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### **DOI in the News:**

**SECRETARY JEWELL TO VISIT UTAH TO DISCUSS CONSERVATION PLANS.** The [AP](#) (7/8, 2.13M) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will “visit Utah for a public meeting to discuss conservation proposals that include a plan backed by a tribal coalition and environmentalist to create a new national monument.” According to Interior spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw, “Jewell will meet with community members and local leaders about how to ensure public lands are ‘benefiting all Americans.’” The Utah Diné Bikéyah tribal coalition “said the meeting will be on July 16 in Bluff, Utah.”

Meanwhile, the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (7/8, 400K) reports that Rep. Rob Bishop “plans to unveil long-awaited legislation next week to preserve some areas of the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah just ahead” of Jewell’s visit. Bishop also “plans to fast-track his much-anticipated Public Lands Initiative (PLI) — which critics worry won’t go far enough to protect Bears Ears — by holding hearings in August and September and put it before the House by the end of the latter month.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [St. George \(UT\) Spectrum](#) (7/10, 45K), the [Greenfield \(IN\) Daily Reporter](#) (7/8, 31K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/8, 257K), the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (7/8), the [Connecticut Post](#) (7/8, 222K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (7/9, 489K).

**HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE TO REVIEW INTERIOR-EPA SPENDING BILL.** [Politico Pro](#) (7/8) reports that “the House Rules Committee will meet Monday at 5 p.m. to go over its \$32 billion Interior-EPA spending bill and its 142 amendments.” The article highlights some notable amendments, including those “blocking funding for: the well-control rule; BOEM offshore oil and gas financial assurance rules ; any rule without a published cost-benefit analysis; any rule costing more than \$100 million; removal of Arctic sales from the 2017-2022 plan; studying offshore drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico; preventing EPA from taking ‘backstop’ action against Chesapeake Bay states for failing to meet their Total Maximum Daily Load; the fracking rule; the Phase 2 heavy-duty truck rule; Interior’s Arctic regs; designating parts of ANWR as wilderness; the National Ocean Policy; the coal ash rule ; the Clean Energy Incentive Program; EPA’s uranium production rule; BLM and Forest Service law enforcement (and one countering that); any EPA rule that doesn’t evaluate job loss; the farm spill prevention rule; EPA’s retroactive veto of a 404 permit (à la Mingo Logan); a Fish and Wildlife Rule on managing non-federal oil and gas rights; FWS’s proposal to down-list the manatee; Pacific offshore fracking; the use of drones by Interior or EPA; Atlantic seismic airgun testing.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Tulsa \(OK\) World](#) (7/9, 338K).

**SENS. MURKOWSKI, CANTWELL PLAN NEXT STEPS FOR REFORM BILL NEGOTIATIONS.** [E&E Daily](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication) reports that Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski met Wednesday with ranking member Maria Cantwell “to hammer out more plans” on “the framework for an energy reform conference committee.” Murkowski said that the two senators are working out “a process for how we can kind of get the conference going and started and kind of keep it moving along.” According to the article, “the House appointed conferees weeks ago to merge its reworked energy package with the Senate’s S. 2012, but the upper chamber has yet to follow through.”

Meanwhile, [E&E Daily](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication) reports that Washington Republican Reps. Dave Reichert and Dan Newhouse are “asking House conferees tasked with helping merge competing energy reform bills to include in their talks the first phase of a 30-year water-saving plan.” Reichert, Newhouse and five other Washington lawmakers sent a letter last week “to leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Natural Resources Committee to push for the adoption of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan in the legislation.” According to the article, “the Senate version of the energy legislation, S. 2012, would authorize the first 10 years of the plan.”

**REID: REPUBLICANS BROKE PROMISE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS.** [The Hill](#) (7/8, Cama, 884K) reports that in a statement on Friday, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid “said...the GOP demanded that a pair of “anti-environment” provisions be attached to a [FAA] bill in exchange for the renewable credits” for energy sources such as geothermal and fuel cells. Reid “says Republicans broke a promise” by making the demand, adding “Democrats refused to do unnecessary harm to our environment. Republicans should not hold American workers and businesses hostage with far-right riders.” According to a spokeswoman for Reid, “the GOP demanded a provision to block the Interior Department’s sage grouse protection plans and another to block Interior’s stream protection rule on coal mining.”

**SENATE HEARING FOCUSES ON MULTIPLE USES OF GRASSLANDS.** The [Bowman County \(ND\) Pioneer](#) (7/10) reports that “at a hearing of the U.S. Senate Energy Committee last week, Sen. John Hoeven pressed officials from the U.S. Department of the Interior to continue collaborating with ranchers and preserve access for multiple use on the national grasslands and other public lands.” Hoeven “drove home the tremendous value that grazing generates for taxpayers and local economies.” He “stressed the success of state and local efforts in balancing these multiple land use needs, including grazing, energy production and recreation, while achieving conservation goals.”

**INTERIOR BANS INTERNAL USE OF DJI DRONES.** The [Aero-News Network](#) (7/9, 361) reports that the Interior Department appears to have “banned internal use of DJI sUAS because they upload telemetry data to the cloud, and Chinese servers.” According to the article, “writing on the blog interiography, IT and cyber security expert David Kovar says that an internal DOI memo appeared briefly on the Facebook group ‘Commercial sUAS Operators’ on July 7th before being taken down.” The article says that “in the memo, Dennis Bosak SSA with the Department of the Interior’s Office of Law Enforcement and Security, wrote that the government’s Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) and the aviation manager for the DOI has spoken earlier, and ‘[d]uring that conversation we learned that they have banned the use of DJI products (which include the popular Phantom and Inspire aircraft) as they discovered that their products record telemetry information, to include routes flown, altitudes, etc., and send that recorded information to DJI each time the aircraft is plugged into a computer to perform a software/firmware update.’”

**TRIAL SET FOR FORMER BROADWATER OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH THEFT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.** The [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (7/9, 38K) reports that “a former Broadwater County disaster and emergency services coordinator is awaiting an August trial on federal charges of theft from a local government.” William D. Fleiner is “accused of stealing about \$34,000 in federal funding.” He is “accused of misusing \$19,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, \$7,400 from the U.S. Forest Service and \$7,500 from the U.S. Department of the Interior.” Fleiner, “pleaded not guilty in Missoula federal court on June 22.” According to the article, “a trial date on the charges is slated for Aug. 23 in Helena.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KRTV-TV Great Falls \(MT\)](#) Great Falls, MT (7/8, 1K) and [KXLH-TV Helena \(MT\)](#) Helena, MT (7/8, 579).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF INTERIOR'S ECONOMIC REPORT.** Additional coverage of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Economic Report for Fiscal Year 2015 was provided by the [Chaffee County \(CO\) Times](#) (7/9, 9K).

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**PETITION CALLS FOR OUSTING OF NPS DIRECTOR JON JARVIS.** The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (7/8, 74K) reports that a new petition on the White House's website calls for the ousting of NPS Director Jon Jarvis. During its centennial year, the NPS has "fallen under increased scrutiny for not taking swifter action to address a culture of sexual harassment and employee misconduct." According to the article, "the petition was started by a group of recreation and environmental activists in the Bay Area and launched a week after members of Congress on the House Oversight and Congressional Reform Committee grilled Jarvis for failing to take enough steps to stop sexual harassment and hostile working conditions that women employees in the Grand Canyon, Florida's Canaveral National Seashore, and other parks faced."

**NATIONAL PARKS VALUATION STUDY'S AUTHORS URGE GREATER NPS FUNDING.** Professors Linda J. Bilmes and John Loomis write in The [Conversation \(UK\)](#) (7/10, Bilmes, 5K) that despite their study, released last week, that valued America's national parks and the NPS at \$92 billion per year, the NPS is not funded accordingly. Bilmes and Loomis say the study was performed "to establish a baseline for the true economic value of the park system" in order "to lay the groundwork for new funding approaches." The piece asserts the \$92 billion valuation is "conservative," since it assumed "those who didn't respond" to a survey placed "zero value on the parks," and because it excluded some park benefits. Bilmes and Loomis urge action to fund the NPS, concluding "the national park system needs a new funding model and a more flexible funding structure."

Additional coverage was provided by the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (7/10, 3.42M), the [Danbury \(CT\) News Times](#) (7/10, 191K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/10, Bilmes, University, 2.13M), the [New Canaan \(CT\) News](#) (7/10, 34K), and the [Darien \(CT\) News-Review](#) (7/10, 21K).

**NPS ESTABLISHING PORT CHICAGO NAVAL MAGAZINE NATIONAL MEMORIAL.** The [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#) (7/10, Mackay, 724K) reports that "on July 17, 1944, two ammunition ships exploded at Port Chicago, killing 320 sailors and civilians and injuring 390 others in the largest homefront military disaster of World War II" and "most of the dead and injured were enlisted African-American sailors." The NPS is "establishing a Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial to honor those who lost their lives." The NPS, East Bay Regional Park District and Friends of Port Chicago National Memorial will "host a public ceremony at 3:30 p.m. July 17 to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Port Chicago explosion and to celebrate the National Park Service centennial."

Additional coverage was provided by the [East Bay \(CA\) Times](#) (7/10).

