BLM)
- Federal/local land management cooperation (BLM)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NPS)
- St. George draft resource management plan
- NPS Centennial (NPS)
- World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial (NPS)
- Sportsmen's access (BLM, FWS, NPS)

#### **4. Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Chairman: Don Young (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Ruiz (CA-36)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- CNMI worker program
- Palau agreement
- Tribal recognition
- Land into trust
- Subsistence
- Economic development on tribal land
- Trust land acquisition standards

#### **5. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

*Chairman: Louie Gohmert (TX-1)*

*Ranking Member: Debbie Dingell (MI-12)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Wolf management
- Ivanpah solar project
- BLM planning 2.0 draft rule
- FWS ethics – Steve Barton OIG report
- Department's ethics – "Culture of Corruption"
- Mitigation requirements – Executive Order
- Border security (BLM, BIA, FWS, NPS)
- Department law enforcement records system
- GAO report on renewable energy bonding

#### **6. Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans**

*Chairman: John Fleming (LA-4)*  
*Ranking Member: Jared Huffman (CA-2)*  
*Staff Director Majority*  
*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- California water
- Indian water rights settlements – San Luis Rey, Blackfeet, Perchanga, Navajo
- Invasive species – public water supplies
- Native and endangered fish – predation, conflicting laws
- ESA inspection exemption for sea urchins
- Water use and infrastructure
- Electricity reliability
- Sportsmen’s access

**House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (HOCR)**

**1. Full Committee**

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*Ranking Member: Elijah Cummings (MD-7)*  
*Staff Director Majority*  
*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Document requests
- NPS ethics
- Federal law enforcement/Safeguarding firearms (BLM, NPS)
- Gold King Mine
- OPM data breach
- DC airspace security

**2. Subcommittee on the Interior**

*Chairman: Cynthia Lummis (WY)*  
*Ranking Member: Brenda Lawrence (MI-14)*  
*Staff Director Majority*  
*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Recreation.gov
- ESA delisting
- BLM public lands/oil and gas leasing
- Stream protection rule
- Invasive species policy – NISC
- NPS concessions

- Cybersecurity at the Department

## **Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (SENRR)**

### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Lisa Murkowski (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Maria Cantwell (WA)*

*Staff Director Majority: Tristan Abbey*

*Staff Director Minority: Spencer Gray*

*Issues:*

- Antiquities Act (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Volcano early warning system (USGS)
- Wildfire (BLM, NPS)
- Izembek National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)
- Offshore Energy OCS-oil & gas 5 Year Program(BOEM)
- Geographical year program and Geophysical Survey Permitting (BOEM)production regulations
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- Drought (BOR)
- Strategic Petroleum Reserve
- Mineral Security
- LWCF (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Sportsmen’s access (BLM, FWS, NPS)

### **2. Subcommittee on Energy**

*Chairman: James Risch (ID)*

*Ranking Member: Joe Manchin III (W.VA)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Hard rock mining

### **3. Subcommittee on National Parks**

*Chairman: Bill Cassidy (LA)*

*Ranking Member: Martin Heinrich (NM)*  
*Staff Director Majority*  
*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Various NPS park specific bills and boundary adjustments

**4. Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Chairman: John Barrasso (WY)*  
*Ranking Member: Ron Wyden (OR)*  
*Staff Director Majority*  
*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Sage grouse conservation – BLM land use plans (BLM, FWS)
- BLM planning 2.0 (BLM)
- Invasive species management
- Natural gas waste reduction
- Soda ash competitiveness
- Fracking (BLM)

**5. Subcommittee on Water and Power**

*Chairman: Mike Lee (UT)*  
*Ranking Member: Mazie Hirono (HI)*  
*Staff Director Majority*  
*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- California water
- Rural water projects
- Colorado river storage project
- Indian water rights
- Aging infrastructure

**Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW)**

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*Staff Director Majority*  
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*Issues:*

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*Chairman: Dan Sullivan (AK)*

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- Marine debris

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*Ranking Member: Thomas Carper (DE)*

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*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Retrospective review of existing regulations

**Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

**1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: John Barrasso (WY)*

*Vice Chairman: Jon Tester (MT)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Indian water rights settlements – Hualapai, White Mountain Apache, Salish and Kootenai
- Wildfire on tribal land
- Tribal law enforcement, justice systems, juvenile justice, victim services, drugs
- Tribal veterans health care
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**C. MAJOR LEGISLATION WITH SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INTEREST THAT MAY BE PENDING AFTER THE RECESS**

1. Energy Bill
2. WRDA
3. Agency Priorities
  - a. NPS Centennial
  - b. BLM Foundation
  - c. ???

**D. PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED SENATE CONFIRMED POSITIONS (PAS) WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION (17 total)**

