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**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO ATTEND BEARS EARS PUBLIC MEETING ON SATURDAY.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (7/12, 31K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and “other top officials from the Obama administration will host a public meeting in Bluff, Utah, on Saturday to discuss future management of the Bears Ears region.” The article says that “participating federal agency representatives also will attend the meeting, including Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and acting U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Roberts.” Also, U.S. Forest Chief Tom Tidwell has been invited.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Cortez \(CO\) Journal](#) (7/12, 4K), the [Cortez \(CO\) Journal](#) (7/13, 4K), the [San Juan \(UT\) Record](#) (7/12, 479), and the [Salt Lake City \(UT\) Weekly](#) (7/13, 101K).

**Bears Ears Monument Proposal Causes Debate.** The [AP](#) (7/13, McCombs, 1.27M) reports that the proposal to grant the Bears Ears region in southeastern Utah “has become the latest battleground in the Western public lands debate.” GOP leader, some residents, and a few Native Americans oppose the plan because they fear it would remove the land from local control and close it to development and recreation. Republican lawmakers are proposing to protect approximately 4 million acres of land in the state, and open up another 1 million acres to recreation and oil and gas development.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/14, Brady McCombs |, Ap, 9.18M), [ABC News](#) (7/14, 4.15M), the [Greenfield \(IN\) Daily Reporter](#) (7/14, 31K), the [Daily Mail](#) (7/14, Press, 4.57M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), the [Albany \(NY\) Times Union](#) (7/14, 346K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/14, 257K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, McCombs, Press, 2.13M), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (7/14, 489K).

**House Considers Bill Limiting Use Of Antiquities Act.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (7/13, 400K) reports that “the U.S. House is poised to pass legislation Thursday that essentially would bar the president from naming a new national monument in the Bears Ears region and other parts of Utah.” Rep. Chris Stewart “pushed the language to prohibit the president from using the power of the Antiquities Act to preserve areas in parts of eight states, mainly in the West.” The legislation “would not take away the authority to name monuments, but it would prohibit any funding for doing so in those areas, essentially removing the ability to add a monument.”

**Rep. Bishop Set To Release Public Lands Initiative Legislation.** [E&E Daily](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that “a bill to designate millions of acres of wilderness, create vast motorized recreation areas and expedite the development of oil, gas and minerals in eastern Utah will be formally introduced in the House tomorrow, according to its sponsor.” Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop said “his Public Lands Initiative legislation has undergone ‘so many’ changes – many at the insistence of conservation groups – since it was introduced in draft form in January.” He “urged conservationists at the negotiating table to back the bill,” or else “it will revert to its earlier form, which was a ‘good bill,’ he said.”

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by [Yahoo! News](#) (7/14, 6.66M) and [KSL-TV](#) Salt Lake City (7/13, 489K).

**HOUSE REVIEWS AMENDMENTS TO INTERIOR-EPA SPENDING BILL.** [Politico Pro](#) (7/13) reports that “the House plowed through the first 45 amendments to its \$32 billion Interior-EPA spending bill yesterday before they held a late-night vote.” According to the article, “most of the amendments lawmakers voted on after 10 p.m. were Democratic measures that were shot down.” The article notes that “lawmakers did narrowly OK a measure from New Mexico Democrat Ben Ray Lujan related to monitoring

water quality in areas affected by last year's Gold King mine spill."

[Law360](#) (7/13, 41K) reports that "House Republicans on Wednesday voted to approve amendments to a U.S. Department of the Interior and EPA funding bill that aim to upend various environmental regulations, ranging from forbidding settlement payouts under the Clean Air Act to undoing Endangered Species Act designations."

**Spending Bill Faces Veto Threat.** The [AP](#) (7/13, Taylor) reports the House is about to pass a \$32 billion spending bill for the Interior Department and environmental regulations "laced with a wish-list of GOP provisions to roll back Obama administration clean air and water regulations." The measure faces a White House veto threat and points to "yet another take-it-or-leave-it trillion-dollar-plus bill this fall to keep the government open weeks before the election." The House measure would block EPA rules on coal-fired power plants and clean water rules involving coal operations.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Daily Mail](#) (7/13, Press, 4.57M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, Taylor, Press, 2.13M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (7/13, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), the [Danbury \(CT\) News Times](#) (7/14, 191K), [US News & World Report](#) (7/13, 1.15M), the [Manteca \(CA\) Bulletin](#) (7/13, 21K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, 3.42M), the [Barstow \(CA\) Desert Dispatch](#) (7/14, 105), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K).

**House GOP Uses Funding Bill To Stop Interior Dept From Imposing New Regulations.** The [Washington Examiner](#) (7/14, Feldscher, 378K) reports the House Republicans passed an amendment that blocks new safety rules for drilling in the Arctic Ocean off Alaska, which the Department of the Interior finalized last week. Rep. Don Young proposed the amendment "to a \$32.1 billion spending bill for Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency that would prohibit the department from spending any money on the new regulations," and ensure the department could not remove the Arctic Ocean from offshore drilling lease sales.

**Measure Would Remove Wolves From Endangered Species List.** [KTVZ-TV](#) Bend, OR (7/14, 32K) reports that Rep. Greg Walden said Wednesday that "his plan to remove gray wolves from the federal endangered species list has been approved by the U.S. House by a vote of 223-201." Walden said, "Oregon's wolf population has grown by more than 40 percent, and yet we have this divided management strategy in the federal government where in part of the state wolves are still listed and part of the state they're not. We need a single management strategy where we have local control under the Oregon state plan."

**Amendment Would Block Taking Gulf State's Off-shore Drilling Revenue.** [Yellowhammer News](#) (7/13) reports that "the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday blocked the Obama administration's plan to take money from Alabama and other Gulf states to help fund the president's climate agenda in Alaska and other areas of the country." Rep. Bradley Byrne has "sponsored a budget amendment to prohibit any effort to redirect the funds away from the Gulf Coast." The House has "adopted Byrne's amendment to the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act to prevent them from transferring this money away from the Gulf states."

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by [E&E Daily](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (7/14, 3.42M), [US News & World Report](#) (7/14, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/14, Andrew Taylor |, Ap, 9.18M), the [Daily Mail](#) (7/14, Press, 4.57M), the [Hickory \(NC\) Daily Record](#) (7/14, 48K), the [Honolulu \(HI\) Star-Advertiser](#) (7/14, 345K), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (7/13, 2K), [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (7/13, 2K), [Public News Service](#) (7/14, 306), [Law360](#) (7/13, 41K), and the [Heritage Foundation](#) (7/13, 23K).

**Clark: Appropriations Provisions Harm Lands, Wildlife.** In a [Huffington Post](#) (7/13, Clark, 367K) column, Jamie Clark writes that the Senate and House versions of the FY 2017 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill are "riddled with provisions that harm our lands and wildlife and threaten the very fabric of the Endangered Species Act (ESA)," increasing the chances of a presidential veto and leading to "more delay and gridlock in Congress." Clark calls out a rider that block ESA protections for wolves, the sage grouse, and the lesser prairie chicken, and a rider that mandates a road

through Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, among others.

**SAGE GROUSE ISSUE LOOMS OVER DEFENSE BILL.** [Politico Pro](#) (7/13) reports that “Armed Services leaders today outlined early National Defense Authorization Act conference issues.” According to the article, “amid the task of bridging an \$18 billion funding gap, Senate Armed Services Chairman John McCain said the issue of the sage grouse is still one that looms.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Field & Stream](#) (7/13, 8.16M).

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT COULD SEE MORE CHANGES.** [E&E Daily](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that “fresh off an update, the Freedom of Information Act may be set for more changes in the near future.” According to the article, “at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing yesterday, senators discussed what else could be done to improve the federal public records law.” They “heard from experts in media and federal records on what could be done to speed up FOIA and increase disclosure of public records.”

**TPP MAY NOT COME UP FOR SENATE VOTE THIS YEAR.** [E&E Daily](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that “Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) suggested yesterday the landmark Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal may not come up for a Senate vote this year.” According to the article, “noting that presumptive presidential nominees Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump oppose TPP, McConnell said the political climate may not be conducive for the affirmative congressional vote the pact needs to take effect.”

**DESIGNATION OF THREE NEW SENTINEL LANDSCAPES ANNOUNCED.** [AmmoLand](#) (7/13, 7K) reports that “the Departments of Interior, Agriculture and Defense joined with state and federal partners today to announce the designation of three new Sentinel Landscapes to benefit working lands, wildlife conservation and military readiness.” The article says that “this year’s Sentinel Landscapes were chosen for Avon Park Air Force Range in Florida, Camp Ripley in Minnesota and military bases in Eastern North Carolina.” Michael Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at Interior, said, “The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is an important conservation tool benefiting some of the nation’s most significant working landscapes and wildlife habitat. The designation is proof that we can preserve military readiness while also protecting important landscapes and wildlife habitat.”

**ALASKA SEEKS TO REOPEN ARCTIC SECTION TO CARIBOU HUNTING.** [KATH-TV](#) Juneau, AK (7/13) reports that Alaska is appealing to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “in an effort to re-open a section of federal public lands in the western Arctic to caribou hunting.”

**GRANTS TO HELP FUND WHITEFISH TRAIL SYSTEM EXPANSION.** The [Flathead \(MT\) Beacon](#) (7/12, 15K) reports that “the Whitefish Trail system continues to expand as organizers mount efforts to ‘close the loop’ and complete the sprawling network connecting Whitefish to Big Mountain — a lofty goal that was recently buoyed by a pair of grants awarded to Whitefish Legacy Partners.” According to the article, “the nonprofit Whitefish Legacy Partners (WLP) was presented with two major grants totaling \$240,000, which will be used to fund trails, trailheads, and trail surveys.” The Land and Water Conservation Fund “provided \$150,000, which requires a one-to-one match from local donors, while the Recreational Trails Program provided a \$90,000 grant that will require a 60:40 match from donors.”

**ORGANIZATION ACQUIRES CENARRUSA RANCH.** The [Idaho Mountain Express](#) (7/13, 1K) reports that “nearly 9,000 acres of sage-grouse habitat in the southern foothills of the Pioneer Mountains has been permanently protected following purchase of the Cenarrusa Ranch by The Nature Conservancy.” According to aThe Nature Conservancy, “the 8,890-acre ranch’s wet meadows and sage-grouse mating grounds make it important to recovery for the imperiled bird.” Dayna Gross, the organization’s senior conservation manager, said The Nature Conservancy will “apply for funding to help pay for the easement through the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service, which protects wildlife habitat and agricultural land as open space, or the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is funded by royalties paid by offshore oil and gas drilling.”