**FORMER NPS OFFICIAL SENTENCED FOR STEALING NATIVE AMERICAN REMAINS.** The [AP](#) (7/9, 10.55M) reports that "a retired National Park Service official was sentenced Friday to one year of home detention and 10 weekends in jail for stealing the ancient remains of Native Americans in 1990 and stashing them in his garage for years." U.S. Magistrate Judge Jon Scoles "scolded Thomas Munson, former superintendent of Effigy Mounds National Monument in northeast Iowa, for removing bones tied to more than 40 individuals from the monument's collection and lying about it for two decades." Scoles said, "This is clearly an outrageous criminal act. There can be no explanation for what he did."

Additional coverage was provided by [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/8, 731K) and the [Omaha \(NE\) World-Herald](#) (7/11, 628K).

**NPS, DELAWARE NORTH SEEK TO MEDIATE YOSEMITE DISPUTE.** The [Buffalo \(NY\) News](#) (7/8, 474K) reports that "the bitter legal battle between Delaware North, the hospitality and food-services

conglomerate, and the National Park Service over the trademarked names at Yosemite National Park could end with a settlement in mediation.” A court filing “indicates the Park Service and Buffalo’s Delaware North, the former Yosemite concessionaire, are willing to address the areas of dispute raised in Delaware North’s lawsuit in mediation, where they would be joined by the park’s current vendor, Aramark.” The parties also “wrote that they hoped to reach agreement by July 21 on a process and schedule for the mediation.”

In her column for the [Hutchinson \(KS\) News](#) (7/10, 34K), Julie Doll writes that “it’s tough to decide whether to be angered more by the greed of Delaware North or the stupidity of government officials who allow names of publicly owned parks and facilities to be trademarked for profit.” Doll suggests that it’s time for “the court of public opinion...to weigh in.” According to Doll, “the public could let the brash ingrates know what they think of efforts to unfairly claim rights to city names and publicly owned national treasures.”

**NPS PARTNERS ON AMERICAN SOLAR CHALLENGE.** Relying on information in the [Beatrice \(NE\) Daily Sun](#) (7/4, Koperski, 14K), the [AP](#) (7/9) reported on cars competing in the American Solar Challenge, a race that partners with the NPS to promote developments in renewable energy. Park Superintendent Mark Engler “said the cars are a testament to how far technology has come, and is pleased the teams will be stopping in Beatrice,” Nebraska. Engler said, “It’s very inspirational and it’s letting people see some of the latest technology out there in sustainability. Then to be in a competition and see these teams work together, I think it’s really cool for this to come through our community.”

**YELLOWSTONE ON TRACK TO BREAK VISITATION RECORD.** The [AP](#) (7/8, 1.27M) reports that Yellowstone National Park has “welcomed more than 1.4 million visitors this year, a 10 percent increase over the same time in 2015.” The NPS “says the park had about 830,000 visitors during the month of June alone, a 7 percent jump from last year.” According to the article, “officials plan to look further into the statistics by conducting a survey in August to determine where visitors are from and their motivation for visiting the park.”

**YELLOWSTONE HIRES MANDARIN-SPEAKING RANGERS.** The [AP](#) (7/8, 2.13M) reports that Yellowstone National Park has “hired three Mandarin-speaking rangers to help with communication amid a growing number of Chinese tourists.” According to the article, “the new hires are interpretive rangers, meaning that they provide information about the park’s resources, lead guided walks, and roam popular areas to talk informally to visitors.” They “can also interpret during emergencies.”

**ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD LAND AVAILABLE FOR FARMING.** The [Hagerstown \(MD\) Herald-Mail Media](#) (7/10, 7K) reports that “farmers looking to grow crops or raise cattle have the opportunity to do so on the hallowed grounds of Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg.” The Interior Department “announced in a news release Friday that 29 acres of pasture land and 68 acres of crop fields are available on the historic Joseph Poffenberger Farm.” Also, “another 100 acres of pasture land is available on the Piper Farm.” Park Superintendent Susan Trail said, “This is a program we have been doing for a number of years. If you notice all the fields and pastures at the battlefield, local farmers farm those fields with a special-use permit.”

**ORPHANED MOOSE CAUGHT AT DENALI NATIONAL PARK FOR RELOCATION.** The [AP](#) (7/8, 2.13M) reports that “officials say two orphaned moose calves were captured at Alaska’s Denali National Park and Preserve Friday and will be moved to a wildlife center south of Anchorage that takes in orphaned and injured animals.” According to park officials, “the relocation to the Alaska Wilderness Conservation Center comes after officials became concerned about increasing interactions between the calves and people around the park entrance.”

**OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK OFFICIALS WARNS ABOUT GOATS.** The [AP](#) (7/9, 2.13M) reports that “officials at Olympic National Park are warning visitors to keep their distance from mountain goats.” Park superintendent Sarah Creachbaum “says visitors to the park should keep a distance of at least 50 yards from all park wildlife.”

**BOOK QUESTIONS NPS’ 2004 INVESTIGATION OF INDIAN TRADER.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#)



(7/10, Perkins, 31K) summarizes the book “The Case of the Indian Trader” authored by Paul Berkowitz that describes how the NPS “botched” an investigation into Indian trader Billy Malone, who was accused of illicit trading in 2004. The Herald says, “In the course of his work, Berkowitz questions the integrity of the Park Service.”

**WOMAN SAYS HER DAD FLEW THROUGH THE ST. LOUIS ARCH IN 1966.** Relying on information in the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) (7/5, Hahn, 727K), the [AP](#) (7/10) reports suburban St. Louis woman Donna Dorris said her father, Earl Bolin, was the anonymous daredevil “who piloted the small plane that flew through the legs of the newly-completed Gateway Arch in 1966.” The AP explains the “monument to westward expansion was newly completed when, on June 22, 1966, a small plane suddenly approached from the west, made a low pass over the Old Courthouse and flew straight through the Arch legs. A group of tourists and a National Park Service guide could only look on in surprise.”

**SEVERAL INJURED IN VEHICLE CRASH AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.** The [AP](#) (7/9, 2.13M) reports that “authorities are investigating a two-vehicle accident in Yellowstone National Park that left several people seriously injured.”

**NATIONAL PARKS ON LIST OF MOST AFFORDABLE DESTINATIONS IN THE U.S. FOR 2016.** [Forbes](#) (7/10, 9.03M) reports that “new rankings from U.S. News & World Report this month suggested the most affordable places in the country in which to vacation this year.” Forbes notes that “taking top honors were two of the most well known national parks: Yellowstone in Wyoming and Yosemite in California.”

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF NPS CENTENNIAL.** Continuing coverage of the NPS Centennial was provided by [USA Today](#) (7/8, Editors, 6.31M), [National Parks Traveler](#) (7/10, 989), the [Eastern Arizona Courier](#) (7/9, 18K), the [Cleveland \(OH\) Magazine](#) (7/8), the [Cape Cod \(MA\) News](#) (7/9), the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (7/10, 543K), the [New Jersey Herald](#) (7/10, 44K), the [Cumberland \(MD\) Times-News](#) (7/8, 76K), the [Uniontown \(PA\) Herald-Standard](#) (7/9, 36K), the [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (7/11, 467K), the [Worcester \(MA\) Telegram & Gazette](#) (7/10, 155K), the [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#) (7/10, 724K), the [Erie \(PA\) Times-News](#) (7/10, 63K), the [Columbia \(MO\) Daily Tribune](#) (7/10, 68K), the [Oklahoman](#) (7/10, 390K), and [WSLS-TV Roanoke \(VA\)](#) Roanoke, VA (7/10, 82K).

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF “EVERY KID IN A PARK” INITIATIVE.** Continuing coverage of the “Every Kid in a Park” initiative was provided by the [Visalia \(CA\) Times-Delta](#) (7/8, 42K) and [KDRV-TV Medford, OR](#) (7/7, 671).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF WINNERS OF THE PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION: NATIONAL PARKS CAMPAIGN.** Additional coverage of the winners of the Partners in Preservation: National Parks Campaign was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/8, 2.13M), the [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (7/8, 3K), the [Sierra \(CA\) Sun Times](#) (7/10), and the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (7/8, 400K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NONPROFIT SEEKS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR GRAND TETON LAND.** Additional coverage that the Grand Teton National Park Foundation has “officially begun a fundraising campaign to buy land inside the park that is now owned by the state of Wyoming” was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/9, 2.13M), the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (7/9, Press, Subscription Publication, 14.18M), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (7/9, 195K), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (7/9, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/9, 731K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/9, 257K), and [ABC News](#) (7/9, 4.15M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: TWO MOUNTAIN LION LITTERS SPOTTED IN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS.** Additional coverage that researchers from the NPS “found two separate litters of mountain lion kittens living in the Santa Susana Mountains north of Los Angeles” was provided by the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (7/7, 459K), [Slate](#) (7/8, 1.79M), the [Santa Monica \(CA\) Observer](#) (7/10), and [Modern Readers](#) (7/9).

**INNKEEPER: MAINE WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT WOULD BRING TOURISM TO KATAHDIN REGION.** In a [Lewiston \(ME\) Sun Journal](#) (7/10, 17K) op-ed, innkeeper Steve Wight writes in support of the proposed Maine Woods National Monument in Maine’s Katahdin region, and says the monument

would serve as a “solid foundation” around which communities could “build the area into a year-round vacation mecca.” Wight says that “National parks and monuments are surefire attractions for the vacationing public that bring in dollars, jobs, and a more stable economy to rural areas throughout the country.”

**CAREY: ACADIA NATIONAL PARK A RESULT OF PHILANTHROPY, PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS.** In a [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/10, 731K) piece, Art Carey writes on Mount Desert Island’s Acadia National Park, which along with the National Park Service, is celebrating its centennial this year. Carey says Acadia is a testament to “the philanthropy, noblesse oblige, and public-spiritedness of the enlightened aristocrats” who worked to found the park for public use through the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations.