**1. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources**

- Secretary of the Interior
- Deputy Secretary of the Interior
- Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks \*
- Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs
- Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
- Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget and Chief Financial Officer
- Assistant Secretary for Water and Science
- Commissioner – Bureau of Reclamation
- Director – Bureau of Land Management
- Director – National Park Service
- Director – Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- Director – United States Geological Survey
- Solicitor

**2. Committee on Indian Affairs**

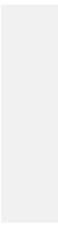
- Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
- Chair – National Indian Gaming Commission (three-year term of office)

- Special Trustee – American Indians

**3. Committee on Environment and Public Works**

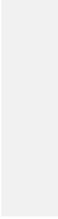
- Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks \*
- Director – United States Fish and Wildlife Service

1. **Labore de Física**  
2. **Objetivo**  
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4. **Procedimento**  
5. **Resultados**  
6. **Conclusões**  
7. **Bibliografia**

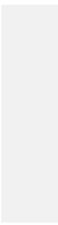




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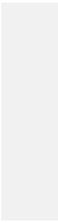
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The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of the project's objectives, scope, and timeline. It is intended for all stakeholders involved in the project, including the project manager, team members, and sponsors.

2. **Objectives**  
The primary objectives of the project are to deliver a high-quality product that meets the needs of the customer, to complete the project within the specified budget, and to ensure that the project is completed on time.

3. **Scope**  
The project scope includes the development, testing, and deployment of the new product. It also includes the management of the project, including the identification of risks and the implementation of mitigation strategies.

4. **Timeline**  
The project is scheduled to start on [start date] and is expected to be completed by [end date]. The project will be managed in a series of phases, including planning, execution, and closure.

5. **Conclusion**  
This document provides a clear and concise overview of the project's goals and objectives. It is intended to serve as a reference for all project stakeholders and to ensure that everyone is aligned on the project's purpose and direction.



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4. **Laurea in Scienze Letterarie**  
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7. **Laurea in Scienze della Formazione**  
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33. **Laurea in Scienze della Farmacia**  
34. **Laurea in Scienze della Odontologia**  
35. **Laurea in Scienze della Infermieristica**  
36. **Laurea in Scienze della Fisioterapia**  
37. **Laurea in Scienze della Logopedia**  
38. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia Clinica**  
39. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia Educativa**  
40. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia Sociale**  
41. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia Industriale**  
42. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia Ambientale**  
43. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia Organizzativa**  
44. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia del Lavoro**  
45. **Laurea in Scienze della Psicologia della Salute**  
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## **VI Congressional Relations and Issue**

### **A. OVERVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION – 114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEES**

##### **Natural Resources (HNR)**

###### **Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Bureau of Land Management  
Bureau of Ocean Energy  
Management  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental  
Enforcement  
Office of Surface Mining  
U.S. Geological Survey*

###### **Federal Lands**

*Bureau of Land Management  
National Park Service*

###### **Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Indian Education  
Office of Insular Affairs  
Office of Special Trustee  
**Bureau of Land Management***

###### **Oversight and Investigations**

*Department of the Interior*

###### **Water, Power and Oceans**

*Bureau of Reclamation  
Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Oversight and Government Reform (HOGR)**

*Department of the Interior*

#### **SENATE COMMITTEES**

##### **Energy and Natural Resources (SENRR)**

*Office of Insular Affairs*

###### **Energy**

*Bureau of Ocean Energy  
Management  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental  
Enforcement*

###### **National Parks**

*National Park Service*

###### **Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Bureau of Land Management*

###### **Water and Power**

*Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey*

##### **Environment and Public Works**

###### **Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

*Fish and Wildlife Service*

##### **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)**

*Department of the Interior*

##### **Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Indian Education  
Office of Special Trustee  
**Bureau of Land Management***

## **B. KEY ISSUES OF EACH COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION—114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

### **House Committee on Natural Resources (HNR)**

#### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Rob Bishop (UT-1)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Grijalva (AZ-3)*

*Staff Director Majority:*

*Staff Director Minority:*

*Issues:*

- *Utah Public Lands Initiative (BLM); also shown under “federal lands” but of particular interest to full committee chairman*
- *Implementation of Washington County, Utah, sections of OPLMA (St. George/Red Cliffs NCA/Beaver Dam Wash NCA resource management plans) (BLM); also shown under “federal lands” but of interest to full committee chairman*
- *Critical habitat – FWS revised rules (FWS)*
- *Gold King Mine (BOR)*
- *Abandoned Mine Lands/ Good Samaritan (BLM)*
- *LWCF reauthorization (BLM, FWS, NPS)*
- *Rec fees/public access for recreation (BLM, FWS, NPS, BOR)*
- *Offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico (BOEM, BSEE)*
- *Oil spill safety improvements since DWH (BOEM, BSEE)*
- *Oversight on proposed regulations (BLM)*
- *Sage Grouse (BLM/FWS)*
- *Planning 2.0 (BLM)*