**MITCHELL: VOTERS, NEVADA GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS.** [Elko](#)

[\(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (7/13, 22K) op-ed, Thomas Mitchell criticizes a speech given earlier this year by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, in which she spoke out against an “extreme movement to seize public lands.” Mitchell says there 623 million acres of land controlled by the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, Park Service and Department of Defense nationwide, and if one “bulldozed a football field-sized tract every two and half minutes, why there would be no federal land left in a mere 2,700 years.” Mitchell writes that the government of Nevada and Nevada voters support of transfer of public lands to the state of Nevada.

## **America’s Great Outdoors:**

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

**NATIONAL MALL BECOMES OVERRUN WITH POKEMON GO PLAYERS.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/13, Carlton, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports the National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington DC have become overrun with people of younger generations hunting the digital monsters on the new Pokemon Go mobile game. This new craze is unwelcome by some who think the idea of staring at a smartphone and playing a game is not the real reason to visit a national park. Officials discourage players from inappropriate or insensitive behavior around the monuments, but otherwise believe this may be a good opportunity to attract a younger group of visitors.

**Smithsonian Employee Hopes Pokemon Go Players Will Appreciate Museum Content.** [Smithsonian](#) (7/13, Williams, 6.98M) reports an interview with Smithsonian protective service officer, Sargent Nadia Tyler, and Pokemon Go fanatic shows that this tremendously popular mobile game is bringing visitors of all ages to museums around the National Mall to catch the digital creatures. Tyler says she hopes “this will prompt our museum visitors to not just hunt Pokémon within our museum walls, but learn more about the contents on display.”

**Additional Coverage: NPS Welcomes Pokémon Go Players.** Additional coverage of the NPS’ acceptance of Pokémon Go players was provided by the [Daily Beast](#) (7/13, Levin, 1.06M) and [WAMU-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (7/13, 34K).

**NPS AWARDS BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT.** The [AP](#) (7/13, 2.13M) reports that “a university in Rhode Island has been awarded a \$39,000 grant from the National Park Service to conduct a site documentation project on a historic battlefield in South Carolina.” According to a spokesman for Salve Regina University, in Newport, “students in the Cultural and Historic Preservation program will study the Sadkeche Fight, a battle associated with the Yamasee War.” The objective is “to identify the probable location of the battle.”

**NPS USES BIOCONTROLS TO PROTECT HEMLOCKS IN SHENANDOAH.** [CNN](#) (7/13, Coxe, For, 2.4M) reports 95% of eastern hemlocks in Shenandoah National Park have died within the past 15 years, and that the hemlocks are important for migrating songbirds and for providing shaded areas in streams for brook trout. The trees have been destroyed by the hemlock woolly adelgid insect, which infect hemlock trees and suck out their sap, and which arrived in the Pacific Northwest in the 1920s from Japan. The National Park Service is trying “biocontrol” of the insects through introduction of the loricobius beetle, a natural predator of the woolly adelgid also imported from Japan. Similar tactics are being used to control the insect in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, CNN reports.

**GETTYSBURG PARK RANGER WARNS VISITORS NOT TO TAKE STONES.** [Fox News](#) (7/13, 10.55M) reports that Gettysburg National Military Park is warning visitors “not to take any stones from the park.” In a blog post, Maria Brady, a park ranger at Gettysburg, writes that “the park sometimes gets packages in the mail with people returning rocks they took— which is a violation of federal regulations and can result in \$130 worth of fines and fees, she points out— and those packages usually have letters.” The article highlights letters by people who claim to have been “cursed” from taking the stones.

**FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING FROM HUBBELL TRADING POST.** As part of a celebration of the NPS Centennial, [WTRF-TV](#) Wheeling, WV (7/13, 30K) reports on a “Facebook live stream from Arizona’s



Hubbell Trading Post on the Navajo Nation.”

**ACTIVISTS FILE APPEAL IN HETCH HETCHY RESERVOIR CASE.** The [Sonora \(CA\) Union Democrat](#) (7/13, McCarthy, 27K) reports that Oakland-based activists who want Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park on Wednesday filed a notice of appeal in Tuolumne County Superior Court, challenging a judge’s ruling that blocks their lawsuit against the City of San Francisco and other agencies. The activists allege that the reservoir flooding Hetch Hetchy Valley under 300 feet of water violates water diversion mandates in the California constitution. The Union Democrat quotes a National Park Service webpage about the 1913 Raker Act that created the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir inside Yosemite National Park as saying that “the public disapproval that was generated after the bill’s passage was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the National Park Service.”

**MAN DIES AT LAKE MEAD AFTER JUMPING OFF MOVING BOAT.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (7/13, 446K) reports that Jose Santos Galeana Barrera, a North Las Vegas resident, died Tuesday after he jumped off a moving boat on Lake Mead. The National Park Service said that the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Interagency Communications Center received a call about the deceased man at 6:30 Tuesday evening. Lake Mead public affairs officer Christie Vanover said that Barrera was not wearing a life jacket when he jumped into the water while the boat he was on was traveling at very high speed. National Park Service medics and rangers pronounced Barrera dead at 7:21 Tuesday evening when resuscitation attempts failed, the Park Service reported.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Mohave Valley \(AZ\) Daily News](#) (7/14, 23K).

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF NPS CENTENNIAL.** Continuing coverage of the NPS Centennial was provided by the [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (7/13, 1.28M), the [Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) (7/13, 216K), the [Omaha \(NE\) World-Herald](#) (7/14, 628K), the [Omaha \(NE\) World-Herald](#) (7/14, 628K), and the [Sierra \(CA\) Sun Times](#) (7/13).

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF “EVERY KID IN A PARK” PROGRAM.** Continuing coverage of the “Every Kid in a Park” program was provided by [Dutchess Tourism](#) (7/13).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NATION’S OLDEST PARK RANGER RETURNS TO WORK AFTER ATTACK.** Additional coverage that “the oldest ranger in the U.S. returned to work at a California park this week after recovering from a home invasion and robbery last month in Richmond” was provided by [Newsmax](#) (7/13, 460K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Sun](#) (7/13, 213K), [ABC News](#) (7/13, 4.15M), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (7/13, 481K), the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (7/13, 999K), the [Daily Mail](#) (7/13, Press, 4.57M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, 2.13M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (7/13, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), [US News & World Report](#) (7/13, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/13, Press, 9.18M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K), the [National Post \(CAN\)](#) (7/13, 99K), and [Yahoo! News](#) (7/13, 6.66M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE RECEIVES AWARD.** Additional coverage that “Joshua Tree National Park Association employee Dave Larsen, was awarded one of only eight Department of Interior Individual Customer Service Awards given in 2016,” was provided by the [Highland \(CA\) Community News](#) (6/28, 38K).

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

**FWS PROPOSES NEW HUNTING, FISHING OPPORTUNITIES.** [Greenwire](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that the FWS has “proposed new hunting and fishing opportunities in 13 national wildlife refuges in 10 states.” The FWS “plans to allow expanded migratory bird, upland game, big game hunting and sport fishing opportunities, including a first-ever elk hunt in Colorado’s Baca National Wildlife Refuge.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, 2.13M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (7/13, 234K), and the [Greenfield \(IN\) Daily Reporter](#) (7/13, 31K).

**PETITIONERS CALL FOR RED WOLF PROTECTIONS.** [The Hill](#) (7/13, Devaney, 884K) reports that “pressure is mounting on the Obama administration to protect endangered red wolves.” The FWS “last year suspended a program that reintroduced red wolves into the wild, but nearly 500,000 animal rights activists petitioned the agency on Wednesday to restore the protections.” According to the article, “the petition organizers include the Center for Biological Diversity, Animal Welfare Institute, Endangered Species Coalition and Wildlands Network.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Alamos \(NM\) Daily Post](#) (7/13), the [Asheville \(NC\) Mountain Xpress](#) (7/13, 52K), the [Center for Biological Diversity](#) (7/13), and [Common Dreams](#) (7/13, 34K).

**MONTANA SETS GRIZZLY HUNT RULES.** The [AP](#) (7/13, Volz, Press, 2.13M) reports that “Montana wildlife regulators set the rules Wednesday for how hunters will be able to kill grizzly bears in the future if the U.S. government decides to remove federal protections for grizzlies in and around Yellowstone National Park.” According to the article, “wildlife advocates are concerned that the Yellowstone bear population is still too vulnerable to warrant any hunting of the animals, but state officials say the rules are very conservative and designed to ensure the bear population will not be threatened.” John Vore, the game management bureau chief for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said, “Montana is committed to maintaining a healthy, viable grizzly bear population in our state, just as we do with all wildlife we are charged with managing.”

Additional coverage was provided by [US News & World Report](#) (7/13, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/13, Matt Volz |, Ap, 9.18M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (7/13, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), the [Daily Mail](#) (7/13, Press, 4.57M), the [Bozeman \(MT\) Daily Chronicle](#) (7/13, 54K), and the [Idaho Mountain Express](#) (7/13, 1K).

**CONSERVATIONISTS TRY “HABITAT EXCHANGE” TO SAVE GREATER SAGE GROUSE.** [Smithsonian](#) (7/13, Arnold, 6.98M) reports that as the FWS has declined to list the greater sage grouse as endangered, the Environmental Defense Fund conservationists are trying “habitat exchange,” a method that earns private landowners credits for preserving and maintaining habitat for the grouse. Credits can be exchanged with companies that wish to develop grouse habitat elsewhere, with the goal of maintaining or expanding it. Smithsonian reports “habitat exchanges have the potential to be yet another way communities can come together to protect valuable landscapes.”