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

**PIPING PLOVER HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN ANNOUNCED.** The [Vineyard \(MA\) Gazette](#) (7/9, 30K) reports that “as piping plovers continue to recover along the East Coast, federal and state agencies” last week “announced a long-term management plan to allow communities to reopen beaches that would otherwise be closed to vehicles during nesting season in the spring.” According to the article, “the new 26-year habitat conservation plan, announced Friday, is the first of its kind for piping plovers in the state.” Paul Phifer, assistant regional director of the FWS, “said the plan promotes long-term conservation of the species while increasing the options for beach management.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Springfield \(MA\) Republican](#) (7/8, 330K) and the [North Andover \(MA\) Eagle Tribune](#) (7/10, 156K).

**FLORIDA’S ALGAE-FIGHTING PLAN CRITICIZED BY FWS.** The [AP](#) (7/8, Spencer, Press, 2.13M) reports that “Florida’s decision to fight a massive algae bloom by temporarily holding more water north of Lake Okeechobee is drawing criticism from federal wildlife officials who say the rising water is threatening 10 nests of an endangered bird.” The South Florida Water District “sent letters to Florida Sens. Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio on Friday, alerting them to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s request that it lower water in the Kissimmee River Valley to June 27 levels to protect the snail kite nests.” According to the article, “calling the wildlife service ‘oblivious,’ water district Executive Director Peter Antonacci told the senators that he plans to ignore the request and ‘take our chances with a federal judge if and when these tin-eared bureaucrats haul us off to court.’”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Sunshine State \(FL\) News](#) (7/8, 3K), the [Lakeland \(FL\) Ledger](#) (7/8, 159K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/8, 257K), [WTSP-TV St. Petersburg \(FL\)](#) St. Petersburg, FL (7/8, 46K), and [WFOR-TV Miami \(FL\)](#) Miami (7/8, 80K).

**FEDERAL AGENCIES BEGIN WORK ON COLUMBIA RIVER FISHING DEAL.** The [AP](#) (7/10, Ridler, Press, 2.13M) reports that “federal authorities are working on a plan aimed at deciding how much sport, commercial and tribal fishing for salmon and steelhead will be allowed in the Columbia River and its tributaries as part of a long-term agreement starting in 2018.” The AP adds that “the other main component considered in the environmental review being prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is hatchery production levels.” The agencies will “use the document as they work to craft an agreement with Idaho, Oregon and Washington, as well as tribes in those states with harvest treaty rights.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (7/10, 823K), the [Rock Hill \(SC\) Herald](#) (7/10, 82K), and the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (7/10, 999K).

**EASTERN PUMA POISED TO BE REMOVED FROM ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.** [Greenwire](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication) reports that the Eastern puma is “finally poised to be removed from the endangered species list.” But some scientists enlisted by the FWS “to review the delisting proposal for the Eastern puma are suggesting” that “for thousands of years, only one species of cougar roamed North America.” They say that “all the pumas, mountain lions, panthers and ghost cats that called the Eastern Seaboard home until the early 1900s were all just different names for a now-vanished population of Puma



concolor.”

**WATCHDOG: MEXICAN WOLF PROGRAM WAS MISHANDLED.** The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (7/10, 234K) reports that “Catron County officials have long made claims that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has mishandled a program to return the endangered Mexican wolf to the wild.” Now, “a new federal investigation backs them up.” According to the article, “the investigation by the Department of Interior Office of the Inspector General, expected to be made public today, substantiates many of the allegations made by Catron County in a 2013 complaint – namely that the service protected ‘genetically valuable’ wolves in the wild, even after they preyed on cattle, did not tell residents when wolves were near and did not fully compensate ranchers for cattle killed by wolves.” FWS spokesman John Bradley said, “We have been working to improve all aspects of our work with the county and the people who live there” and added that the current field office coordinator “considers this matter closed and resolved.”

**NAVAJO NATION DEDICATES EAGLE AVIARY AND EDUCATION CENTER.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (7/9, 42K) reports that the Navajo Nation “dedicated its Eagle Aviary and Education Center at Navajo Zoo in Window Rock, Arizona, on July 1.” According to the article, “two USFWS employees, Michael Eldon Brown, Migratory Bird Permits Branch Chief and Joe Early, the Southwest Region’s Native American Liaison, were together given the honor of releasing one of the eagles.” Benjamin Tuggle, regional director of the USFWS Southwest Region, said, “I appreciate the collaboration of Native people to support the conservation of birds of prey that are culturally significant to tribes and that are a Trust responsibility of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.”

**SEN. GILLIBRAND INTRODUCING INVASIVE FISH AND WILDLIFE PREVENTION ACT.** The [Rome \(NY\) Sentinel](#) (7/9, 35K) reports that Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand “visited Delta Lake State Park yesterday to announce the Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act.” The article says that “if signed into law the legislation would prevent potentially harmful species from being imported into the country, and transported across state lines.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (7/8, 1.25M).

**FAKE TURTLE EGGS AIM TO TRACK EGG POACHERS.** The [Washington Post](#) (7/8, Lauerma, 9.18M) reported California conservation group Paso Pacifico created a 3D-printed egg that appears similar to a sea turtle egg, but that has a tracking device to help authorities crack down on egg poaching. FWS Office Of Law Enforcement Deputy Assistant Director Ed Grace said even one individual case of egg theft “can cause a big issue.” The Post paraphrased Grace as explaining “A stretch of coastline may have only a few female turtles,” and so “it wouldn’t be difficult for one person to rob every nest – and single-handedly drive away a threatened species.” In Central American and Latin American bars in the US the eggs are “held in jars on top of the bar” and “they’re sold like peanuts,” Grace added.

**IDAHO PROPOSES NEW GRIZZLY HUNTING RULES.** The [AP](#) (7/8, 257K) reports that “Idaho hunters would be allowed to kill one grizzly bear in their lifetimes under new proposed rules that could open up the eastern part of the state to grizzly hunting if federal officials decide next year to remove the bears’ protected status as a threatened species.” According to the article, “Idaho officials say hunters would be allowed to kill male and female bears under the rules, which would also mandate reporting bear kills within 24 hours and showing the bears’ hides and skulls to state conservation officers within five days.” The Idaho Department of Fish and Game announced the plan last Thursday and “said that it would seek public input until July 27 on a package of grizzly hunting rules that also specifies how hunters would have to report bear kills”.

**DEATHS OF THREE MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES UNDER INVESTIGATION.** The [AP](#) (7/9, 2.13M) reports that “three Mexican gray wolves have been found dead in Arizona and New Mexico and wildlife managers say they’re investigating.” The Arizona Game and Fish Department “didn’t release any further details about the deaths in the report released Friday.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/9, 257K), [KNXV-TV Phoenix \(AZ\)](#) Phoenix (7/10, 191K), and [KOB-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (7/9, 80K).

**YOUTH OUTDOOR FESTIVAL HELD.** [WXOW-TV](#) LaCrosse, WI (7/9, 994) reports that “a four hour festival was held Saturday afternoon that brought outdoor activities to youth in the area.” The FWS’s Heidi Keuler said, “We were really excited to get kids outside. Kids don’t get outside like they used to, we actually have pediatricians in some of our cities across the country that are prescribing nature to kids, believe it or not... so we really want to get kids that opportunity to find nature and really get a spark and get excited to go outside and try something for the first time. Maybe it’ll become a hobby, [or] maybe they’ll turn it into a career.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BIPARTISAN HOUSE BILL WOULD INCREASE WILDLIFE**

**CONSERVATION FUNDING BY \$1.3B.** Additional coverage that the bipartisan Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2016 would “dedicate \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from oil and gas royalties to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program” was provided by the [Alaska Native News](#) (7/7, 245), the [Milwaukee \(WI\) Journal Sentinel](#) (7/9, 696K), the [Ketchikan \(AK\) SitNews](#) (7/10), and [AmmoLand](#) (7/8, 7K).

**HILL: FWS HAS “DUTY” TO PROTECT RED WOLVES IN NORTH CAROLINA.** In a [Take Part](#) (7/8, 167K) column, Taylor Hill writes that North Carolina legislation that failed to pass last week demanded that the US FWS “abandon efforts to save the critically endangered red wolf,” and is “just one of many attempts to rid North Carolina of the red wolf.” Hill says the FWS has “ignored calls” to stop releasing wolves into New Mexico and Arizona but “acquiesced” to demands from North Carolina officials to “suspend the release of red wolves.” Hill cites Center for Biological Diversity director Brett Hartl, who said the dichotomy is due to “lack of political will” on the part of FWS director Dan Ashe, and says FWS officials “seem to be walking away from their duties.”

**CUTHBERT: GREAT LAKES PLOVER’S RECOVERY DUE TO SUCCESS OF ESA.** In a [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (7/10, 1.27M) op-ed, University of Minnesota professor Francesca Cuthbert reports on the population recovery of the Great Lakes plover, and credits Endangered Species Act protections for their return. Cuthbert reports a Center for Biological Diversity study showing that 85% of birds protected by the ESA are “increasing or stabilized,” and criticizes a Western Governors’ Association report that calls for more state control over protection of species. Cuthbert says the governors’ attack is centered on a message that the ESA is a failure because most species have yet to be delisted, and calls the statement “absurd.”