#### **2. Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Chairman: Doug Lamborn (CO-5)*

*Ranking Member: Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)*

*Staff Director Majority : [bill.cooper@mail.house.gov](mailto:bill.cooper@mail.house.gov),*

*Staff Director Minority: [steve.feldgus@mail.house.gov](mailto:steve.feldgus@mail.house.gov)*

*Issues:*

- *Mancos shale (BLM/USGS)*
- *Onshore oil and gas leasing (BLM)*
- *Online offshore leasing sales (BOEM)*
- *Methane emissions/ venting, flaring (BLM)*
- *State/ tribal energy royalty policy (BIA)*

- Fracking on federal lands (BLM)
- APD and gas-gathering lines approval (BLM)
- Oil & gas project offices (BLM)
- Arctic resources
- Offshore energy plan
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)
- Renewable energy development on public lands (BLM, FWS)

### 3. Subcommittee on Federal Lands

*Chairman:* Tom McClintock (CA-4)

*Ranking Member:* Niki Tsongas (MA-3)

*Staff Director Majority:* Erica.Rhoad@mail.house.gov

*Staff Director Minority:* Brandon.Bragato@mail.house.gov

*Issues:*

- Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)
- Utah Public Lands Initiative (BLM, NPS)
- Public land management in Nevada (BLM)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Wild horses and burros (BLM)
- Federal/local land management cooperation (BLM)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NPS)
- Implementation of Washington County, Utah, sections of OPLMA (St. George/Red Cliffs NCA/Beaver Dam Wash NCA resource management plans) (BLM)
- NPS Centennial (NPS)
- World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial (NPS)
- Sportsmen's access (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Consolidation of State and Federal lands (BLM, FWS, NPS)

### 4. Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs

*Chairman:* Don Young (AK)

*Ranking Member:* Raul Ruiz (CA-36)

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- CNMI worker program
- Palau agreement
- Tribal recognition

- Land into trust (BLM, BIA)
- Subsistence
- Economic development on tribal land
- Trust land acquisition standards
- Land entitlements for Alaska Natives and Alaska Native Veterans
- Placer mining claims (Fortymile)
- Energy development on tribal lands

## 5. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

*Chairman:* Louie Gohmert (TX-1)

*Ranking Member:* Debbie Dingell (MI-12)

*Staff Director Majority:* Casey.Hammond@mail.house.gov

*Staff Director Minority:* vic.edgerton@mail.house.gov

*Issues:*

- Wolf management
- Renewable energy development on public lands (BLM, FWS)
- BLM planning 2.0 draft rule
- FWS ethics – Steve Barton OIG report
- Department’s ethics – “Culture of Corruption”
- Mitigation requirements – Executive Order (BLM, FWS)
- Border security (BLM, BIA, FWS, NPS)
- Department law enforcement records system
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## 6. Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans

*Chairman:* John Fleming (LA-4)

*Ranking Member:* Jared Huffman (CA-2)

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- California water
- Indian water rights settlements – San Luis Rey, Blackfeet, Pechanga, Navajo
- Invasive species – public water supplies
- Native and endangered fish – predation, conflicting laws
- ESA inspection exemption for sea urchins
- Water use and infrastructure
- Electricity reliability
- Sportsmen’s access

## **House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (HOCR)**

### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Jason Chaffetz (UT-3)*

*Ranking Member: Elijah Cummings (MD-7)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Document requests
- NPS ethics
- Federal law enforcement/Safeguarding firearms (BLM, NPS)
- Gold King Mine
- OPM data breach
- DC airspace security

### **2. Subcommittee on the Interior**

*Chairman: Cynthia Lummis (WY)*

*Ranking Member: Brenda Lawrence (MI-14)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Recreation.gov
- ESA delisting
- BLM public lands/oil and gas leasing
- Stream protection rule
- Invasive species policy – NISC
- NPS concessions
- Cybersecurity at the Department

## **Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (SENRR)**

### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Lisa Murkowski (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Maria Cantwell (WA)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)

- Antiquities Act (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Volcano early warning system (USGS)
- Wildfire (BLM, NPS)
- Izembek National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)
- OCS oil & gas 5 year program and production regulations
- Revenue sharing
- USGS oversight (USGS)
- Palau agreement (OIA)
- Mitigation requirements – executive order, interagency coordination
- NPS centennial (NPS)
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)
- ANCSA claims
- Hydropower (BOR)
- Rec Fees/ FLREA
- Drought (BOR)
- Strategic Petroleum Reserve
- Alaska Land Conveyance (BLM)
- Mineral Security
- LWCF (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Sportsmen’s access (BLM, FWS, NPS)