**PROJECT SEEKS TO REDUCE IMPACTS OF FLOODING, WILDFIRES IN GREAT DISMAL SWAMP.** [WTKR-TV](#) Norfolk, VA (7/13, 31K) reports that “crews have begun construction on a \$3.13 million project to install, repair or replace 12 water control structures at the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.” The goal “of the project is to better manage refuge water levels for fire suppression, habitat management and flood risk to nearby areas.” The project is funded by the FWS “under the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS TO USE DRONES TO DELIVER VACCINES TO SAVE ENDANGERED FERRETS.** Additional coverage that “the US Fish and Wildlife Service announced plans to employ drones to bombard a colony of endangered black-footed ferrets with M&Ms covered with vaccine” was provided by the [Boston \(MA\) Globe](#) (7/14, Brodeur, 1.14M), the [New Orleans \(LA\) Times-Picayune](#) (7/13, 599K), [Newsweek](#) (7/13, Main, 751K), [Digital Trends](#) (7/13, 354K), [Kinja](#) (7/13, 526K), [Mashable](#) (7/13, 1.75M), [Newser](#) (7/13, 307K), [PlanetSave](#) (7/13, 1K), [Vocativ](#) (7/13), and [ZME Science \(ROU\)](#) (7/13, 606).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF MEETING ON NATIONAL BISON RANGE TRANSFER.** Additional coverage of the meeting held on the National Bison Range transfer plan was provided by the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (7/13, 38K), [Montana Public Radio](#) (7/13), and [KPAX-TV Missoula \(MT\)](#) Missoula, MT (7/13, 2K).

***Bureau of Land Management:***

**IMPACT OF GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATION**



**REVERBERATES 20 YEARS LATER.** [Greenwire](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that “President Clinton’s surprise creation of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument nearly 20 years ago continues to roil the debate over public lands, from county commissions to the halls of Congress.” The designation has “also forced the Bureau of Land Management, the agency that manages it, to reinvent itself.”

**BLM FIREFIGHTER INJURED IN NEVADA CRASH RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL.** The [AP](#) (7/13, 2.13M) reports that “a 23-year-old federal firefighter who was hurt in a crash that killed two colleagues heading home from wildfire spotting patrol in northern Nevada is out of the hospital.” BLM spokesman Rudy Evenson “said Wednesday that Zachary McElroy has been discharged from Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno.” Meanwhile, “family members were planning funerals and bureau officials are arranging a memorial service in Winnemucca for 27-year-old Jacob O’Malley and 22-year-old Will Hawkins.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K) and [Carson City \(NV\) Now](#) (7/13, 211).

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON TWIN METALS PROJECT.** [KBJR-TV](#) Duluth, MN (7/13, 1K) reports that “after Wednesday’s public hearing, the U.S. Forest Service is now one step closer to making its determination on whether or not to renew Twin Metals two federal mineral leases.” According to the article, “hundreds of people filled the DECC auditorium in Duluth to give their opinions on the proposed underground copper nickle mine near the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area.” Forest Service officials said “they’ll use that input in making their decision.”

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**TIME PERIOD FOR CHALLENGES TO CADIZ DESERT WATER TRANSFER PLAN PASSES.** The [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (7/13, 253K) reports that “the time period for legal challenges to the controversial San Bernardino County Mojave Desert underground water transfer plan has passed, officials for Cadiz Inc. said this week.” However, “spokespersons for two environmental groups say the Cadiz statement ignores the fact that last October, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ruled that the project’s proposed use of railroad right of way for the pipeline is outside the use scope of grants held under an 1875 railroad act.”

**BLM EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON URANIUM MINE PLAN.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (7/13, 543K) reports that the BLM’s Monticello field office is “extending the public comment period on an environmental assessment for a proposal to modify plans for the Daneros Uranium Mine in San Juan County.” According to the article, “comments will be now be accepted through the close of business Monday, Aug. 1.”

**McAFEE: LOCAL COMMUNITIES SUPPORT BLM’S “PLANNING 2.0.”** In a post in [The Hill](#)’s (7/13, McAfee, 884K) “Congress Blog,” Chuck McAfee says people who use public land, including “ranchers, miners, hunters, backpackers and off-road enthusiasts,” should have a “fair seat at the table” in conversations about land use, and says the BLM’s new “Planning 2.0” rule is a “big step forward” to increase local participation earlier in the process. McAfee says Planning 2.0 has generated a lot of support at the local level, and will help inform officials making management plans of the needs and concerns of local communities.

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS IDENTIFIES HOT SPOTS FOR CORROSIVE GROUNDWATER.** [Greenwire](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that “the U.S. Geological Survey identified hot spots for corrosive groundwater today, a warning for utilities of potential lead contamination.” According to the agency, “eleven states and the District of Columbia have a ‘very high prevalence’ of potentially corrosive groundwater.” Also, “another 14 states have a ‘high prevalence’ of potentially corrosive groundwater, and 19 states were classified as ‘moderate’ for corrosion.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Daily Mail](#) (7/13, Press, 4.57M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, 2.13M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Examiner](#) (7/13, 412K), the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (7/13, 999K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/13, Press, 9.18M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K).

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

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

**ONLINE LEASE BILL MOVES FORWARD.** [Greenwire](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that the House Natural Resources Committee “unanimously passed a bill today that would move offshore oil and gas lease sales to an online system.” H.R. 5577 is “a bipartisan effort from Reps. Garret Graves (R-La.) and Alan Lowenthal (D-Calif.), who say online lease sales would bring the process into the 21st century.” However, “several environmental groups say H.R. 5577 would ‘marginalize’ public input.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Morning Consult](#) (7/13), [Offshore Engineer](#) (7/13), and [Offshore Magazine](#) (7/13, 129K).

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS RAISE AWARENESS OF SEISMIC TESTING.** The [Wrightsville \(NC\) Lumina News](#) (7/13, 16K) reports that “volunteers from environmental groups Oceana, Surfrider Foundation and Environment North Carolina campaigned in Topsail Beach and Kure Beach this week to encourage more public opposition to seismic blasting and testing off the coast of the Atlantic.” According to Environment North Carolina representatives, “the educational tour follows the U.S. Department of the Interior’s March announcement for a five-year prohibition of industrial drilling for oil and natural gas off of the Atlantic Coast. Although offshore drilling has been suspended, the government is still reviewing numerous seismic blasting permit applications.” The aim of “the environmental groups is to encourage the federal government to ban seismic testing, and encourage the use and development of newer testing technology,” according to Mackenzie Dalton, an Environment North Carolina intern.

Additional coverage was provided by [Carolina Coast Online \(NC\)](#) (7/13, 260).

**BP OIL SPILL FRAUD CASE SENTENCES WOMAN TO 4 YEARS IN JAIL.** The [AP](#) (7/13) reports, “50-year-old Caridad Rioseco Alejandre has been sentenced to 48 months in prison” after she filed “a false claim in connection with the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico,” according to the US Justice Department’s news release Tuesday. Authorities say Alejandre and her father “both filed fraudulent claims against a fund created to reimburse people for costs and damages incurred after the BP well blowout.”

**WAGUESPACK: LOUISIANA GAS JOBS ARE WORTH SAVING.** In a [Bossier \(LA\) Press-Tribune](#) (7/13, 36K) op-ed, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry president Stephen Waguespack reports the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is seeking public comment on the federal offshore leasing program, and urges support for the oil and gas leasing in the Gulf of Mexico. Waguespack says that “Louisiana jobs at stake,” and says “These jobs are a tradition worth saving.”

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

**PETITION URGES OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO END FOSSIL FUEL LEASING.** [ClimateWire](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that “more than 250 environmental and civic groups submitted a petition yesterday calling on the Interior Department to cease issuing new fossil fuel leases on public lands on the grounds that the practice is incompatible with U.S. climate policies.” According to the article, “the petition charges the agency has the legal authority to issue a moratorium on the federal leasing of onshore oil and gas and to extend the current three-year moratorium on coal.”

Additional coverage was provided by [YubaNet \(CA\)](#) (7/13, 6K).

**BLM POSTPONES NEW MEXICO FOSSIL FUEL AUCTION.** [KRWG-FM](#) Las Cruces, NM (7/13, 1K) reports that the BLM has “postponed its controversial July 20 lease sale to auction oil and gas leases

across 13,000 acres in New Mexico.” According to the article, “earlier this week citizens discovered the sale location had been changed from Santa Fe, N.M. to Roswell, with only oil and gas representatives notified.” The article says that “public outcry over the abrupt location change was followed by the BLM’s postponement of the sale to Sept. 1 to allow for more public involvement.”

**BLM OIL, GAS LEASE AUCTION IN BILLINGS GENERATES NEARLY \$28,000.** The [Tri-State Livestock News \(SD\)](#) (7/13) reports that “bids on three oil and gas leases brought in nearly \$28,000 at an auction the Bureau of Land Management held Tuesday in Billings.” According to the article, “all three of the leases are for federal minerals in Fall River County, S.D., which lie beneath private surface ownership and are within the administrative boundaries of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland, administered by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.”

**INTERIOR RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT ATLANTIC SUNRISE PROJECT.** The [Harrisburg \(PA\) Patriot-News](#) (7/13, 336K) reports that “in yet another morale boost for midstate pipeline opponents, a second federal agency has raised questions about the vetting of Williams/Transco’s contested Atlantic Sunrise project — the \$3 billion, 198-mile pipeline expansion project set to cut through 10 Pennsylvania counties as it carries Marcellus Shale gas from the fields to larger ports.” The Interior Department said “the regulatory review of the pipeline proposal failed to consider the ‘cumulative impacts’ of the pipeline and past and future development on a national paddling route that includes the Susquehanna River and on the Appalachian Trail, a national hiking trail that the pipeline would cross in Lebanon County.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: HEARING FOCUSES ON FIGHT OVER COLORADO LEASES.** Additional coverage of the House hearing held Tuesday on Colorado leasing was provided by the [Aspen \(CO\) Daily News](#) (7/13, 27) and the [Aspen \(CO\) Times](#) (7/13, 58K).

**NMA VP: STEAM PROTECTION RULE IS “NEEDLESS, COSTLY REGULATION.”** In a [Cody \(WY\) Enterprise](#) (7/13, 20K) op-ed, National Mining Association VP Luke Popovich writes Wyoming’s coal industry is facing an “all-out assault” from the federal government, through the “so-called” Stream Protection Rule (SPR), and calls the rule “a poster child for needless, costly regulation.” Popovich says that the rule will put coal miners out of work, and raise the cost of energy for “everyone, including low-income households that can least afford it.”

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

**BILL WOULD SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE GENERATION ON PUBLIC LANDS.** [Politico Pro](#) (7/13) reports that “a subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee this afternoon will hear from a panel of witnesses about Rep. Paul Gosar’s bill to speed up development of renewable generation on public lands.” The Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act, H.R. 2663, “would direct the Interior Secretary to develop royalty rates for wind and solar projects on public lands controlled by the Bureau of Land Management, and allow states, counties, and BLM to use the funds collected from those projects.” The legislation would “bring renewable resources into alignment with oil, gas and geothermal projects.”