***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BIPARTISAN BILL WOULD CREATE BLM FOUNDATION.** The [Orange County \(CA\) Breeze](#) (7/9, 85) reports that the House has “passed bipartisan legislation authored by Congressman Alan Lowenthal (CA-47) and Congressman Jody Hice (GA-10) which would establish a charitable nonprofit foundation to assist the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in protecting fish and wildlife habitat, providing access to recreation resources, and cleaning up thousands of abandoned mine sites nationwide.” The Bureau of Land Management Foundation Act, HR 3844, “would create a nonprofit foundation based on similar organizations that Congress has chartered in the past, such as the National Park Foundation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the National Forest Foundation.” According to the article, “the BLM Foundation—the creation of which is supported by BLM leadership—would solicit and take in donations that would be directed at supporting the diverse mission of the BLM.”

**BLM’S PLANNING 2.0 RULE BLASTED DURING HOUSE HEARING.** [E&E Daily](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication) reports that Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Chairman Louie Gohmert last week “suggested he may push to add a provision blocking a controversial Bureau of Land Management planning proposal to any spending packages that Congress needs to pass later this year to avert a government shutdown.” According to the article, “near the end of a testy hearing evaluating a draft rule that would overhaul how the agency manages approximately 245 million acres of public land,” Gohmert said, “We’re about to get to the point where it’s going to take gutting the BLM’s leadership until we get people who will be responsive to the people that they’re gutting – that might be what I need to support the [continuing resolution] or omnibus.”

**GAO FINDS ARMED CONFLICTS HAVE IMPEDED GRAZING OVERSIGHT BY FEDERAL**

**AGENICES.** [Greenwire](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication) reports that “armed standoffs over federal lands in Nevada and Oregon have impeded the government’s ability to enforce grazing laws that protect sensitive soils and stream banks, said a new report from the Government Accountability Office, which also faulted lax oversight.” GAO found that the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service “have kept poor records of incidents of unauthorized grazing on the 450 million acres they manage in the West and are therefore unable to track potential patterns in violations.” The GAO found that “as a result, the frequency and extent of unauthorized grazing on federal lands are ‘largely unknown.’”

**MORE OFFICERS PUT ON PATROL IN NEW MEXICO AFTER RARE SPECIES OF OWL KILLED.** The [AP](#) (7/10, 2.13M) reports that “more officers have been put on patrol in the Caja del Rio area near Santa Fe after the reported killing of a burrowing owl, a federal land management official said.” According to BLM spokeswoman Donna Hummel, “such a killing is rare, and the incident is being taken seriously.” Hummel said, “There are lots of eyes and ears and people that care about wildlife here in New Mexico. And (the shooter’s) illegal actions are not going to go unnoticed.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/10, 257K), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (7/10, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/10, 731K), [ABC News](#) (7/10, 4.15M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (7/10, 234K), the [Daily Mail](#) (7/10, Press, 4.57M), [Yahoo! News](#) (7/10, 6.66M), and [KOB-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (7/10, 80K).

**BLM SEEKS COMMENTS ON PLANS TO EXPAND UTAH URANIUM MINE.** The [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (7/9, 3K) reported the BLM Monticello field office extended the public comment period two weeks on “an environmental assessment for a proposal to modify a mine plan for the Daneros uranium mine in San Juan County.” The proposed modification would “add new facilities at two historic mine sites – the Bullseye and South Portal Areas – and construct additional vent holes and associated access roads to support future mining.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (7/9, 489K).

**BURNING MAN CONTESTS BLM’S \$2.8M BILL FOR 2015 EVENT.** The [Reno \(NV\) Gazette-Journal](#) (7/8, 194K) reports that “the Burning Man organization is challenging a \$2.8 million bill from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management after last year’s 70,000-person arts festival in the Black Rock Desert, according to a federal appeal filed by the San Francisco-based arts nonprofit.” The organization “submitted a 1,000-page appeal in April that accuses the BLM of trying to cover up budget shortfalls and financial missteps with an annual permit that Burning Man says has consistently been overpriced since 2012.” Burning Man attorney Elizabeth Stallard wrote in the appeal, “(Special recreation permit) costs are not intended to cover junkets for federal employees, a chance to try out fancy technology, or other fringe benefits that would never be approved for regular agency operations. Quite simply, just because the BLM is spending someone else’s money does not mean it can do so recklessly.”

**PETITION OPPOSES PLANNED CUTTING OF COTTONWOOD TREE AT SAN PEDRO HOUSE.** The [Arizona Daily Star](#) (7/10, 227K) reports that the BLM “has plans to cut down an enormous, century-old cottonwood tree at the popular San Pedro House near Sierra Vista because the decaying tree poses a danger to visitors — but hundreds of people have signed a petition opposing the tree removal.” Officials of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, “where the tree has been growing for an estimated 90 to 130 years, say extensive studies by a certified arborist determined that the tree poses a serious risk to public safety, even with a fence in place.” The BLM, “which oversees the site, is accepting public comments through July 29 before making a final decision on cutting down the tree.”

**BLM PLANS ROUNDUP OF WILD HORSES IN THREE FINGERS HERD MANAGEMENT AREA.** The [Ontario \(OR\) Argus Observer](#) (7/10, 19K) reports that “the Bureau of Land Management Vale District plans to gather wild horses in the Three Fingers Herd Management Area this month.” According to the bureau, “the objective is to capture 100 wild horses and return 50 horses (25 studs and 25 mares) to the range, according to a news release from the agency.” BLM officials “say doing so will help re-establish the appropriate management level in the area.”

***US Geological Survey:***

## **DAILY CALLER INVESTIGATION CONCLUDES USGS OFFICIALS KNEW ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL DATA MANIPULATION.**

The [Daily Caller](#) (7/8, Barton, 800K) reports that USGS officials “knew about environmental data manipulation for years before they stopped the manipulation or notified scientists who may have used phony information, a Daily Caller News Foundation investigation has found.” According to the article, “a USGS analyst resigned while under investigation for data manipulation from 1996 to 2008, but another analyst continued that distortion until 2014.” However, “agency officials learned data was manipulated as early as 2004 when scientists found ‘test results did not make sense’ and ‘were not accurate,’ according to a Department of the Interior inspector general (IG) audit published 11 years later.”

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

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

#### **INTERIOR ISSUES RULES RAISING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR ARCTIC DRILLERS.**

[Politico Pro](#) (7/8) reports that “Republican legislators slammed new safety rules for Arctic drilling released by BOEM on Thursday.” According to the article, “the rules are intended to protect against spills by requiring drillers to set up a second drilling rig to create a relief well if needed, and to produce in-depth emergency response plans.” The article notes that “no one wants to drill there anyway: There are no active rigs among 43 Arctic leases.”

Additional coverage was provided by [ClimateWire](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication), [Oil & Gas 360](#) (7/7), [Oil Price](#) (7/8, 10K), the [Energy Business Review](#) (7/8), [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (7/7, 1.25M), [World Oil](#) (7/8), [Offshore Shipping Online](#) (7/11), [Energy Global](#) (7/8), [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication), [Yahoo! Finance](#) (7/9, 10K), [Offshore Engineer](#) (7/8), [Oil and Gas Investor](#) (7/8, Subscription Publication), the [Morning Consult](#), the [Free Republic \(CA\)](#) (7/10, 49K), [KTUU-TV](#) Anchorage, AK (7/7, 112K), [Offshore Technology](#) (7/8), [KTUU-TV](#) Anchorage, AK (7/7, 112K), [KATH-TV](#) Juneau, AK (7/7), [KJUD-TV](#) Juneau, AK (7/7), [KATN-TV](#) Fairbanks, AK (7/7), [KYUR-TV](#) Anchorage, AK (7/7), and [KYUR-TV](#) Anchorage, AK (7/8).

**INTERIOR LOOKS ONLINE AS PROTESTS DISRUPT OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES.** [The Hill](#) (7/9, Cama, 884K) reports the Obama Administration “is fighting against” an environmental movement spurred by “climate activist groups” like 350.org and the Center for Biological Diversity, which have been “emboldened” by the President’s recent rejection of Keystone XL and last year’s Paris climate change agreement. The so-called “keep it in the ground” movement has been “turning the usually sleepy process of selling drilling rights into chaos” through protests and demonstration. In response, the Interior Department agencies are “delaying or relocating lease sales and advancing plans to hold them over the internet to skirt the protests.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Thibodaux \(LA\) Daily Comet](#) (7/8, 49K) and [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (7/7, Subscription Publication).

#### **MID-ATLANTIC PLANNING BODY TO PRESENT OCEAN PLAN FOR RESOURCE SHARING.**

The [Hampton Roads \(VA\) Virginian-Pilot](#) (7/8, Mayfield, 306K) reported Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body representative Laura McKay will be doing introductions for the group’s “ocean action plan” on Tuesday in Virginia Beach. According to the article, the 134-page plan “is the first of its kind for Virginia and its partner states,” and its goals include “more communication, more coordination and more research, all aimed at using the ocean’s resources without using them up.” The article mentioned that NOAA, BOEM, and the US Navy were involved in the plan, among other groups.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: CONCERN GROWS OVER FAILURE OF OIL WELL BOLTS.** Additional coverage that safety regulators are trying to determine the cause of failing underwater oil well bolts was provided by [Cruisers Choice](#) (7/8), the [Tech Times](#) (7/9, 206K), and [Seeking Alpha](#) (7/8, 660K).