**2. Subcommittee on Energy**

*Chairman: James Risch (ID)*

*Ranking Member: Joe Manchin III (W.VA)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Hard rock mining
- Methane emissions/venting and flaring (BLM)
- Hydraulic fracturing (BLM)
- NPR-A oil & gas development (BLM)
- Alaska Placer mining claims - Fortymile (BLM)
- Special land designations (BLM)

**3. Subcommittee on National Parks**

*Chairman: Bill Cassidy (LA)*

*Ranking Member: Martin Heinrich (NM)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Various NPS park specific bills and boundary adjustments

#### **4. Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Chairman: John Barrasso (WY)*

*Ranking Member: Ron Wyden (OR)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)
- Sage grouse conservation – BLM land use plans (BLM, FWS)
- Forestry/O&C (BLM)
- Fire
- BLM planning 2.0 (BLM)
- Invasive species management (BLM, NISC)
- Natural gas waste reduction
- Soda ash competitiveness
- Fracking (BLM)
- Consolidation of State and Federal lands (BLM, FWS, NPS)

#### **5. Subcommittee on Water and Power**

*Chairman: Mike Lee (UT)*

*Ranking Member: Mazie Hirono (HI)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- California water
- Rural water projects
- Colorado river storage project
- Indian water rights
- Aging infrastructure

### **Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW)**

#### **1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Jim Inhofe (OK)*

*Ranking Member: Barbara Boxer (CA)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Stream protection rule – ESA implications
- ESA implementation, transparency, settlement agreements, northern long-eared bat
- Trapping on NWRS lands
- Impact of FWS regulations on private property rights (s/c on superfund, waste management and regulatory oversight)

**2. Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

*Chairman: Dan Sullivan (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Mitigation requirements – FWS revised policy
- Marine debris

**Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)**

**1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Ron Johnson (WI)*

*Ranking Member: Thomas Carper (DE)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Retrospective review of existing regulations

**Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

**1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: John Barrasso (WY)*

*Vice Chairman: Jon Tester (MT)*

*Staff Director Majority*

*Staff Director Minority*

*Issues:*

- Indian water rights settlements – Hualapai, White Mountain Apache, Salish and Kootenai

- Wildfire on tribal land
- Tribal law enforcement, justice systems, juvenile justice, victim services, drugs
- Tribal veterans health care
- Dam maintenance – DRIFT act
- Indian education
- Indian energy development
- Land into trust (BLM, BIA)
- Indian irrigation projects

**C. MAJOR LEGISLATION WITH SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INTEREST THAT MAY BE PENDING AFTER THE RECESS**

1. **Energy Bill (S. 2012, as amended, and H.R. 8, as amended)**
2. **H.R. 3843, Hardrock Mining Reform**, would make various changes to the current fee structure for the location and maintenance of hardrock mining claims and would also establish an Abandoned Noncoal Mine Lands Program requiring the BLM and Forest Service to identify sites suitable for Good Samaritan projects.
3. **S. 2943, FY 2017 NDAA- Fewer public lands provisions than in recent years.**
4. **Misc. Public Lands Legislation (BLM)**
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6. **Agency Priorities**
  - a. **NPS Centennial**
  - b. **BLM Foundation**
  - c. **Concessions Authority (BLM)**
  - d. **???**

**D. PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED SENATE CONFIRMED POSITIONS (PAS)  
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND COMMITTEE OF  
JURISDICTION (17 total)**

**1. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources**

- Secretary of the Interior
- Deputy Secretary of the Interior
- Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks \*
- Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs
- Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
- Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget and Chief Financial Officer
- Assistant Secretary for Water and Science
- Commissioner – Bureau of Reclamation
- Director – Bureau of Land Management
- Director – National Park Service
- Director – Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- Director – United States Geological Survey
- Solicitor

**2. Committee on Indian Affairs**

- Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
- Chair – National Indian Gaming Commission (three-year term of office)
- Special Trustee – American Indians

**3. Committee on Environment and Public Works**

- Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks \*
- Director – United States Fish and Wildlife Service

**VI Congressional Relations and Issues**

**A. OVERVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION – 114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

**HOUSE COMMITTEES**

**Natural Resources (HNR)**

**Energy and Mineral Resources**

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Bureau of Ocean Energy  
Management  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental  
Enforcement  
Office of Surface Mining  
U.S. Geological Survey (except  
Water Mission Area)*

**Federal Lands**

*Bureau of Land Management  
National Park Service*

**Indian, Insular and Alaska Native  
Affairs**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Indian Education  
Bureau of Land Management  
Office of Insular Affairs  
Office of Special Trustee*

**Oversight and Investigations**

*Department of the Interior*

**Water, Power and Oceans**

*Bureau of Reclamation  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Geological Survey (Water  
Mission Area only)*

**Oversight and Government Reform  
(HOCR)**

*Department of the Interior*

**SENATE COMMITTEES**

**Energy and Natural Resources (SENR)**

*Office of Insular Affairs  
U.S. Geological Survey*

**Energy**

*Bureau of Ocean Energy  
Management  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental  
Enforcement*