**HOUSE SUBPANEL TO HOLD HEARING TODAY ON SOLAR PROJECTS ON BLM LAND THAT RECEIVED DOE LOAN GUARANTEES.** [The Hill](#) (7/13, Cama, Henry, 884K) reports a House Natural Resources Committee subpanel will hold a hearing on Thursday “on the Ivanpah Solar Power Facility in California and other solar energy projects on Bureau of Land Management land” that received Energy Department loan guarantees.

**OPPONENTS OF PROPOSED SHUTESBURY SOLAR ARRAY QUESTION ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT.** The [Greenfield \(MA\) Recorder](#) (7/13, 666) reports that “even before an archaeological report is filed with the Planning Board that will show whether a proposed site for a large-scale solar array is a Native American burial ground, critics are calling its contents into question because experts in tribal history have not been allowed onto the 30-acre property.” According to the article, “despite requests from representatives of the Narragansett and Wampanoag Indian tribes’ historic preservation offices to the Planning Board to visit the Pratt Corner Road site where the six-megawatt solar project would be built, the attorney for property owner W.D. Cows Inc. issued a trespass notice prohibiting them from going onto the

land.” Also, “Planning Board members said at their meeting Monday, which drew nearly 20 concerned residents, that conditions they set in issuing a permit for the project in June prohibit mandating access by a tribal historic preservation officer.”

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**CHUMASH BILL TO PUT LAND INTO TRUST MOVES FORWARD IN HOUSE.** The [Lompoc \(CA\) Record](#) (7/13, 11K) reports that “efforts by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians to move nearly 1,400 acres of land into federal trust took a step forward Wednesday when the House Committee on Natural Resources voted 29-1 to pass HR 1157.” The legislation is “now expected to go to the full Congress for consideration, which a spokesman for the tribe said likely will be after the presidential conventions are held.” The Santa Ynez Land Transfer Act of 2015 would “allow the tribe to take 1,390 acres known as ‘Camp 4’ into federal trust to provide 143 houses for tribal members and their families.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Santa Barbara \(CA\) Noozhawk](#) (7/13, 210) and the [Santa Ynez \(CA\) Valley News](#) (7/13, 147).

**EFFORT TO BLOCK NEW INDIAN CASINO IN CONNECTICUT STALLED.** The [Connecticut Mirror](#) (7/13) reports that “MGM Resorts International’s efforts to block the establishment of a third casino run by Connecticut’s gaming tribes has stalled on Capitol Hill, leaving the future of the effort in doubt.” Rep. Dean Heller “tried to amend the Senate National Defense Authorization Act by including a provision that would bar Indian gaming off tribal lands.” Heller “also tried to introduce an amendment that would have required the Bureau of Indian Affairs to prepare a report on certain commercial gaming projects sought by tribes.” Also providing coverage is the [Norwich \(CT\) Bulletin](#) (7/13, 56K).

Meanwhile, [WSHU-FM](#) Fairfield, CT (7/13, 5K) reports on the Schaghticoke tribe’s fight for federal recognition.

**REP. ZINKE INTRODUCES BLACKFEET WATER COMPACT.** The [Cut Bank \(MT\) Pioneer Press](#) (7/14, 237) reports that Rep. Ryan Zinke has “introduced H.R. 5633, the Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act of 2016.” Last month, Zinke and Blackfeet Chairman Harry Barnes “held the first ever Congressional hearing in the House of Representatives on the Compact.” Zinke said, “Today I’m proud to introduce the Blackfeet Water Compact legislation. The Blackfeet have waited the longest, and over the history of time the Blackfoot Nation has given up the most. It’s time to move forward with this water compact.”

**LAWSUIT ARGUES MONTANA “WINO ROUNDUP” VIOLATED CIVIL RIGHTS.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (7/13, Murray, 92K) reports that “a civil rights complaint filed in federal District Court on Monday alleges that officers from the Wolf Point Police Department and the Fort Peck Department of Law and Justice engaged in a mass detention of Wolf Point’s ‘street people,’ who were denied basic civil rights and were held in unsanitary conditions including prolonged exposure to the sun and rain and a lack of adequate bathroom facilities.” According to the Tribune, “the mass detentions allegedly began July 12, 2013,” and “the complaint alleges that anyone identified as homeless, a ‘wino’ or a drug addict was forcibly taken into police custody but never charged with a criminal offense, was not read their Miranda rights, was never booked into jail and was not given the opportunity to consult with legal counsel.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/13, Press, 9.18M), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (7/13, 195K), the [Manteca \(CA\) Bulletin](#) (7/13, 21K), the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (7/13, 106K), the [Escanaba \(MI\) Daily Press](#) (7/13, 407), [US News & World Report](#) (7/13, 1.15M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, 2.13M), and the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (7/13, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), the [Daily Mail](#) (7/13, Press, 4.57M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (7/13, 6.66M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: LAND BUYBACK DEADLINE LOOMS FOR NAVAJOS.** Additional coverage that “deadlines are nearing for thousands of Navajos considering offers to sell off land interests as part of a nationwide program” was provided by the [Houston Chronicle](#) (7/13, 2.13M), the [Greenfield \(IN\) Daily Reporter](#) (7/13, 31K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (7/13, 1.05M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (7/13, 234K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K), [Tucson News Now \(AZ\)](#) (7/13, 48K), [KNXV-TV Phoenix](#)

([AZ](#)) Phoenix (7/13, 191K), and [KOB-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (7/13, 80K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF MASHPEE WAMPANOAG CASE.** Additional coverage of the legal challenge to the Mashpee Wampanoag's proposed casino was provided by [NECN-TV](#) Boston (7/12, 158K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR ISSUES INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT REGULATIONS.** Additional coverage of the newest Indian Child Welfare Act regulations was provided by the [National Law Review](#) (7/13).

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

**GROUP FILES LAWSUIT OVER BULL TROUT.** The [AP](#) (7/13) reports over "two dozen dams operating in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana are harming bull trout and violating the Endangered Species Act," according to a Federal lawsuit by the Alliance for the Wild Rockies. The lawsuit names as defendants "the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Bonneville Power Administration as defendants." The environmental group "says the three federal agencies have failed to complete required consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on how to operate 26 dams in areas designated as critical bull trout habitat." Bonneville Power Administration spokesman Kevin Wingert "said the agency was reviewing the lawsuit and didn't have an immediate comment."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Daily Mail](#) (7/13, Press, 4.57M), the [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (7/13, 92K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (7/13, Ridler, Press, 2.13M), the [Yakima \(WA\) Herald-Republic](#) (7/13, 91K), the [Tri-City Herald \(WA\)](#) (7/13, 104K), the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (7/13, 106K), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, 731K), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (7/13, 163K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (7/13, Keith Ridler |, Ap, 9.18M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (7/13, 257K), [Yahoo! News](#) (7/13, 6.66M), and [KNDU-TV Yakima \(WA\)](#) Yakima, WA (7/13, 3K).

**AGREEMENT CLEARS WAY FOR STUDY ON NAVAJO NATION WATER SUPPLIES.** The [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (7/13, 44K) reports that "federal and Navajo Nation officials have entered into a memorandum of understanding to develop a study that will examine alternative sources that can supply water in emergency situations to farms that use the Hogback Irrigation canal." In November, "farm board members from the Shiprock, Tsé Daa K'aan and Gadii'ahi-Tokoi chapters requested that a study on that subject be conducted as a result of the Gold King Mine spill." BOR Commissioner Estevan López "reiterated that the study is a result of the letter submitted by the farm board members, who expressed concern about the lack of a secondary water source in case access to river water is lost."

**HOUSE MOVES CALIFORNIA WATER BILL FORWARD.** [McClatchy](#) (7/13, Doyle, 43K) reports "Controversial efforts to steer more water toward California farms" moved forward in the House on Wednesday, setting up "yet another post-election showdown." McClatchy says "no signs of [a] Capitol Hill compromise [are] evident," and that the future of the bill is "bleak," with the White House Office of Management and Budget saying it "strongly opposes" it and would recommend a presidential veto. The California water legislation is included in a bill to fund the Department of the Interior.

**SENATE PANEL TAKES UP DROUGHT BILL.** [E&E Daily](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that "the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will consider a sweeping bill today aimed at mitigating drought in the West." S. 2902 would "update the Army Corps of Engineers' forecasting methods to improve planning for water storage and includes provisions to encourage water conservation at Lake Mead, the nation's largest reservoir, on the Colorado River near Las Vegas."

**HOUSE PANEL HOLDS HEARING ON CALIFORNIA WATER DELIVERIES.** [E&E Daily](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication) reports that "a House subcommittee hearing on California water deliveries yesterday invoked Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's rhetoric on the cause of the state's water conflicts." House Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee ranking member Jared Huffman "sought to link Republican lawmakers to Trump's assertion at a Central Valley rally in May that water shortages in the state stem from endangered species protections." Huffman said, "There are a number of very



important issues we ought to be addressing, and unfortunately we are here once again in this subcommittee wasting taxpayer dollars on a farce of a hearing to attack the Endangered Species Act and blame environmental protections for California's drought."

**LAKE MEAD AT LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1930, THREATENING A WATER SHORTAGE IN LOWER BASIN.** [Rocky Mountain PBS I-News \(CO\)](#) (7/14, Trotter) reports the surface level of Lake Mead is at its lowest point since 1930 due to drought stress on the Colorado River. At this point, it is already three feet below the level "at which the Department of the Interior could declare a shortage on the Colorado River, potentially altering the division of water supplies." The upper basin states are in better shape with water supply than the lower basin states. However, if water runs short for the 25 million people living in the lower basin, then all are expected to feel the impact.

## **Top National News:**

**OBAMA: US "NOT EVEN CLOSE" TO RESOLVING RACIAL AND POLICE TENSIONS.** Coverage of President Obama's Wednesday meeting with 33 governors, mayors, police chiefs, and representatives of both police groups and civil rights groups is limited to print and online media, with reporting focused on comments made after the closed-door event. Reports highlight the pessimism and frustration of the President's comments, particularly his assertion that the US is "not even close" to resolving tensions. [USA Today](#) (7/13, Korte, 6.31M) reports the gathering was "part of a week-long effort by the Obama White House to accelerate the pace of police reform while also acknowledging the progress that's already been made." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/13, Routh, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) says Attorney General Lynch was also in attendance, and the [Washington Times](#) (7/13, Boyer, 257K) reports Black Lives Matter activists, including Deray Mckesson, were also there.