**SOUTH CAROLINA MAYORS OPPOSE SEISMIC TESTING.** The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#)

(7/9, 315K) editorializes that Federal officials “should now heed the growing opposition to seismic testing” for oil and gas off the Atlantic coast, and reports that 15 South Carolina mayors have written letters to President Obama to oppose such testing, citing threat to the local economy and to the health of ocean life. Others that have also voiced opposition include 55 congressmen, and a “contingent of marine biologists.”

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

#### **ALPHA NATURAL RESOURCES TO LEAVE BANKRUPTCY WITH RECLAMATION LIABILITIES**

**PLAN.** The [Washington Post](#) (7/8, Mufson, 9.18M) reports a federal judge has approved a bankruptcy plan for Alpha Natural Resources that would ensure “\$293 million in reclamation liabilities would be covered by at least \$209 million in cash payments into a special reclamation fund over a nine-year period,” with additional costs being covered by “free cash available to a newly reorganized, privately held Alpha” if needed. However, the Post says despite the plan, “some environmental experts said that by postponing payments for reclamation, there was a risk that financial problems could arise again for Alpha.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/8, Gruver, Press, 2.13M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/8, 257K), the [Gillette \(WY\) News Record](#) (7/10, 19K), the [Scottsbluff \(NE\) Star-Herald](#) (7/9, 36K), and the [Riverton \(WY\) Ranger](#) (7/10, 167).

**JUDGE RULES AGAINST WISHBONE HILL MINE PROSPECT.** The [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (7/8, 214K) reports that “a federal judge has dealt a blow to an Alaska mining operator hoping to extract coal from the Wishbone Hill prospect near Palmer, ordering a federal agency to revisit a 2014 decision that allowed Usibelli to hold onto its 25-year-old permit though development had not occurred in a timely manner.” According to state officials, “the next step is an administrative process by the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement that could determine the validity of the permit.” Meanwhile, “conservation groups involved in the lawsuit said the next logical step will be a cessation order stopping the project because the company has no valid permit.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Mat-Su Valley \(AK\) Frontiersman](#) (7/9, 21K), the [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (7/8, 2K), the [Cordova \(AK\) Times](#) (7/8, 2K), and [Earth Justice](#) (7/8, 3K).

**SEVERAL EARTHQUAKES RATTLE OKLAHOMA OVER THE WEEKEND.** The [AP](#) (7/9) reported that parts of Oklahoma were “rattled” by several earthquakes over the weekend. According to the US Geological Survey “a magnitude 3.3 quake hit Saturday near Langston in central Oklahoma around 11:20 a.m.” Earlier Saturday, two smaller earthquakes occurred “near the north central towns of Perry and Helena.” On Friday, roughly “a dozen quakes struck, including one with a magnitude 4.4 and two that each registered a magnitude 4.2.” Scientists have linked “the increase to the underground disposal of wastewater from oil and gas production and state regulators have asked producers to reduce wastewater disposal volumes.”

**POPOVICH: EDICTS OF DOI “MANDARINS” LACK LEGITIMACY, POPULAR SUPPORT.** In a [Martinsville \(VA\) Bulletin](#) (7/10, 29K) op-ed, National Mining Association VP Luke Popovich writes on populism in the United States, and says that coal communities across the country “get” the populist “insurgency.” Popovich says the White House is to blame for their anger, because it is an Administration that “doesn’t care what you think, what your elected representatives believe you think or what your state government wants for you,” and says “No industry has been pushed around by Washington more than ours.” Popovich says EPA and Interior Department “mandarins” issue regulations such as the Steam Protection Rule that “skirt Congress, test the limits of legislative authority, and then pay lip service to transparency.”

**BISSETT: SPR WILL HURT KENTUCKY ECONOMY.** In a [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (7/8, 467K) op-ed, Kentucky Coal Association president Bill Bissett writes that the Obama Administration’s bureaucrats are “hoping to finish the job of stopping Kentucky coal production” with the Stream Protection Rule (SPR), which, if enacted, will “put tens of thousands of coal miners out of work across the nation.” Bissett says the rule is opposed by both Kentucky Democrats and Republicans and calls for readers to



“stand against the SPR.”

**BROWNING: BLM SHOULD PERMIT LEASING NEAR CHACO CANYON.** In an [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (7/10, 234K) op-ed, Consumer Energy Alliance VP Andrew Browning writes in support of oil and gas leasing on BLM land near to Chaco Canyon. Browning reports the coal and gas industry “produces nearly 30 percent of New Mexico’s general fund” that is the primary fund for public schools’ operating costs, and also supports fire protection, law enforcement, and rescue services, among other services. Browning says, “These are dollars we simply cannot live without,” and “communities are starting to hurt.”

**JOHNSON: WYOMING RULING AGAINST BLM ANTI-FRACKING RULES IS “IMPORTANT.”** In a [Gillette \(WY\) News Record](#) (7/10, Johnson, 19K) column, Greg Johnson reports that the fact that a Wyoming federal judge has “struck down” new federal fracking regulations has “flown under the radar,” and calls it “an important legal distinction that the Bureau of Land Management doesn’t have authority to make those rules.” Johnson says that states like Wyoming “already stringently regulate fracking in their states,” that the BLM “based its standards on our rules,” and that “another layer of bureaucracy” is “another of the seemingly endless examples of government waste.” Johnson says it’s “another example of the Obama administration’s hubris in believing it’s above the rules,” and “a poorly executed magic trick” to try to have BLM attempt to regulate fracking instead of the EPA, which is specifically excluded from regulating fracking by the Energy Policy Act.

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

**FLOATING TURBINES PROPOSED IN HAWAII.** The [Kaua’i \(HI\) Garden Island News](#) (7/9, 33K) reports that “floating wind turbines have been proposed for the 72-mile wide Ka’ie’iewaho Channel, which separates Kauai and Oahu and the environmental conservation group Life of the Land is calling for meetings on both islands to bring the public up to speed.” The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has “received unsolicited bids from two companies to build off-shore floating turbines off of Oahu’s Ka’ena Point as well.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Regulación Eólica Con Vehículos Eléctricos \(REVE\)](#) (7/9, 257).

**WYATT: OBAMA ALLOWS EAGLE DEATHS AT WIND FARMS.** In an [Americans for Tax Reform](#) (7/10, 6K) op-ed, Bradley Wyatt reports the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) “with approval from the Obama Administration” has approved a plan that would permit wind farms to “kill up to 4,200 bald eagles per year.” Wyatt quotes FWS Dan Ashe, who said the proposal will “provide a path forward” for maintaining eagle populations, while “also spurring development of new energy sources.” Wyatt criticizes President Obama for supporting the proposal, and says it’s ironic that he “made environmental protection an important issue during his presidency.”

### **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**COURT FINDS IN FAVOR OF BIA IN FIGHT OVER TRIBAL EXPULSIONS.** The [AP](#) (7/8, Thanawala, Press, 2.13M) reports that “expelled Native American tribe members can’t look to the federal government to reinstate them when their tribes have assumed final say over membership decisions, a federal appeals court ruled Friday in a case involving dozens of people who said they were kicked out of a Southern California tribe by leaders who wanted a bigger cut of casino revenues.” The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals “upheld a decision by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs not to overrule the Pala Band of Mission Indians’ expulsion of more than 150 members.” The court said the BIA “reasonably concluded that the San Diego County-based Pala were operating under a tribal constitution that gave the tribe ultimate authority over enrollment decisions.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (7/8, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/8, 731K), [US News & World Report](#) (7/8, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/8, Sudhin Thanawala |, Ap, 9.18M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/8, 257K), the [Casa Grande \(AZ\) Dispatch](#) (7/9, 24K), [ABC News](#) (7/8, 4.15M), the [Daily Mail](#) (7/8, Press, 4.57M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (7/8, 6.66M).

### **OPPONENTS CHALLENGE BIA'S DECISION GRANTING MASHPEE WAMPANOAG CASINO**

**LANDS.** The [AP](#) (7/10, 2.13M) reports that "casino opponents are heading to federal court in their bid to block the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's plans to build a resort in southeastern Massachusetts." Attorneys "for 25 Taunton residents opposed to the project are expected to argue Monday in Boston federal court that the U.S. Department of Interior wrongly placed 151 acres of land in trust for the Cape Cod-based tribe." The group claims "in its February lawsuit that the department's decision was based on a faulty interpretation of the Supreme Court's ruling in a 2009 case involving the Narragansett Indian tribe in neighboring Rhode Island."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Connecticut Post](#) (7/11, 222K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (7/10, 3.42M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/11, 257K),.

### ***Additional Coverage: Taunton Files Amicus In Support Of Interior's Decision In Mashpee***

**Wampanoag Casino Case.** Additional coverage that attorneys for the City of Taunton on Thursday filed an amicus brief in the Mashpee Wampanoag case was provided by [WBUR-FM](#) Boston (7/8, 104K) and the [Taunton \(MA\) Daily Gazette](#) (7/9, 52K).

### **LEGISLATION WOULD IMPOSE STIFFER PENALTIES FOR EXPORT OF SACRED NATIVE**

**AMERICAN ARTIFACTS.** The [Fronteras](#) (7/8) reports that "legislation was introduced Wednesday in the U.S. Senate that would impose stiffer penalties on those who export sacred Native American artifacts." Sens. John McCain and Martin Heinrich introduced the Safeguard Tribal Objects Of Patrimony Act. If passed, it "could double jail time from five to 10 years for a second offense of trafficking these items." According to the article, "while the new legislation strengthens the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and similar laws, it does not apply outside the U.S."