**National Parks**

*National Park Service*

**Public Lands, Forests, and Mining**

*Bureau of Land Management*

**Water and Power**

*Bureau of Reclamation*

**Environment and Public Works**

**Fisheries, Water and Wildlife**

*Fish and Wildlife Service*

**Homeland Security and Governmental  
Affairs (HSGAC)**

*Department of the Interior*

**Indian Affairs (SCIA)**

*Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Indian Education  
Bureau of Land Management  
Office of Special Trustee*

**B. KEY ISSUES OF EACH COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION—114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

**House Committee on Natural Resources (HNR)**

**1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Rob Bishop (UT-1)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Grijalva (AZ-3)*

*Staff Director Majority: Jason Knox*

*Staff Director Minority: David Watkins*

*Issues:*

- Utah Public Lands Initiative (BLM, NPS, BIA)
- Critical habitat – FWS revised rules (FWS)
- Gold King Mine (BOR)
- Abandoned Mine Lands/Good Samaritan (BLM)
- LWCF reauthorization (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Rec fees/public access for recreation (BLM, FWS, NPS, BOR)
- Offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico (BOEM, BSEE)
- Oil spill safety improvements since DWH (BOEM, BSEE)
- Oversight of proposed BLM regulations (BLM)
- Antiquities Act (NPS, BLM, FWS)

**2. Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Chairman: Doug Lamborn (CO-5)*

*Ranking Member: Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)*

*Staff Director Majority: Kate MacGregor [Bill Cooper]*

*Staff Director Minority: Steve Feldeus*

*Issues:*

- Mancos shale (BLM/USGS)
- Online offshore leasing sales (BOEM)
- Methane emissions/ venting, flaring (BLM)
- State/ tribal energy royalty policy (BIA)
- Fracking on federal lands (BLM)
- APD and gas-gathering lines approval (BLM)
- Oil and gas project offices (BLM)
- Renewably energy development on public lands (BLM, FWS)
- Arctic resources
- Offshore Energy 5 Year Program (BOEM)
- Geographical and Geophysical Survey Permitting (BOEM)
- Stream protection rule (OSMRE)
- Self-bonding (OSMRE)
- Well Control Rule (BSEE)

- Critical minerals (USGS)
- Induced seismicity (USGS)

**3. Subcommittee on Federal Lands**

*Chairman: Tom McClintock (CA-4)*

*Ranking Member: Niki Tsongas (MA-3)*

*Staff Director Majority: Erica Rhoad*

*Staff Director Minority: Brandon Bragato*

*Issues:*

- Utah Public Lands Initiative (BLM, BIA, NPS)
- Public land management in Nevada (BLM)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- Wild horses and burros (BLM)
- Federal/local land management cooperation (BLM)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NPS)
- Implementation of Washington County, Utah, sections of OPLMA (St. George/Red Cliffs NCA/Beaver Dam Wash NCA resource management plans) (BLM)
- NPS Centennial (NPS)
- Sportsmen's access (BLM, FWS, NPS)
- State approval of fishing restrictions in national parks (Biscayne NP) (NPS)
- Withdrawal of rules related to hunting and trapping in Alaska (FWS, NPS)
- Use of administrative boundary adjustment authority to expand parks (NPS)
- Various NPS park-specific authorities
- Various Public Lands legislation (BLM)
- Consolidation of State and Federal lands (BLM, FWS, NPS)

**4. Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

*Chairman: Don Young (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Ruiz (CA-36)*

*Staff Director Majority: Chris Fluhr*

*Staff Director Minority: Chris Kaumo*

*Issues:*

- CNMI worker program (OIA)
- Palau agreement (OIA)
- Tribal recognition (BIA)
- Land into trust (BIA)
- Subsistence (BIA)
- Economic development/energy development on tribal land (BIA, BLM)
- Trust land acquisition standards (BIA)
- Land entitlements for Alaska Natives and Alaska Native Veterans (BIA, BLM)

- Placer mining claims [Fortymile]

## **5. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

*Chairman: Louie Gohmert (TX-1)*

*Ranking Member: Debbie Dingell (MI-12)*

*Staff Director Majority: Rob Gordon[Casey Hammond]*

*Staff Director Minority: Vic Edgerton*

*Issues:*

- Wolf management (FWS)
- Ivanpah solar project (BLM)
- BLM planning 2.0 draft rule (BLM)
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Management  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental  
Enforcement  
Office of Surface Mining  
U.S. Geological Survey (except  
Water Mission Area)*

**Federal Lands**

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National Park Service*

**Indian, Insular and Alaska Native  
Affairs**

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Bureau of Indian Education  
Bureau of Land Management  
Office of Insular Affairs  
Office of Special Trustee*