The [AP](#) (7/13, Freking) notes that after the session, the President said the nation "is 'not even close' to where it needs to be in terms of resolving issues between police and the communities they serve," but said progress is being made. The [New York Times](#) (7/13, Davis, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports the President said "profound tensions between the police and African-American communities were likely to increase 'for quite some time.'" The Times says Obama held the "hastily arranged meeting" in the wake of his visit to Dallas. [Reuters](#) (7/13, Rascoe) reports Obama said after the meeting, "We're going to have to do more work together in thinking about how we can build confidence that after police officers have used force, particularly deadly force, that there is confidence in how the investigation takes place and that justice is done."

The [Washington Post](#) (7/13, Eilperin, 9.18M) says the "extraordinary session" lasted four hours, which the [Voice of America](#) (7/13, Saine, 74K) website says was "much longer than planned." [The Hill](#) (7/13, Fabian, 884K) headlines its report "Obama Vents On Racial Tension After Four-Hour Meeting." [Politico](#) (7/13, Wheaton, 1.96M) reports that during the meeting, Obama "listed five areas of agreement, including the need to build more confidence that there'll be fair investigations after police use force, as well as helping local departments with training, hiring and recruiting." Joseph P. Williams writes on the [US News & World Report](#) (7/13, 1.15M) website that Obama "on Thursday tried – again – to bridge a seemingly intractable chasm: the divide between law enforcement and the communities of color they are sworn to protect."

The [Baton Rouge \(LA\) Advocate](#) (7/13, Crisp, 71K) reports Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards and State Police Superintendent Col. Mike Edmonson were among the attendees. Edwards said after the meeting, "Law enforcement officers must carry out their sacred duty to protect and serve in a way that earns the trust of our communities. At the same time, all Louisianans must make their voices heard in a constructive way that brings us closer together and makes true progress a reality." The [Monroe \(LA\) News Star](#) (7/13, Hilburn, 130K) also reports on Edwards' statement.

The [St. Paul \(MN\) Pioneer Press](#) (7/13, Melo, 425K) reports St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Police Chief Todd Axtell also took part. Coleman told reporters, "We have to hold officers accountable in situations where they have engaged in misconduct. I think we have in St. Paul." However, he said he "stood by the city's decision to charge more than 40 protesters who shut down Interstate 94 in St. Paul for

several hours Saturday night with third-degree riot, a gross misdemeanor.”

[KSTP-TV](#) Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN (7/13, Leding, 244K) reports on its website that Axtell said, “Officers across the country are feeling a level of concern that they haven’t felt in recent history. There’s a sense of a different feeling throughout the country about what is going on; it just adds to the urgency to bring people to the table to talk about what is going on between police and community relations and how we can move forward.”

**White House Declines To Use Blue Lighting To Honor Police.** The [Washington Times](#) (7/13, Boyer, 257K) reports Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association President Nate Catura “said the White House is dealing a ‘slap in the face’ to police by refusing to illuminate the president’s house in blue to show support for law enforcement after the assassination of five officers in Dallas.” He noted the Administration’s decision to light the White House in rainbow colors following the Supreme Court ruling legalizing gay marriage, and said the denial of his group’s request for blue lighting was “outrageous.”

**Ex-Detroit Police Chief To Take Part In Obama Town Hall.** The [Detroit Free Press](#) (7/13, Spangler, 1.02M) reports ex-Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee will take part in Obama’s ABC town hall meeting on race relations and policing tonight.

**Smiley Still Thinks Obama Should Visit Louisiana Or Minnesota.** Tavis Smiley, who has urged Obama to travel to Louisiana or Minnesota, writes in [USA Today](#) (7/13, 6.31M) that “some have suggested that the president’s speech in Dallas was so masterfully delivered that he need not travel to those other communities in mourning. I couldn’t disagree more.” Smiley also says he “couldn’t agree more” with Obama’s assertion “that this critical moment demands not just words, but ‘actions.’”

**Cunningham: Obama Failed To “Achieve Synthesis” In Dallas Speech.** Vinson Cunningham writes on the [New Yorker](#) (7/13, 5.36M) website that in his Dallas speech on Tuesday, Obama “weaved artfully between one hand and the other – black and white, protesters and police – but the effort wasn’t nearly enough to achieve synthesis. He admitted as much in a line that flirted with despair: ‘I’ve seen how inadequate words can be in bringing about lasting change. ... I’ve seen how inadequate my own words have been.’”

**Klayman Suing Obama, Others For Inciting “Race War.”** [Fox Business](#) (7/12, 277K) reports on its website that Judicial Watch founder Larry Klayman, “a former federal prosecutor,” is suing President Obama, ex-Attorney General Eric Holder, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, and Al Sharpton “for inciting a race war that led to the Dallas police shootings.”

**WHITE HOUSE DOWNPLAYS GINSBURG COMMENTS AS TRUMP CALLS ON HER TO RESIGN.** As Donald Trump called on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to step down following her comments attacking him, media reports cast the White House as downplaying Ginsburg’s comments. The [Washington Times](#) (7/13, Boyer, 257K) reports that the White House “dismissed” Ginsburg’s comments “with a joke.” Press Secretary Josh Earnest said, “She didn’t earn the nickname ‘the notorious RBG’ for nothing,” but added that “he wouldn’t comment further on the justice’s anti-Trump remarks.”

Trump, meanwhile, called on Ginsburg to resign, writing in a “post-midnight counterattack on Twitter” that Ginsburg had “embarrassed all by making very dumb political statements about me. Her mind is shot – resign,” [Reuters](#) (7/13, Hurley, Whitesides) says, adding that the controversy “gave Trump a cause to help galvanize conservatives divided over his unorthodox candidacy but concerned that the high court is too liberal.” [Politico](#) (7/13, Nelson, 1.96M) reported that when Earnest was asked about Trump’s claim in a tweet that Ginsburg’s mind was “shot,” Earnest disagreed, saying, “I would not call her competence into question. I think anybody who’s observed her, she’s done her work. ... Whether you agree with her or not, and whether you agree with every ruling she has issued, I think over the course of her career, she’s demonstrated a keen intellect and understanding of the law and a commitment to understanding that it’s applied fairly to every American citizen.”

Jonathan Karl said on [ABC World News Tonight](#) (7/13, story 2, 1:30, Muir, 14.63M) that while the White House is “lining up with Ginsburg,” she is “drawing some surprising criticism, even the New York Times

today in an editorial saying, 'Mr. Trump is right about Justice Ginsburg,' saying she needs to drop the political punditry and the name-calling." In an analysis, the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (7/13, Grier, 459K) also noted concerns, including from the editorial boards of the Washington Post and the New York Times, about a justice voicing opinions about politicians and said that while Trump has "a rare moment of appearing in the right on a sensitive political matter," he is "doing his best to flip that around" by attacking Ginsburg's mental stability.

In an analysis on [Slate](#) (7/12, Stern, 1.79M), Mark Joseph Stern says that Ginsburg's comments "were plainly a violation, the kind of partisan partiality that judicial ethics codes strive to prevent," adding that she "surely knows that her comments were an ethical error." Stern argues that Ginsburg believes that Trump "poses an unparalleled threat to this country," and she has "decided to sacrifice some of her prestige in order to send as clear a warning signal about Trump as she possibly can." Stern adds that while it is neither "pretty" nor "pleasant," and it "may not even be that smart," it "may be the one thing the justice can do to help prevent a President Trump. And to her mind, that alone may make it worthwhile."

A [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) echoes Trump's argument, saying Ginsburg's comments raise questions about whether she can still do her job, and calling her to resign before she further damages the reputation of the judiciary. A [USA Today](#) (7/13, 6.31M) stops short of calling for Ginsburg's resignation, but says that if Chief Justice John Roberts is correct that "the job of a Supreme Court justice is to be an 'umpire,'" then Ginsburg "whiffed big time" with her public criticism of Trump. Ginsburg, USA Today adds, "has injured herself and the court that she has ably served for more than two decades."

In an accompanying [USA Today](#) (7/13, 6.31M) op-ed, Stephen M. Griffin, a professor of constitutional law at Tulane University Law School, expresses a different view and defends Ginsburg's comments, arguing that she gave voice to "broad concern" in the legal world that "a Trump presidency might mortally wound the Constitution." Ginsburg, he adds, "perhaps felt it was her civic duty to address these unprecedented circumstances."

**TRUMP TO REVEAL RUNNING MATE DECISION TOMORROW.** Media coverage of Donald Trump's deliberations over his choice of a running mate continued to be heavy, garnering eight minutes of coverage on the network news broadcasts, all of which led with the story Wednesday evening, and significant print and online reporting this morning. While most reports cast Govs. Chris Christie and Mike Pence, Sen. Jeff Sessions, and Newt Gingrich as the finalists, reporting, which highlights Trump's claim that he is "probably thinking about two" prospective running mates, focuses most on Pence and Christie. The [AP](#) (7/13, Slodysko, Colvin, Peoples) reports that in a Twitter post Wednesday evening, Trump said that "he would reveal his choice at 11 a.m. Friday in Manhattan."

In the lead story for [ABC World News Tonight](#) (7/13, lead story, 2:50, Muir, 14.63M), Tom Llamas said Trump is "building the drama in his search for a running mate." [NBC Nightly News](#) (7/13, lead story, 2:40, Holt, 16.61M) similarly said in its lead story that Trump is "build[ing] suspense tonight for his vice presidential pick," adding that he "ramped up the chatter in the guessing game today after a series of meetings with some of the apparent finalists." [Reuters](#) (7/13, Holland) reports that Trump, who is "expected to announce his choice on Friday," held "a round of last-minute talks" with his "top potential picks" on Wednesday. Reuters cites "Republicans close to the campaign" who said that Trump "had narrowed his short list to Pence, Gingrich and Christie."

[USA Today](#) (7/13, Jackson, 6.31M) says that reports have said retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn is also being considered and Trump has "held out the possibility of a surprise pick whom nobody knows about." [Bloomberg Politics](#) (7/13, Jacobs, 529K), meanwhile, notes Trump's comments during a Fox News interview in which he said, "I'm at three. Potentially four. ... But in my own mind, I'm probably thinking about two."