### **OPPONENTS OF ALASKA NATIVE LANDS RAISE CONCERNS.**

The [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (7/10, 42K) reports that "Alaska Native groups cheered earlier this month when an appeals court ruled Alaska tribes can petition to place lands in federal trust, but not everyone thinks the decision is a move in the right direction." According to the article, "opponents have raised myriad concerns, such as exemption from local taxation and civil regulation and the potential disruption of natural resource access and management." The article says that "one of the biggest worries is the way the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs handles federal land trust applications, a process opponents say is basically a black hole of regulatory authority wielded with little legal oversight."

### **LOWER BRULE DEFAULT LEADS TO LAWSUIT BY INSURANCE COMPANY.**

The [Sioux Falls \(SD\) Argus Leader](#) (7/9, 154K) reports that "in insurance company that purchased a \$20 million federal loan guarantee from a Lower Brule Sioux tribal entity has filed suit against the federal government after the tribe defaulted on the loan." Great American Life Insurance Co. argues "in its filing that the federal government fleeced the company by failing to make good on the loan guaranty." The firm "argues the federal government was obligated to pay the loan after LBC Western Holding defaulted."

## **Tackling America's Water Challenges:**

**HOUSE STUCK ON LEGISLATION THAT ADDRESSES CALIFORNIA DROUGHT.** [McClatchy](#) (7/8, Doyle, 43K) reports "lawmakers will again reflect on the [California's] drought as early as Monday and wrangle over efforts to address it," with the article noting that votes anticipated in the House of Representatives "are effectively preordained will expose the divisions that endure." McClatchy states House Republicans "are pushing an ambitious water package opposed by Northern California Democrats and the Obama administration," and negotiations are unlikely to move if they even occur as the GOP discusses "folding California water provisions into as many other legislative vehicles as possible."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (7/8, 278K).

**LAWSUIT FILED OVER DELTA PUMPING RESTRICTIONS.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (7/8, 481K) reports that "in a failed effort to protect endangered fish, the federal government decided without proper study to default to restricting the giant pumps at the bottom of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta,"

according to a lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Sacramento “by a powerful consortium of water agencies.” The “suit, filed by the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, alleges that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation failed to seek alternatives other than cutting water supplies to people when it adopted its operations plans for the massive Central Valley Project in 2008 and 2009.”

Additional coverage was provided by [California Ag Today](#) (7/8).

**WATER RELEASE TO HELP YAKIMA RIVER SOCKEYE.** The [AP](#) (7/9, 2.13M) reports that “several thousand sockeye salmon could soon make their way up the Yakima River, helped along by cooler weather and a wave of extra water flowing down the river.” The BOR “began releasing an extra 6,000 acre-feet of water from its reservoirs Thursday and will continue the release through the weekend to boost the flow of water reaching fish in the lower section of the river.” According to BOR biologist Joel Hubble, “the cool and potentially rainy conditions in the forecast are ideal for sockeye and summer chinook salmon that have been waiting in cooler Columbia River rather than heading up the warm Yakima River toward their spawning grounds.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Lewiston \(ID\) Tribune](#) (7/10, 48K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/9, 257K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (7/10, 98K), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (7/9, 163K), the [Baytown \(TX\) Sun](#) (7/9, 29K).

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FORECASTS GREATER WATER SUPPLY IN YAKIMA BASIN.** The [Ellensburg \(WA\) Daily Record](#) (7/8, Buhr, 16K) reported that on Thursday the US Bureau of Reclamation predicted “senior water rights holders will have a full supply of water, and junior water rights holders will have a 90 percent supply” of Yakima Basin water this year. Yakima Project River Operations supervisor Chuck Garner said the Bureau “started releasing water from its reservoirs two weeks early on June 11,” and said in a news release, “We expect low end-of-season reservoir storage this year with the below average runoff and the early usage,” urging conservation.

**COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PLAN FOR GLENDIVE INTAKE DIVERSION DAM.** The [Sidney \(MT\) Herald](#) (7/9, Jean, 10K) reported that until July 28, the US Army Corps of Engineers is collecting comments on a study seeking alternatives for making the Glendive Intake Diversion Dam more fish friendly. The article outlined the government’s process for deciding on an action plan. US Bureau of Reclamation natural resource specialist David Trimpe said, “Several things could stop the federal agencies from making a decision” on a potential project, such as, “If we don’t feel like we have the right alternatives out there. If we don’t feel like we are hitting the mark in the NEPA process.” Trimpe added, “However, typically it’s not very often the federal agencies issue a final EIS without a record of decision.”

**OPINION DIVIDED ON WHITEWATER PLAN BETWEEN CAMP NINE AND NEW MELONES RESERVOIR.** The [Sonora \(CA\) Union Democrat](#) (7/7, McCarthy, 27K) provided a nearly 1,900-word analysis of the Bureau of Reclamation’s 45-page draft environmental assessment of a proposal “to issue limited special event permits, when water level conditions allow through 2026, for up to four outfitters to evaluate compatibility and opportunities for whitewater boating management between Camp Nine” and the New Melones Reservoir. Opinion is divided on the viability of the plan. The article pointed out “flows on the Middle Fork Stanislaus River above Camp Nine are controlled in part by technicians with Tri-Dam Project, a partnership of Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District, which own and operate reservoirs impounded by Beardsley Dam and Donnell’s Dam.”

## **Top National News:**

**PROTESTS AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE TAKE PLACE ACROSS US, WITH FOCUS ON SITES OF SHOOTINGS.** There is significant coverage of the ongoing protests against police violence in cities across the US, specifically in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and St. Paul, Minnesota, the locations of the two high-profile fatal shootings of black men by police last week. Many of the reports highlight the arrest of prominent activist DeRay Mckesson in Baton Rouge, since he livestreamed the incident.

Two broadcast networks opened their Sunday evening newscasts with coverage of the protests. [ABC](#)

[World News Tonight](#) (7/10, lead story, 2:45, Llamas, 14.63M) opened by saying that a “wave of anger and grief [is] sweeping across America” amid “growing outrage over the deadly police shootings of two black men, as the country mourns the deaths of five officers in Dallas killed in the line of duty.” In St. Paul, “nearly two dozen officers [were] hurt” during demonstrations, “and protesters clashing with police in Baton Rouge,” taking “at least 120 people into custody.”

[NBC Nightly News](#) (7/10, lead story, 3:00, Snow, 16.61M) reported, “As we come on the air tonight, police officers in several cities across the country are preparing for another night of protests. On Saturday some demonstrations turned violent, and authorities made arrests including detaining a prominent leader in the Black Lives Matter movement.” NBC’s Blake McCoy reported that in St. Paul, protesters “march[ed] on to I-94. Police say protesters hurled rocks, glass bottles, and fireworks, one a Molotov cocktail. Police responded with smoke and tear gas, making more than 100 arrests.” In Baton Rouge, Mckesson was “among those arrested for blocking the highway.”

The [New York Times](#) (7/10, Alcindor, Kenny, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports, “Thousands of people took to the streets in San Francisco, New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia and other cities. In just two cities – St. Paul and Baton Rouge – where protests escalated at times into tense encounters with the police, more than 200 people were arrested.” The [Washington Post](#) (7/10, Nirappil, Lowery, Samuels, Shapiro, 9.18M) reports, however, that the protests “started to calm” late Sunday “following days of outrage over the latest round of highly publicized and videotaped deaths at the hands of law enforcement.” [Reuters](#) (7/10, Stole, Bailey) and [Politico](#) (7/10, East, 1.96M) also have reports.

**Prominent Activist Arrested In “Tense” Baton Rouge.** On the [CBS Evening News](#) (7/10, story 3, 1:50, Quijano, 11.17M), David Begnaud reported, “In Baton Rouge overnight, it was tense, even dangerous.” The [AP](#) (7/10, Clause) reports that “authorities had just arrested a couple on a motorcycle driving by on the street when attention turned toward Mckesson. An officer could be heard pointing to a man with ‘loud shoes,’ and saying he would arrest him if he could reach him.” [USA Today](#) (7/10, Solis, 6.31M) reports Mckesson, who “was live streaming the protest,” said he “wasn’t blocking traffic but walking along the shoulder with the others because there was no sidewalk.” He said on the video, “Watch the police. They are literally just provoking people.” He was arrested moment later, and another demonstrator picked up his phone and filmed the arrest. The [Baton Rouge \(LA\) Advocate](#) (7/10, Wold, Lau, 71K) reports Mckesson was released later Sunday.

The [Washington Post](#) (7/10, A1, Hauslohner, Samuels, Cusick, 9.18M) reports on its front page, “Early Sunday evening, even after the Louisiana governor and city police chief gave stern warnings about violence and defended police tactics, the protests and arrests began again,” with about 200 marching “toward an interstate, shouting ‘No justice, no peace!’ as officers in helmets and tactical gear watched.”

**“Dozens Of Arrests,” 21 Officers Injured, In St. Paul.** In St. Paul, the [CBS Evening News](#) (7/10, story 4, 1:40, Quijano, 11.17M) reported, “there were also dozens of arrests.” CBS’ Anna Werner reported, “Several hundred protesters clashed with police as they shut down one of the twin city’s main highways. ... Twenty-one police officers were injured, though none were seriously hurt. At a news conference, police showed an officer’s steel badge dented.” The [St. Paul \(MN\) Pioneer Press](#) (7/10, Verges, 425K) says city leaders “condemned the violence that broke out over the weekend when a peaceful protest over the police killing of Philando Castile turned into what they called a riot.” St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman said Sunday morning, “This is not about grief, this is not about protest, this is about rioting, this is about violence. ... This doesn’t honor anyone’s memory.”