**Oversight and Investigations**

*Department of the Interior*

**Water, Power and Oceans**

*Bureau of Reclamation  
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**Oversight and Government Reform  
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**House Committee on Natural Resources (HNR)**

**1. Full Committee**

*Chairman: Rob Bishop (UT-1)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Grijalva (AZ-3)*

*Staff Director Majority: Jason Knox*

*Staff Director Minority: David Watkins*

*Issues:*

- Utah Public Lands Initiative (BLM, NPS, BIA)
- Critical habitat – FWS revised rules (FWS)
- Gold King Mine (BOR)
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**2. Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

*Chairman: Doug Lamborn (CO-5)*

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*Issues:*

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- State/ tribal energy royalty policy (BIA)
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*Issues:*

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- Federal/local land management cooperation (BLM)
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*Chairman: Don Young (AK)*

*Ranking Member: Raul Ruiz (CA-36)*

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*Issues:*

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- Palau agreement (OIA)
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- Land into trust (BIA)
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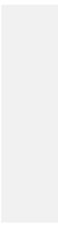
1. **Introduction**  
The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of the project's objectives, scope, and timeline. This document is intended for the project team and stakeholders.

2. **Objectives**  
The primary objectives of this project are to develop a robust system that meets the requirements of the client and to ensure that the system is delivered on time and within budget.

3. **Scope**  
The scope of the project includes the design, development, testing, and deployment of the system. It also includes the training of users and the ongoing support of the system.

4. **Timeline**  
The project is scheduled to start on [start date] and is expected to be completed by [end date]. The timeline is subject to change based on the progress of the project.

5. **Conclusion**  
This document provides a clear and concise overview of the project's goals and objectives. It is intended to serve as a reference for the project team and stakeholders throughout the project's lifecycle.



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1. The following information is taken from the financial statements of ABC Company for the year ended December 31, 2018:

Item	Amount
Retained Earnings, January 1, 2018	\$100,000
Net Income	20,000
Dividends Paid	(10,000)
Retained Earnings, December 31, 2018	110,000

2. The following information is taken from the financial statements of ABC Company for the year ended December 31, 2019:

Item	Amount
Retained Earnings, January 1, 2019	110,000
Net Income	25,000
Dividends Paid	(15,000)
Retained Earnings, December 31, 2019	120,000

3. The following information is taken from the financial statements of ABC Company for the year ended December 31, 2020:

Item	Amount
Retained Earnings, January 1, 2020	120,000
Net Income	30,000
Dividends Paid	(20,000)
Retained Earnings, December 31, 2020	130,000

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Item	Amount
Retained Earnings, January 1, 2021	130,000
Net Income	35,000
Dividends Paid	(25,000)
Retained Earnings, December 31, 2021	140,000

5. The following information is taken from the financial statements of ABC Company for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Item	Amount
Retained Earnings, January 1, 2022	140,000
Net Income	40,000
Dividends Paid	(30,000)
Retained Earnings, December 31, 2022	150,000

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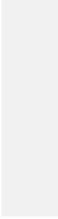
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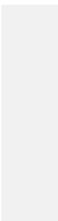
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The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of a new educational program on student performance. The program is designed to improve learning outcomes through a combination of traditional classroom instruction and modern technology.

2. **Methodology**  
The study was conducted using a quasi-experimental design. A group of students was selected from a large university and divided into two groups: an experimental group and a control group. The experimental group received the new educational program, while the control group received the traditional program. Data was collected through standardized tests and surveys.

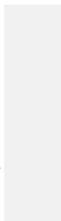
3. **Results**  
The results of the study indicate that the experimental group showed significantly higher scores on the standardized tests compared to the control group. This suggests that the new educational program is effective in improving student performance. Additionally, the surveys revealed that students in the experimental group reported higher levels of engagement and satisfaction with their learning experience.

4. **Conclusion**  
Based on the findings of this study, it can be concluded that the new educational program is a promising approach to enhance student learning. Further research is needed to explore the long-term effects of the program and to identify the most effective components of the program.

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### **Interior Secretary Announces Vincent DeVito As Counselor for Energy Policy**

**HOUSTON** — U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced the appointment of Vincent DeVito to serve as Counselor for Energy Policy to strengthen and better coordinate the Department's vast energy portfolio. DeVito will advise the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretaries on all aspects of energy policy and ensure policy coordination among the nine bureaus with energy responsibilities within the Department. The new position was created through [Secretarial Order 3351](#) to advance the Trump Administration's goal of American energy independence.

"Reorganizing the federal government also means identifying the best of the best in the private sector and using their talents to help achieve the goals and missions of the Department of the Interior; and that's what we gain in Mr. DeVito," said Secretary Zinke. "Like President Trump and myself, Mr. DeVito recognizes that American energy resources create jobs and revenue and that we can both promote responsible energy development and protect traditional multiple use through responsible stewardship of our treasured public lands for future generations to come."