The [New York Times](#) (7/13, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says Trump has "entered the final stages of selecting a running mate," and reports that he and his children met Wednesday morning with Pence and his family at the governor's home. Trump's adult children "hold sway with their father, and would have to be comfortable with anyone Mr. Trump chooses to run for vice president on his ticket."

[Politico](#) (7/13, Stokols, McCaskill, 1.96M) cited “a campaign source with direct knowledge of the situation,” who said that members of Trump’s “inner circle scrambled to fly to Indiana because they were increasingly convinced Trump was leaning away from” Pence and toward Christie. Politico added that Trump’s advisers “remain divided over who he should choose,” and “seem to recognize their influence is limited.”

The [Washington Post](#) (7/13, Delreal, Costa, 9.18M) says Gingrich “was seen in Indiana late Wednesday morning by multiple Trump campaign associates who said he was scheduled to meet with Trump and his family.” However, he “was not aware of the Pence meeting until he saw news reports, according to a person close to Gingrich who spoke on the condition of anonymity.” Sessions “was also headed to Indiana on Wednesday for a meeting with Trump.” A story posted on [The Hill](#) (7/13, Byrnes, 884K) “Ballot Box” blog just after noon on Wednesday also noted that Sessions was traveling to Indiana. In the lead story for the [CBS Evening News](#) (7/13, lead story, 2:30, Pelley, 11.17M), Major Garrett said that although Pence “is the more conventional choice, backed by Trump’s inner circle and some family advisors,” Christie’s “personality is much closer to Trump’s, and among outside advisors, few have more clout than Gingrich.”

Meanwhile, the [Huffington Post](#) (7/13, Cherkis, 367K) called Pence “a strong contender to get the nod,” and noted that unlike Christie and Gingrich, “a vast swath of [his] public records have been sealed off from reporters.” Pence’s papers from his time in Congress, which range from 2001 to 2012, “are currently housed at Indiana University in Bloomington.” But the donor agreement forbids the public “from seeing these materials until either Dec. 5, 2022, or the death of the donor – whichever is later.” While the papers “could offer an important glimpse into the governor’s experience in Washington,” Trump’s “aversion to releasing his own files” make it “unlikely that Pence would be pressured to open his congressional files should he be added to the ticket.”

An editorial in the [Washington Post](#) (7/13, 9.18M) says that while “politicians campaign[ing] to become their party’s vice presidential pick, often by heaping undeserved praise on their party’s presidential nominee” is common in presidential campaigns, “when the presidential candidate is Donald Trump, the slobbering is repulsive.” The Post argues that the fact that Trump’s “shortlist contains two unpopular governors and a disgraced ex-speaker of the House shows that his judgment is as poor as it seems to be or, more likely, that only desperate, unprincipled panderers would consider joining his ticket.”

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES.** *“Theresa May To The Rescue.”* The [New York Times](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorializes that while Britain’s new Prime Minister Theresa May is “competent” and “experienced,” her task of creating a post-Brexit future for Britain is “mission impossible.” She must define what Brexit means in terms of maintaining access to Europe’s single market, while “satisfying the anti-globalization and anti-immigration mood of the 17 million Leave voters, managing the economic fallout of the referendum and coping with increased separatism in Scotland and Northern Ireland.” Her appointment of Boris Johnson as Foreign Secretary was a “surprising and, in some quarters, disturbing choice given the ease and frequency with which he insults foreign leaders,” and it is “unclear whether it will complicate her task.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** *“Trump’s Vice-Presidential Hopefuls Reveal Their Desperation – And His Poor Judgment.”* An editorial in the [Washington Post](#) (7/13, 9.18M) says that while “politicians campaign[ing] to become their party’s vice presidential pick, often by heaping undeserved praise on their party’s presidential nominee” is common in presidential campaigns, “when the presidential candidate is Donald Trump, the slobbering is repulsive.” The Post argues that the fact that Trump’s “shortlist contains two unpopular governors and a disgraced ex-speaker of the House shows that his judgment is as poor as it seems to be or, more likely, that only desperate, unprincipled panderers would consider joining his ticket.”

**“China’s Choice: Stop Construction In The South China Sea, Or Risk A Dangerous Escalation.”** A [Washington Post](#) (7/13, 9.18M) editorial says China is “reacting with rhetorical frenzy” to this week’s ruling

by an international court rejecting its claims in the South China Sea, which it calls “a major blow” to President Xi Jinping’s “attempt to establish Chinese hegemony in the region and presents him with a fateful choice: embark on a dangerous escalation, or slowly and quietly back down.” The Post says the US “must be prepared for the possibility that Mr. Xi will double down on his adventurism.”

**“Virginia Wages War On The Poor With Driver’s License Suspensions.”** The [Washington Post](#) (7/13, 9.18M) editorializes that Virginia has “criminalized poverty” for suspending the driver’s licenses of some 940,000 residents who have failed to pay court-ordered fines and fees tied to convictions, “often for misdemeanors.” This has prompted the nonprofit group the Legal Aid Justice Center to file a class-action lawsuit in federal court, alleging that most of the state’s district courts “have not adopted programs designed to help low-income residents pay off court costs and fines, as the state’s Judicial Council recommended last year.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “Ginsburg’s Exit Interviews.”** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorial echoes Donald Trump’s argument that Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg should step down in the wake of her criticism of him, saying Ginsburg’s comments raise questions about whether she can still do her job, and calling her to resign before she further damages the reputation of the judiciary.

**“Putin’s War On Prayer.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorializes that Vladimir Putin’s new antiterrorism law has his regime looking evermore like the Soviet Union in terms of religious persecution. The law requires missionaries to be affiliated with “registered” organizations, and bars evangelizing outside officially recognized sites of worship. This makes smaller denominations vulnerable, especially those who reject state registration as a matter of conscience. Mormons, with missionaries having an active and visible presence in several Russian cities, are another target of the law.

**“The GMO Labeling Farce.”** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/13, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) expresses opposition to a measure to create a national labeling standard for foods containing GMOs, arguing that it is a bid by the organic food business to drive up the costs of traditional food by forcing competitors to pay for relabeling or reformulating their products.

## **Big Picture:**

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

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

[Viacom In Talks To Sell Paramount Stake To Chinese Group](#)

[New UK Leader Readies Brexit Team](#)

[Grid Attack: How America Could Go Dark](#)

[Behind The Bond-Stock Divide Is A Big And Risky Bet On Central Banks](#)

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

[For Whites Sensing Decline, Donald Trump Unleashes Words Of Resistance](#)

[Theresa May’s Style: Put Your Head Down And Get To Work](#)

[Iran Sticks To Terms Of Nuclear Deal, But Defies The US In Other Ways](#)

[Live Streaming Breaks Through, And Cable News Has Much To Fear](#)

[Race Relations Are At Lowest Point In Obama Presidency, Poll Finds](#)

[Gretchen Carlson’s Contract Could Shroud Her Case In Secrecy](#)

[For Palestinians, Raising Arabian Horses Is ‘The Hobby Of The Poor’](#)

#### **Washington Post:**

[A Man’s 115-Mph Ride Tears MD Family Apart](#)

[Sports And A Culture’s Expectations](#)

[GOP Stage To Get Few Stars](#)

[Origins Of A Brutal Post-9/11 Strategy](#)



## [May Takes Helm As British Premier](#)

### **Washington Times:**

[Anti-Trump Forces Move To Defy RNC, Free Delegates To Vote Their 'Conscience'](#)  
[Police Nationwide 'On Edge,' Taking Extra Precautions After Dallas Ambush](#)  
[Opioid Bill Breezes Through Senate After Democrats Abandon Spending Demands](#)  
[November Project Camaraderie Makes Fitness A Walk, Or Run, In The Park](#)  
[Tales Of Official Excess, Now On Social Media, Spur Popular Fury In Russia](#)

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

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Trump; 2016 Politics-Ruth Bader Ginsburg; 2016 Politics-Race Relations; Baton Rouge-Manhunt; Dallas-Officer Funerals; Phoenix-Serial Shooter Manhunt; Northeast-Highway Pileup; Severe Weather; UK-New Prime Minister.

**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Trump; 2016 Politics-Poll Results; 2016 Politics-Race Relations; Dallas-Officer Funerals; Baton Rouge-ACLU Suing Police; South Sudan-American Troops Sent In; UK-New Prime Minister; Phoenix-Serial Shooter Manhunt; Dangerous New Drug-K2.

**NBC:** 2016 Politics-Trump; Republican National Convention-Security Concerns; 2016 Politics-Poll Results; Dallas-Officer Funerals; Phoenix-Serial Shooter Manhunt; UK-New Prime Minister; Bashar Al-Assad Interview; Telephone Scam-Robocalls; Severe Weather; Dallas-Officer Family Interview.

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

2016 Politics-Trump – 8 minutes  
Dallas-Officer Funerals – 6 minutes, 5 seconds  
Phoenix-Serial Shooter Manhunt – 5 minutes, 15 seconds  
UK-New Prime Minister – 4 minutes, 10 seconds  
2016 Politics-Poll Results – 3 minutes, 55 seconds  
2016 Politics-Race Relations – 2 minutes, 35 seconds  
Severe Weather – 1 minute, 30 seconds

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

**ABC:** Obama-White House Meeting; Race Relations-Opinions; 2016 Politics-Trump.

**CBS:** Dallas-Officer Funerals; Obama-White House Meeting; Severe Weather; 2016 Politics-Trump; Wall Street.

**FOX:** 2016 Politics-Trump; 2016 Politics-Ruth Bader Ginsburg; 2016 Politics-Clinton; Race Relations-Opinions; Dallas-Officer Funerals; RNC-New Black Panthers Rally; Fresno Shooting-Bodycam Footage Released.

**NPR:** Obama-White House Meeting; Stage Play-Black Unemployment; Russia-NATO Troops; Baltics-Air Space; Wall Street; Israel-Seeking Restitution For Jews; South Sudan-American Troops; AAA-Road Rage Survey.

## [Washington Schedule:](#)

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

#### **White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Participates in town hall on ABC following shootings across the nation – 'The President and The People: A National Conversation.'

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Attends latest round of Deputy-level trilateral consultations between the US, South Korea, and Japan; visits the USS JOHN C STENNIS – off the coast of Honolulu – to observe the ongoing multinational Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise and meet US and international troops.