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (7/10, Walsh, Peck, 1.27M) reports Gov. Mark Dayton, “whose official residence on Summit Avenue has become a focus for many protesters over the past several days, said Sunday that ‘the occupation and shutting down of Interstate 94 last night were unlawful and extremely dangerous. ... I urge all Minnesotans to remain calm and peaceful during this very difficult time.’” The [New York Times](#) (7/10, Smith, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) also has a report on the St. Paul violence.

**DALLAS POLICE CHIEF: SHOOTER WANTED TO MAKE POLICE PAY.** In the ongoing coverage of the police shootings in Dallas, a number of reports focus on comments by Dallas Police Chief David

Brown on CNN's "State Of The Union" about what police have learned about shooter Micah Xavier Johnson's intentions and what may have motivated his actions. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/10, Tanfani, 4.09M) reports Brown said the video of the police shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota "just sparked his delusions to fast-track his plans," adding, "He saw the protest in Dallas as an opportunity to start wreaking havoc on our officers." The [New York Times](#) (7/10, Blinder, Williams, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Brown "said he believed Mr. Johnson's intent was to 'make us pay for what he sees as law enforcement's efforts to punish people of color,'" adding that Johnson "was intent on hurting more of us."

[NBC Nightly News](#) (7/10, story 2, 2:35, Snow, 16.61M) likewise said there were indications that "the bloodshed might have been much worse as officials revealed what they have learned about the gunman." NBC (Gutierrez) added that new details have emerged indication that Johnson's "sinister plan" was "much larger than first thought." Matt Gutman reported on [ABC World News Tonight](#) (7/10, story 2, 3:05, Llamas, 14.63M) that officials believe the "unprecedented" decision to "send in a robot with a bomb...likely saved lives." Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins: "I believe it was warranted, it saved lives."

The [AP](#) (7/10) reports that in the wake of the shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota, there were "calls from black militant groups and others to seek vengeance against officers," and authorities "are investigating whether the Dallas gunman was directed by those groups or merely emboldened by them." While Johnson was "connected to several militant groups on social media," police "have been tight-lipped about exactly what they're investigating and what they've uncovered so far."

[USA Today](#) (7/10, Bacon, 6.31M) says Brown told CNN that "investigators were going through Johnson's laptop, journals and cellphones." According to Brown, investigators "have found evidence indicating Johnson 'was delusional' and had been planning a much larger attack targeting officers." The [Washington Post](#) (7/10, Branigin, 9.18M) quotes Brown as saying that "'based on evidence of bombmaking materials and a journal' found at Johnson's home in Mesquite, Tex., 'we're convinced that this suspect had other plans,' possibly for a larger attack."

The [Dallas Morning News](#) (7/10, Formby, Leslie, 1.16M) reports Johnson wrote the initials "R.B." in blood on the walls of the parking garage where he barricaded himself, indicating he was wounded. Brown told CNN that "police are investigating the meaning of the two letters." Discussing Johnson's journal, [Politico](#) (7/10, Gass, 1.96M) added, Brown said that Johnson "obviously had some delusion," adding, "There was quite a bit of rambling in the journal that's hard to decipher." Brown also "confirmed that Johnson would speak only with a black negotiator during the standoff."

A number of reports examine how Dallas is coping in the immediate aftermath of the shootings. In its lead story, the [CBS Evening News](#) (7/10, lead story, 2:15, Bojorquez, 11.17M) said Dallas "remains on edge," as does the [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/10, Dawsey, Ailworth, Subscription Publication, 6.27M), while the [Washington Post](#) (7/10, Alexander, 9.18M) reports that Dallas Pastor T.D. Jakes, who invited Brown, Mayor Mike Rawlings and Sandra Sterling, the mother of Alton Sterling, to his service on Sunday, offered prayers for those killed by police, and "urged prayers for the Dallas police force." A separate story from the [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/10, Hong, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports on the long-term trauma Dallas police are likely to experience as a result of the shootings.

The [New York Times](#) (7/10, Fernandez, Blinder, Montgomery, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says that while Texas "has long been a bastion of pro-gun sentiment," and "activists have exploited a decades-old freedom to openly carry a rifle in public by showing up at demonstrations with their so-called long guns," according to city and county leaders, "the presence of armed protesters openly carrying rifles on Thursday through downtown Dallas had created confusion for the police as the attack unfolded, and in its immediate aftermath made it more difficult for officers to distinguish between suspects and marchers."

In an editorial, [USA Today](#) (7/10, 6.31M) says that the "wrong lesson" from last week's shootings is that "if you believe Black Lives Matter you cannot believe that blue lives matter, too. Or vice versa." USA Today argues those beliefs "are not, and must not be, mutually exclusive." It is possible for people to "grieve for black men who have been killed by white police officers, and at the same time grieve for the five Dallas officers gunned down by an African-American sniper while they were doing their jobs," and until "the country embraces these truths, little will change."



## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES.** *“Lessons From The Tesla Crash.”* A [New York Times](#) (7/11, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorial says a recent fatal crash in Florida involving a Tesla Model S is “an example of how a new technology designed to make cars safer could, in some cases, make them more dangerous.” These risks, it argues, “could be minimized with better testing and regulations.”

*“Neighbors Stand Up To Venezuela.”* In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (7/11, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says “neighboring countries are starting to take a harder line against Venezuela’s president, Nicolás Maduro.” While it is “uncertain that strong and sustained international pressure on Mr. Maduro will make him more responsible and conciliatory,” the Times says it “could galvanize Venezuelans who are struggling to attain peaceful change.”

*“Mr. De Blasio And The Spirit Of The Campaign Finance Law.”* A [New York Times](#) (7/11, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorial says Mayor Bill de Blasio “is clearly relieved that the New York City Campaign Finance Board did not find that he and his aides violated the law by raising and spending large amounts of money through a nonprofit organization to promote his agenda. But he should not feel absolved.” The Times says if he is “serious about ending the influence of ‘pay to play’ in politics” he should endorse recommendations by the Campaign Finance Board to make groups “subject to the city’s campaign-finance law, with strict spending limits, full public disclosure and no connection to anybody trying to do business with the city.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** *“Both Are Unpopular. Only One Is A Threat”* The [Washington Post](#) (7/10, 9.18M) editorializes that while both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are historically unpopular, equating the two “as indistinguishably unqualified products of a rigged or failed system only feeds public cynicism while blurring distinctions that should not be blurred.” Clinton, when “measured against other major-party candidates of recent times,” is “well within established bounds of competence, knowledge, commitment and integrity.” Meanwhile, Trump has no experience as a public servant, has “waged a campaign based on bigotry, ignorance and resentment,” and his “private record of bankruptcies and exploitation should be disqualifying.” The Post concludes that he is a “danger to the republic.”

*“Zika Arrives, Congress Shrugs.”* The [Washington Post](#) (7/10, 9.18M) editorializes that while all 1,133 reported cases of Zika in the US have been brought by travelers, local transmission “may begin soon,” and Congress has done nothing to combat the virus’ spread. President Obama’s \$1.9 billion funding request has not been approved five months after it was proposed, and while the “Republican-controlled House approved a \$1.1 billion Zika aid bill laden with partisan baggage,” the legislation lacks enough votes to get it through the Senate. With Congress soon going on summer recess, “Now is the moment to set aside the maneuvering and blame-throwing and negotiate a truly bipartisan compromise — without poison pills, without cuts in other programs — to give public health officials the tools they need.”

*“The EU’s Misguided Template To Curb Migration.”* In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (7/10, 9.18M) is critical of the European Union for apparently “using its problematic deal with Turkey as a global model in its desperate efforts to curb migration.” Noting that these agreements involve providing “trade and aid incentives” to nations that prevent migrants from making the journey to Europe, the Post argues that the EU’s readiness “to cut deals with authoritarians in countries such as Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia,” risks “incentivizing the very repression that causes people to flee across the Mediterranean.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** *“Free College, Dude.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorializes that Hillary Clinton’s adoption of Bernie Sanders’ proposal for the government would pay college tuition for students from families making less than \$125,000 per year is part of her goal to make every American from cradle to grave dependent on the government. The Journal says the plan requires subsidies that will eventually lead to higher taxes. Furthermore, the Journal argues that schools will increase tuition costs once they realize the government will pay for it.

*“NATO Shores Up The East.”* A [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorial

praises NATO's agreement to dispatch four 1,000-troop battalions to Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Poland, arguing such deployments are necessary given Russian President Vladimir Putin's actions in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The Journal also criticizes the President and German Chancellor Angela Merkel for continuing to support what it says is the failed Ukraine peace process instead of selling Kiev defensive weapons.