Mr. DeVito previously held several senior leadership roles at the U.S. Department of Energy and within state energy offices. Most recently, Mr. DeVito was a Capital Partner at the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP in Boston with a corporate, regulatory, and, government affairs practice. DeVito is a licensed member of the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York, and U.S. Supreme Court Bars.

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## Secretary Zinke Commends President Trump's Offshore Executive Order

**WASHINGTON** — Today at the White House, President Donald Trump, joined by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Members of Congress from coastal states, signed the [America First Offshore Energy Executive Order](#). The order aims to expand offshore oil and gas exploration and production in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) through a review of the five-year leasing program and reconsideration of certain regulations pertaining to offshore energy potential. The order also directs the Secretary of the Interior to implement a streamlined permitting approach for privately funded seismic data collection to determine offshore energy resource potential.

"I am going to lift the restrictions on American energy, and allow this wealth to pour into our communities," said President Donald J. Trump.

In 2008, federal leasing revenues for the OCS were nearly \$18 billion dollars. By contrast, in 2016, leasing revenues were approximately \$2.8 billion. That's a drop of more than \$15 billion that would otherwise go to the Treasury or toward funding important conservation programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Historic Preservation Fund.

Secretary Zinke hailed the executive order:

*"Today President Trump continues to build on the success of his first 100 days in office by signing The America First Offshore Energy Executive Order, which directs me, the Secretary of the Interior, to*

*conduct a review of the current five year development plan on the Outer Continental Shelf for offshore oil and gas exploration as well as review regulations to streamline permitting for development and seismic research.*

*"This order will cement our Nation's position as a global energy leader and foster energy security for the benefit of the American people, while ensuring that any such activity is safe and environmentally responsible.*

*"This executive order, coupled with the President's January 30th order on reducing regulations and the March 28th order on energy independence, puts us on track for American energy independence.*

*"American energy independence has three major benefits to the environment, economy, and national security:*

*"First, it's better for the environment that the U.S. produces energy. I've spent a lot of time in countries across the world, and I can tell you with 100 percent certainty it is better to develop our energy here under reasonable regulations, rather than have it produced overseas under little or no regulations.*

*"Second, energy production is an absolute boon to the economy, supporting more than 9 million jobs and supplying affordable power for manufacturing, home heating, and transportation needs.*

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

*"Now, I understand people may be concerned about any environmental impact that development may have, and that's a valid concern that the President and I share. The truth is, we fully expect that during the review process we will find ways to improve our regulatory requirements that strengthen safety precautions. Good stewardship of our lands and waters and responsible offshore development are not mutually exclusive.*

*"One thing that does not change between Administrations is our commitment to safety. That remains our number one priority. We have really smart, energetic folks working on our frontlines in the Gulf who dedicate their entire work day to maintaining a strong offshore safety culture. We are going to keep it that way and we will hold companies accountable where necessary."*

## **The Executive Order**

The Executive Order directs the Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Commerce to take action on OCS restrictions.

The Secretary of the Interior will review areas closed off by the current five-year plan for sale of oil and gas leases in the OCS, without disrupting scheduled lease sales. These planning areas include, but are not limited to: the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico, the Chukchi Sea, the Beaufort Sea, the Cook Inlet and areas of the Mid and South Atlantic.

The Secretary of the Interior will review four rules and regulations put in place last year that could reduce exploration and development in the OCS. These include:

- Notice to Lessees and Operators of Federal Oil and Gas, and Sulfur Leases, and Holders of Pipeline Right-of-Way and Right-of-Use and Easement Grants in the Outer Continental Shelf
- Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control
- Air Quality Control, Reporting, and Compliance
- Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf—Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf

## **Background**

The Department of the Interior oversees 1.7 billion acres on the Outer Continental Shelf, which contains an estimated 90 billion barrels of undiscovered recoverable oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered, recoverable natural gas. The OCS accounts for about 18 percent of domestic crude oil and 4 percent of domestic natural gas supply. The Gulf of Mexico alone, covering 160 million offshore acres, has 48.46 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 142 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

However, under the current five-year plan, 94 percent of the Outer Continental Shelf is off limits for responsible oil and gas development.

As of March 1, 2017, only 16 million acres on the US OCS (out of a total 1.7 billion acres) are under lease for oil and gas development. Of the little area that is open to development, more than 97 percent of the leases are in the Gulf of Mexico.

Under the previous administrations, 94 percent of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf's (OCS's) 1.7 billion acres was put either off-limits to or not considered for oil and gas exploration and development under the current (2017-2022) leasing program.

Days before leaving office, on January 17, 2017, the Obama Administration finalized the latest schedule for oil and gas lease sales that would last for five years until 2022.

Alaska has seen a number of nearby OCS areas closed off to development and now has the second highest unemployment in the country, as its resource sectors, particularly oil and gas, have lost thousands of jobs.