**MICHELLE OBAMA** — Hosts Kids' 'State Dinner' for health recipe challenge winners – First Lady Michelle Obama hosts annual Kids' 'State Dinner' at the White House, for winners of the nationwide Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, held as part of her 'Let's Move!' initiative.

**US Senate:** 9:30 AM Senate HELP Committee hearing on ESSA implementation – TIME CHANGE –

Hearing on 'ESSA Implementation: Perspectives from Stakeholders on Proposed Regulations', with testimony from Kentucky Commissioner of Education Dr Stephen Pruitt; Stanford University Learning Policy Institute President and CEO Dr Linda Darling-Hammond; Dysart Unified School District Superintendent Dr Gail Pletnick; and Project L.I.F.T. Director of School Leadership Alison Harris Welcher. Location: Rm 430, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://help.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate HELP Committee 1 202 224 5375.

9:30 AM Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on cybersecurity and national security – Hearing on 'Cybersecurity and US National Security', with testimony from former Assistant Attorney General for National Security Kenneth Wainstein; Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr.; and US Naval Academy Professor in Cyber Security Studies (and former National Security Agency Deputy Director) John Inglis. Location: Rm G50, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://armed-services.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Armed Services Committee 1 202 224 3871.

10:00 AM Senate Foreign Relations Committee Business Meeting – Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Business Meeting, with agenda including consideration of legislation including 'S. Con. Res. 41, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq', with an amendment, 'S. Con. Res. 42, A concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress regarding the safe and expeditious resettlement to Albania of all residents of Camp Liberty', and 'S. Res. 524, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the conflict in Yemen' and nominations of Marie Yovanovitch to be US Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt to be US Ambassador to Greece, Anne Hall to be US Ambassador to Lithuania, Douglas Alan Silliman to be US Ambassador to Iraq, Peter Michael McKinley to be US Ambassador to Brazil, Lawrence Robert Silverman to be US Ambassador to Kuwait, Carol Perez to be US Ambassador to Chile, and Mark Sobel to be International Monetary Fund US Executive Director \* Immediately followed by hearing on Iran. Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1 202 224 4651.

10:00 AM Senate Banking Committee hearing on the financial risks of China – Hearing on 'Evaluating the Financial Risks of China', with testimony from US-China Economic and Security Review Commission Chairman Dennis Shea; American Enterprise Institute Resident Fellow Dr Desmond Lachman; American Iron and Steel Institute President and CEO Thomas Gibson; and Heritage Foundation Senior Research Fellow Dr William Wilson. Location: Rm 538, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://banking.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs 1 202 224 7391.

10:00 AM Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Business Meeting – Executive Business Meeting, with agenda including 'S. 247, Expatriate Terrorist Act', 'S. 2763, Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016', and 'S. XXX, Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act of 2016', plus consideration of nominations of Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl to be US Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald Coggins, Jr. to be US District Judge for the District of South Carolina, David Nye to be US District Judge for the District of Idaho, and Kathleen Marie Sweet to be US District Judge for the Western District of New York. Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://judiciary.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Judiciary Committee press 1 202 224 7703.

10:00 AM Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee hearing on venture capitalists and angel investors – Hearing on 'Searching for Capital: How Venture Capitalists and Angel Investors Fund Entrepreneurs and Startup Companies', with testimony from Andreessen Horowitz Managing Partner Scott Kupor; NO/LA Angel Network Chairman Michael Eckert; Broadmark Capital founder and CEO Joseph Schocken; New Enterprise Associates partner Dr Ali Behbahani; and University of New Hampshire Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics Center for Venture Research Director Dr Jeffrey Sohl. Location: Rm 428A, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://sbc.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship 1 202 224 5175.

10:15 AM Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on nuclear deal with Iran – Hearing on 'The Iran Nuclear Agreement: One Year Later', with testimony from Foundation for Defense of Democracies Executive Director Mark Dubowitz; and Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs

Center on Global Energy Policy Economic Statecraft, Sanctions and Energy Markets Program Director Richard Nephew \* Immediately follows earlier business meeting. Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1 202 224 4651.

2:00 PM Closed Briefing: Intelligence Matters. Location: Rm 219, Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://intelligence.senate.gov>. Contacts: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence 1 202 224 1700.

**US House:** 7:00 AM House GOP Conference host #BetterWay Radio Row – Republican Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers and House Republican leadership host a #BetterWay virtual radio row. Location: Rm 242A, Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.speaker.gov](http://www.speaker.gov) <https://twitter.com/SpeakerRyan>. Contacts: AshLee Strong House Speaker press [ashlee.strong@mail.house.gov](mailto:ashlee.strong@mail.house.gov) 1 202 225 0600 Michael Ricci House Speaker press [michael.ricci@mail.house.gov](mailto:michael.ricci@mail.house.gov) 1 202 225 0600. All radio outlets interested in participating should contact Daniel Bucheli (Daniel.Bucheli@mail.house.gov) with any questions.

2:00 PM NO LONGER ON CALENDAR: House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on undersea naval dominance – Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee hearing on ‘Naval Dominance in Undersea Warfare’, with testimony from US Navy Program Executive Officer for Submarines Rear Adm. Michael Jabaley, and Undersea Warfare Division (N97) Director Rear Adm. Charles Richard. <https://armedservices.house.gov/legislation/hearings/naval-dominance-undersea-warfare>. Location: Rm 2212, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.armedservices.house.gov](http://www.armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRpublicans>. Contacts: House Armed Services Committee 1 202 226 8980.

2:00 PM House Oversight subcommittee hearing on high speed rail – TIME CHANGE – Transportation and Public Assets Subcommittee hearing on ‘Lagging Behind: The State of High Speed Rail in the United States’. Witnesses: Sarah Feinberg, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Baruch Feigenbaum, Assistant Director, Transportation Policy, Reason Foundation; Thomas Hart, Jr., President, Rail Forward; Chris Koos, Mayor, Normal, IL. <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/lagging-behind-the-state-of-high-speed-rail-in-the-united-states/>. Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>. Contacts: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 1 202 225 5074.

2:00 PM House Oversight subcommittee hearing on the Office of Justice Programs – Government Operations Subcommittee hearing on ‘Examining Mismanagement in Office of Justice Programs Grantmaking’, with testimony from Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz; Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Beth McGarry; Government Accountability Office Director of Homeland Security and Justice Gretta Goodwin; and Justice Research and Statistics Association Executive Director Dr Jeffrey Sedgwick. Location: Rm 2247, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>. Contacts: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 1 202 225 5074.

9:00 AM CANCELED: Closed Business Meeting: Consideration of Access Request. Location: HVC-304, US Capitol, Washington, DC <http://intelligence.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseIntelComm>. Contacts: House Select Intelligence Committee [intelligence.hpsci@mail.house.gov](mailto:intelligence.hpsci@mail.house.gov) 1 202 225 4121.

9:30 AM House Oversight Committee hearing on countries that refuse to take back their deported nationals – Hearing on ‘Recalcitrant Countries: Denying Visas to Countries that Refuse to Take Back their Deported Nationals’, with testimony from Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Michele Thoren Bond; and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Deputy Director Daniel Ragsdale. Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>. Contacts: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 1 202 225 5074.

10:00 AM House Natural Resources subcommittee oversight hearing on solar energy projects on BLM lands – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee oversight hearing on ‘The Status of Ivanpah and Other Federal Loan-Guaranteed Solar Energy Projects on Bureau of Land Management Lands’, with testimony from Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis Senior Research Fellow for Energy Economics and Climate Change Dr David Kreutzer; Bureau of Land Management Assistant Director of

Energy Minerals, & Realty Management Mike Nedd; Institute for Energy Research Vice President for Policy Daniel Simmons; and American Council on Renewable Energy President and CEO Gregory Wetstone \* Committee has said the Department of Energy and US Fish and Wildlife Service both declined invitations to send witnesses. Location: Rm 1334, Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://naturalresources.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/NatResources>. Contacts: Julia Slingsby House Natural Resources Committee Press Office [julia.slingsby@mail.house.gov](mailto:julia.slingsby@mail.house.gov) 1 202 226 9019.

10:00 AM Social Security Subcommittee hearing on 'Modernizing Social Security's Information Technology Infrastructure'. Location: Rm B-318, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/WaysandMeansGOP>. Contacts: House Committee on Ways and Means press 1 202 226 4774.

10:00 AM House Technology Committee hearing on FDIC response to data breaches – Hearing on 'Evaluating FDIC's Response to Major Data Breaches: Is the FDIC Safeguarding Consumers' Banking Information?', with testimony from FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg, and Acting Inspector General Fred Gibson. Location: Rm 2318, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://science.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HouseScience>. Contacts: House Committee on Science. Space and Technology 1 202 225 6371.

10:00 AM House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act – Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice hearing on 'S. 2040, the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Amb. Anne Patterson; State Department Legal Advisor Brian Egan; Debevoise & Plimpton Of Counsel Michael Mukasey; Sidley Austin partner Richard Klingler; University of Virginia School of Law Professor Paul Stephan; and Notre Dame Law School Professor Jimmy Gurule. Location: Rm 2237, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://judiciary.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseJudiciary>. Contacts: House Judiciary Committee 1 202 225 3951.

10:00 AM DHS Secretary Johnson and NCC and FBI directors testify to House Homeland Security Committee – Hearing on 'Worldwide Threats to the Homeland: ISIS and the New Wave of Terror', with testimony from Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson; Office of the Director of National Intelligence National Counterterrorism Center Director Nicholas Rasmussen; and FBI Director James Comey. Location: Rm 311, Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [homeland.house.gov](http://homeland.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland>. Contacts: House Homeland Security Committee 1 202 226 8417.

10:15 AM House Foreign Affairs Committee markup hearing – Markup hearing on legislation including 'H. Res. 660, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia', 'H. Res. 729, Expressing support for the expeditious consideration and finalization of a new, robust, and long-term Memorandum of Understanding on military assistance to Israel between the United States Government and the Government of Israel', 'H. Res. 750, Urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members', 'H. Res. 780, Urging respect for the constitution of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the democratic transition of power in 2016', 'H. Res. 808, Calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release Iranian-Americans Siamak Namazi and his father, Baquer Namazi', 'H.R. 4481, Education for All Act of 2016', 'H.R. 5094, Stability and Democracy for Ukraine Act', and 'H.R. 5537, Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2016'. Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>. Contacts: Brad Goehner House Committee on Foreign Affairs press 1 202 226 8467.