**"Japan's Abe Gets A Third Chance."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorializes that Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe should use his party's victory in Sunday's elections to implement the labor reforms needed to turn around Japan's economic slide. For instance, Abe should amend laws that make it hard for employers to fire full-time employees, even those who are blatantly incompetent at their jobs. Such laws, according to the Journal, have prompted businesses to hire more part-time employees, causing massive underemployment. In addition, the Journal says that University of Tokyo economist Hiroaki Miyamoto urges Abe to go after Japan's seniority-based wage system.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

[Brexit Adds To Pension Funds' Pain](#)

[Dallas Police Killer Took Sudden, Violent Turn](#)

[Under Fire, Theranos CEO Stifled Bad News](#)

[Voters Add To Election Turmoil By Threatening To Jump Party Lines](#)

#### ***New York Times:***

[Dallas Gunman Had Plans For Wider Attack, Police Say](#)

[Texas Open-Carry Laws Blurred Lines Between Suspects And Marchers](#)

[A Saudi Morals Enforcer Called For A More Liberal Islam. Then The Death Threats Began.](#)

[Ruth Bader Ginsburg, No Fan Of Donald Trump, Critiques Latest Term](#)

[Donald Trump Keeps Distance In GOP Platform Fight On Gay Rights](#)

[The Trusted Grown-Ups Who Steal Millions From Youth Sports](#)

[On A Somber Sunday, 'One Nation Under God Examines Its Soul'](#)

#### ***Washington Post:***

[Protests, Frustration Continue](#)

[Turkey's Contrary Terrorism Policies](#)

[For Kasich, A Spotlight Beyond The Convention](#)

[Activists See Hints Of Ferguson In Police Force](#)

[In Their Churches, Searching For Unity In A Divided House](#)

[Online, In China, The Communist Party And Military Are At War With Ideas](#)

#### ***Financial Times:***

[China Carries Out Naval Drills On Eve Of UN Territorial Waters Ruling](#)

#### ***Washington Times:***

[Republicans Aim To Wedge Trump Goals Into Platform](#)

[Threat Of More Racial Violence Looms](#)

[Obama Hopes To Calm Tensions From Killings](#)

[Islamic State Planned Attacks Before Kerry's Claim Of Despair](#)

[Dissidents In France Call For Change Of Regime In Iran](#)

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

**ABC:** Louisiana/Minnesota Protests-Arrests; Dallas Police Attack; President Obama-Address; 2016 Politics; Delta Flight-Diverted; West Coast Wildfires; Weather Forecast; Spain-Bull Fighter Killed; Fox News Chief Lawsuit; American Airlines Lawsuit; Italy-US Airman Missing.

**CBS:** Dallas Police Attack; Dallas Police Officer-Family Interviewed; Louisiana Protests-Arrests;

Minnesota Protests-Arrests; President Obama-Address; West Coast Wildfires; Italy-US Airman Missing; South Sudan-Violence; Spain-Bull Fighter Killed; US Navy Ship-Refugees; Wimbledon Results.

**NBC:** Louisiana/Minnesota Protests-Arrests; Dallas Police Attack; President Obama-Address; President Obama-Donald Trump Twitter Response; Dallas Police Attack-Officers; West Coast Wildfires; American Journalist Family-Syrian Government Lawsuit; Delta Flight Diverted; Rio Olympics-Super Bacteria Found.

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

Louisiana/Minnesota Protests – 9 minutes, 15 seconds

Dallas Police Attack – 7 minutes, 55 seconds

President Obama-Address – 4 minutes, 35 seconds

West Coast Wildfires – 3 minutes, 55 seconds

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

**CBS:** Dallas Police Attack-Gunman Details; Dallas Police Memorial; Louisiana/Minnesota Protests-Arrests; Delta Flight Diverted; West Coast Wildfires; Ecuador-Earthquakes.

**NPR:** President Obama-Spain Trip Cut Short; Dallas Police Attack-Gunman Details; Louisiana/Minnesota Protests-Arrests; United Nations-South Sudan Violence; Gas Prices Decrease; Wimbledon Titles; West Coast Wildfires; Box Office.

**FOX:** Memphis Protests-Traffic Blocking; Baton Rouge Protests-Arrests; Dallas Police Attack-Gunman Details; Dallas Memorial Service-President Obama.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

**White House:**

PRESIDENT OBAMA — No scheduled public events.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** 4:00 PM Senate aims to begin debate on DoD Appropriations Act – Senate convenes and resumes consideration of the motion to proceed to 'H.R.5293 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017' \* Cloture motion on the motion to proceed fell 10 votes short yesterday, at 50-44 Location: Washington, DC <http://www.senate.gov/>

7:00 PM Dem Rep. Ted Lieu hosts viewing of 'Merchants of Doubt' – Democratic Rep. Ted Lieu hosts a special viewing of the film 'Merchants of Doubt', followed by a panel discussion on climate change with Merchants of Doubt Co-author Dr Naomi Oreskes, Republican.org Executive Director Bob Inglis, and Center for American Progress Energy Policy Vice President Greg Dotson. Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse also delivers remarks Location: Orientation North Theater, Capitol Visitors Center, Washington, DC <https://lieu.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/reptedlieu>

**US House:** 9:30 AM House Homeland Security subcommittee field hearing on 'A Prepared Community is a Resilient Community' – Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications Subcommittee field hearing on 'A Prepared Community is a Resilient Community', with testimony from Federal Emergency Management Agency Region II Deputy Regional Administrator Michael Byrne; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Grant Programs Marion McFadden; Office of the New York Mayor Chief Resilience Officer Daniel Zarrilli; Catholic Charities of Staten Island CEO Vincent Ignizio; Southside Hospital Executive Director Donna Moravick; New York University Langone Medical Center Vice President for Emergency Management and Enterprise Resilience Brad Gair; and New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Coordinator Kelly Higgs Location: Staten Island University Hospital, 475 Seaview Ave, Staten Island, NY New York City [homeland.house.gov](http://homeland.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland>

3:00 PM Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee briefing on police hacks – Advisory Committee to the Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee briefing on 'Police Hacks: Who Do They Belong To?', featuring Electronic Frontier Foundation Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel Kurt Opsahl and Mozilla Senior Policy Manager Heather West, and Brookings Institution Fellow

in National Security in Governance Studies Susan Hennessey Location: Rm 2226, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.netcaucus.org](http://www.netcaucus.org) [#policehacking](https://twitter.com/NetCaucusAC)

5:00 PM House Rules Committee hearing – Hearing on ‘H.R. 4992 – United States Financial System Protection Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 5119 – No 2 H2O from Iran Act’, ‘H.R. 5631 – Iran Accountability Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 5538 – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017’, and ‘H.R. 5620 – VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act of 2016’ Location: H-313, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://www.rules.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/RulesReps>

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**Other:** 8:00 AM U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation hosts ‘Work Forward’ program – U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation hosts ‘Work Forward’ – a live multimedia program exploring the ‘people, places, and innovations shaping the way people do business’, held as part of the Future State Series. Attendees include U.S. Travel Association Project: Time Off Senior Director Katie Denis, TED speaker David Grady, LinkedIn Head of U.S. Public Policy Nicole Isaac, McKinsey & Company partner Susan Lund, DAQRI founder and CEO Brian Mullins, BetterCloud CEO David Politis, Disruptor Capital CEO Pete Snyder, Pwnie Express Live Hacker and Infosec Ranger Jayson Street, and USCC Executive Vice President Suzanne Clark Location: U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H St NW, Washington, DC <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/work-forward> <https://twitter.com/usccfoundation>

8:45 AM EIA Energy Conference – Energy Information Administration holds 2016 EIA Energy Conference, bringing together thought leaders from industry, govt, and academia to discuss current and future challenges facing domestic and international energy markets and policymakers. Agenda includes keynotes from White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Holdren, Republican Sen. Jeff Flake, Democratic Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, ‘Superforecasting: The Art and Science of Prediction’ co-author Dan Gardner, Kinder Morgan President and CEO Steve Kean, and Tesoro Corporation Chairman, President, and CEO Gregory Goff Location: Washington Hilton, Washington, DC <http://www.eia.doe.gov> [#EIAConf](https://twitter.com/EIAgov)

9:45 AM National Immigration Forum discussion on ‘The State of Refugee Resettlement in 2016’ – National Immigration Forum panel discussion on ‘The State of Refugee Resettlement in 2016’, with Canadian Parliamentary Secretary of Immigration Arif Virani, Kids in Need of Defense President Wendy Young, and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Migration and Refugee Services Executive Director Billy Canny Location: 2226 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.immigrationforum.org/> <https://twitter.com/NatImmForum>

10:00 AM CEA Chairman Furman speaks at CAP on strengthening unemployment protections – ‘Strengthening Unemployment Protections in America’ Center for American Progress discussion, with Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Jason Furman, advocate LaQuita Hatcher, National Employment Law Project Senior Policy Analyst Claire McKenna, Economic Policy Program on Race, Ethnicity and the Economy Director Valerie Wilson, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Senior Fellow Jared Bernstein, and Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality Senior Fellow Indivar Dutta-Gupta Location: Center for American Progress, 1333 H St, Washington, DC [www.americanprogress.org](http://www.americanprogress.org) <https://twitter.com/amprog>

1:00 PM Dem Rep. Steny Hoyer speaks on ‘restoring faith in govt’ – House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer speaks on House Democrats’ vision for ‘how to restore the American people’s faith in govt’, hosted by the Georgetown University Law Center, The McCourt School of Public Policy, and The Beeck Center for Social Impact and Innovation Location: Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Ave, Washington, DC [www.democraticwhip.gov/](http://www.democraticwhip.gov/) <https://twitter.com/WhipHoyer>

2:00 PM Mexican agriculture secretary speaks on U.S.-Mexico trade at CSIS – ‘U.S.-Mexico Agricultural Trade Relations’ Center for Strategic and International Studies Project on Prosperity and Development

discussion, with Mexican Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food Jose Eduardo Calzada Rovirosa, Project on Prosperity and Development Director Daniel Runde, and U.S.-Mexico Futures Initiative Director Kimberly Brier Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Ave, Washington, DC <http://www.csis.org> <https://twitter.com/CSIS>

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

All late night talk shows were in re-run.

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