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## Secretary Zinke Takes Immediate Action to Advance American Energy Independence

**WASHINGTON** – Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed two secretarial orders to advance American energy independence. The Secretary's orders foster responsible development of coal, oil, gas, and renewable energy on federal and Tribal lands and initiate review of agency actions directed by President Trump's executive order entitled "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth." Secretary Zinke also signed a charter establishing a Royalty Policy Committee to ensure the public receives the full value of natural resources produced from federal lands. In signing the historic actions on energy independence, Secretary Zinke was joined by Members of Congress from western states and other stakeholders.

"Today I took action to sign a series of directives that put America on track to achieve the President's vision for energy independence and bringing jobs back to communities across the country" said Secretary Zinke. "American energy powers our national and local economies. But for too many local communities, energy on public lands has been more of a missed opportunity and has failed to include local consultation and partnership. Today's orders allow for Americans to benefit from safe and environmentally responsible development on federal lands and put America on track for energy independence."

[Secretarial Order 3348](#) overturns the 2016 moratorium on all new coal leases on federal land and ends the programmatic environmental impacts statement that was set to be completed no sooner than 2019. Based upon the Department's review of Secretarial Order 3338, the order notes that, "the public interest is not served by halting the federal coal program for an extended time, nor is a PEIS required to consider

potential improvements to the program.” The order notes that the federal coal leasing program supplies approximately 40 percent of the coal produced in the United States and is critically important to the U.S. economy.

[Secretarial Order 3349](#) implements review of agency actions directed by the President’s Executive Order signed yesterday on energy independence. It also directs 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 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.

In an effort to ensure the public continues to receive the full value of natural resources produced on federal lands, Secretary Zinke also signed a charter establishing a [Royalty Policy Committee](#) to provide regular advice to the Secretary on the fair market value of and collection of revenues from Federal and Indian mineral and energy leases, include renewable energy sources. The Committee may also advise on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform. The group will consist of up to 28 local, Tribal, state, and other stakeholders and will serve in an advisory role.

Secretary Zinke added that, "It's important that taxpayers get the full value of traditional and renewable energy produced on public lands and that we ensure companies conduct environmental reviews under NEPA and have reclamation plans."

Secretary Zinke issued the following statement regarding the President's executive order on energy independence:

"American energy production benefits the economy, the environment, and national security. First, it’s better for the environment that the U.S. produces energy. Thanks to advancements in drilling and mining technology, we can responsibly develop our energy resources and return the land to equal or better quality than it was before. I’ve spent a lot of time in the Middle East, 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. In many communities coal jobs are the only jobs. Former Chairman Old Coyote of the Crow Tribe in my home state of Montana said it best, 'there are no jobs like coal jobs.' I hope to return those jobs to the Crow people. And lastly, achieving American energy independence will strengthen our national security by reducing our reliance on foreign oil and allowing us to assist our allies with their energy needs. As a military commander, I saw how the power of the American economy and American energy defeated our adversaries around the world. We can do it again to keep Americans safe."

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### **Secretary Zinke to host media call about lifting the coal moratorium and American energy independence**

**WASHINGTON** – On Wednesday, March 29, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will host a media call regarding recent actions taken by President Trump and the Department of the Interior to lift the moratorium on federal coal leases and other actions to bolster American energy independence.

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## Secretary Zinke Statement in Support of President Trump's American Energy Executive Order

**WASHINGTON** - Today, President Donald J. Trump, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Scott Pruitt, and Secretary of Energy Rick Perry announced a bold American energy Executive Order that will put our nation on track to full and dominant American energy independence. The Executive Order calls on the Secretary of the Interior to review the Bureau of Land Management's 2016 moratorium on new coal leases on federal land and also review three final rules from the Department regarding oil and gas production on both federal and private land and the outer continental shelf.

"We can't power the country on pixie dust and hope. Today, President Trump took bold and decisive action to end the War on Coal and put us on track for American energy independence," said Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. "American energy independence has three major benefits to the environment, economy, and national security.

"First, it's better for the environment that the U.S. produces energy. Thanks to advancements in drilling and mining technology, we can responsibly develop our energy resources and return the land to equal or better quality than it was before. I've spent a lot of time in the Middle East, 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. In many communities coal jobs are the only jobs. Former Chairman Old Coyote of the Crow Tribe in my home state of Montana said it best, 'there are no jobs like coal jobs.' I hope to return those jobs to the Crow people.

"And lastly, achieving American energy independence will strengthen our national security by reducing our reliance on foreign oil and allowing us to assist our allies with their energy needs. As a military commander, I saw how the power of the American economy and American energy defeated our adversaries around the world. We can do it again to keep Americans safe."

The Department of the Interior manages all mineral and renewable energy development on federal lands and the outer continental shelf, including 700 million acres of subsurface minerals. The Department also has jurisdiction to regulate energy development on private lands.

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