11:00 AM POSTPONED: House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on the Financial Stability Oversight Council – POSTPONED: Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on 'The Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Designation of Non-Bank Financial Companies'. Location: Rm 2128, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://financialservices.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte>. Contacts: House Committee on Financial Services press 1 202 226 0471.

11:30 AM North American Meat Institute Annual Hot Dog Lunch – North American Meat Institute Annual

Hot Dog Lunch in celebration National Hot Dog Day and National Hot Dog Month. Hosted by NAMI with Congressional Co-chairs bipartisan Reps. Michael Conaway and Collin Peterson \* Seven vendors are expected to serve over 3,500 hot dog and sausage products in the company of three Major League Baseball legends: Andre Dawson, Andy Van Slyke, and Jack Clark. Over 1,000 people are expected to attend, including lawmakers, congressional staff and meat industry representatives. Location: Rayburn House Office Bldg., Courtyard, Washington, DC [www.meatinstitute.org](http://www.meatinstitute.org) <https://twitter.com/MeatAMI>. Contacts: Janet Riley NAMI Public Affairs [jriley@meatinstitute.org](mailto:jriley@meatinstitute.org) 1 202 587 4245 Eric Mittenthal NAMI Vice President, Public Affairs [emittenthal@meatinstitute.org](mailto:emittenthal@meatinstitute.org) 1 202 587 4238.

12:00 PM House meets for legislative business – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda expected to include 'H.R. 4992 – United States Financial System Protection Act of 2016', 'H.R. 5631 – To hold Iran accountable for its state sponsorship of terrorism and other threatening activities and for its human rights abuses, and for other purposes', and Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to 'S. 764 – GMO Labeling Requirements' \* Administration has expressed its strong opposition to the Iran Accountability Act, saying it would undermine the ability of the US to meet its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with Iran, and that President Barack Obama would veto it if it reached his desk. Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>. Contacts: House of Representatives Press Gallery 1 202 225 3945. 10:00 a.m. for Morning Hour debate and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

12:45 PM Dem Rep. Elijah Cummings speaks on mental health at Black Psychiatrists of America forum – Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings speaks at Black Psychiatrists of America 'Mental Health Status of Black America' forum on his efforts to increase access to mental health services for African-Americans. Rep. Cummings also receives the James Ralph, M.D. Memorial Award for Distinguished Public Service. Location: Rm B339 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/cummings/> <https://twitter.com/RepCummings>. Contacts: Fabion Seaton Office of Rep. Elijah Cummings [Fabion.Seaton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Fabion.Seaton@mail.house.gov) 1 202 225 4025.

1:00 PM Dem Rep. Raul Grijalva announces Veteran Visa and Protection Act – Democratic Rep. Raul Grijalva joined via Skype by deported US Army veteran Hector Barajas to announce the Veteran Visa and Protection Act, which would establish a veteran visa program to permit deported vets to permanently return to the US as a Lawful Permanent Resident. Other Members of Congress and ACLU of Southern California Director of Immigrants' Rights Jennie Pasquarella also participate. Location: Rm 234, Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://grijalva.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/RepRaulGrijalva>. Contacts: Dan Lindner Office of Rep. Raul Grijalva [Dan.Lindner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dan.Lindner@mail.house.gov) 1 202 225 2435.

2:00 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee markup hearing – Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations Subcommittee markup hearing on 'H. Res. 290, Calling for the global repeal of blasphemy laws'. Location: Rm 2255, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>. Contacts: Brad Goehner House Committee on Foreign Affairs press 1 202 226 8467.

2:00 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on humanitarian assistance to Syria – Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee hearing on 'US Humanitarian Assistance to Syria: Minimizing Risks and Improving Oversight', with testimony from Government Accountability Office Director of International Affairs and Trade Thomas Melito; and USAID Inspector General Ann Calvaresi Barr. Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>. Contacts: House Foreign Affairs Committee 1 202 225 5021.

2:00 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on 'a stronger US-Caribbean partnership' – Western Hemisphere Subcommittee hearing on 'The Strategic Importance of Building a Stronger US-Caribbean Partnership', with testimony from Council of the Americas and Americas Society Vice President Eric Farnsworth; Caribbean-Central American Action Executive Director Sally Yearwood; and University of the West Indies in Jamaica Pro-Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Richard Bernal. Location: Rm 2200, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>. Contacts: House Foreign Affairs Committee 1 202 225 5021.



2:00 PM Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hearing on blasphemy and censorship – Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hearing on ‘Blasphemy Laws and Censorship by States and Non-State Actors: Examining Global Threats to Freedom of Expression’, examining the issues and providing recommendations for how US policy makers can most effectively encourage the protection of freedom of expression around the globe. Panelists include US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom David Saperstein, US Commission on International Religious Freedom Chairman Rev. Thomas Reese, Freedom House Vice President for Analysis Vanessa Tucker, Hudson Institute Center for Religious Freedom Director Nina Shae, PEN America Director of Free Expression Programs Dr Karin Karlekar, Committee to Protect Journalists Advocacy Director Dr Courtney Radsch, and Syrian Network for Human Rights spokesperson Wael Aleji. Location: Rm 2322, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://tlhrc.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/TLHRCCommission>. Contacts: Stephanie Mellini Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Stephanie.Mellini@mail.house.gov 1 202 225 3599. This hearing will be open to members of Congress, congressional staff, the interested public and the media.

2:15 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on the Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children – Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations Subcommittee hearing on ‘Hope Deferred: Securing Enforcement of the Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children’, with testimony from Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Karen Christensen; Chris Brann – father of a child abducted to Brazil; Ruchika Abbi – mother of a child abducted to India; James Cook – father of a child abducted to Japan; and Edeanna Barbirou – mother of a child abducted to Tunisia. Location: Rm 2255, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>. Contacts: Brad Goehner House Committee on Foreign Affairs press 1 202 226 8467.

3:30 PM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on President Obama’s nuclear deterrent modernization plans and budgets – Strategic Forces Subcommittee hearing on ‘President Obama’s Nuclear Deterrent Modernization Plans and Budgets: The Military Requirements’, with testimony from National Nuclear Security Administration Administrator Frank Klotz; Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities Robert Scher; US Strategic Command Commander Adm. Cecil Haney; and Air Force Global Strike Command Commander Gen. Robin Rand. Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.armedservices.house.gov](http://www.armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRpublicans>. Contacts: House Armed Services Committee 1 202 226 8980.

7:30 PM House Dems hold national speak out on gun violence – Democratic Rep. John Lewis, Assistant House Minority Leader James Clyburn, Congressional Black Caucus members, and House Democratic Caucus members hold ‘Lighting the Way’ National Speak Out: The Path Forward on Gun Violence’. Location: West Lawn, US Capitol, Washington, DC <https://cbc-butterfield.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/OfficialCBC>. Contacts: Candace Randle Person CBC Candace.Randle@mail.house.gov 1 202 593 1331.

**Other:** HHS Innovation Day – HHS Innovation Day, featuring presentations, talks, training sessions, and examples on ‘how and why innovation matters in our work now and as we look ahead’. Speakers include Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr Rob Califf, Department of Health and Human Services CTO Susannah Fox, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Chief of Staff Cristin Dorgelo, and Office of the Surgeon General Director of Design Ann Kim. Location: Hubert H. Humphrey Bldg., Washington, DC [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov) <https://twitter.com/HHSgov> #HHSInnovationDay. Contacts: HHS press media@hhs.gov 1 202 690 6343.

7:30 AM Future Space Leaders Foundation annual event on Capitol Hill – Future Space 2016: Future Space Leaders Foundation annual one-day event on Capitol Hill, covering cross-cutting issues in space and raising grant funds to support educational programs and networking opportunities for graduate students and young professionals. Speakers include Republican Reps. Jim Bridenstine and Bill Posey, Lt. Gen. Jay Raymond, Orbital ATK Vice President Dan Brophy, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Civil and Commercial Space Assistant Director Benjamin Roberts, NASA Headquarters NIAC & CIF Program Executive Dr Jay Falker, Northrop Grumman Astrophysicist and Innovation Manager Dr Alberto Conti, Black Swift Technologies CEO Jack Elston, and Blue Origin Business Development and Strategy Director Brett Alexander. Location: Rm 106, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.futurespaceleaders.org> [https://twitter.com/Space\\_Leaders](https://twitter.com/Space_Leaders). Contacts:

Future Space Leaders Foundation [contact@futurespaceleaders.org](mailto:contact@futurespaceleaders.org) 1 202 639 8845.

8:00 AM Internet Governance Forum-USA conference – Internet Governance Forum-USA conference, to discuss topics being deliberated at the global level regarding governance of the Internet. Includes keynotes from Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment Catherine Novelli, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and National Telecommunications and Information Administration Administrator Lawrence Strickling, Pew Research Center Director of Internet, Science and Technology Research Lee Rainie, US Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy Daniel Sepulveda, and Carnegie Mellon University Professor Dr David Farber. Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Ave., NW. <http://www.igf-usa.org/> <https://twitter.com/IGFUSA>. Contacts: Internet Governance Forum-USA [igf-usa@hotmail.com](mailto:igf-usa@hotmail.com). Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/internet-governance-forum-usa-2016-igf-usa-tickets-26063840649>.

9:00 AM Senate Democrats hold Latino issues summit – Senate Democrats hold a summit with national Latino leaders and organizations to discuss issues important to the Latino community across the country, including immigration, voting rights, college affordability, pay equity, workforce diversity, and economy opportunity. Event includes keynote remarks from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro and closing remarks from Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez. Location: 216 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://democrats.senate.gov/steering/index.cfm>. Contacts: Colin Milligan Office of Sen. Amy Klobuchar 1 202 224 3244.

1:30 PM Africa Society preview US-Africa Business Forum – The Africa Society event ahead of President Barack Obama's US-Africa Business Forum, with speakers including Alicia Robinson-Morgan (Department of Commerce Office of Africa); Leila Ndiaye (Chamber of Commerce Director of Policy); Rahama Wright (President Obama's Doing Business in Africa Council); Nicholas Bassey (USAID); Ngozi Bell (Small Business Administration); and Magali Rheault (Gallup SSAfrica Regional Director). Location: Gallup HQ, 901 F St., Washington, DC <http://africasummit.org/>. Contacts: Africa Society press [pressinfo@africasummit.org](mailto:pressinfo@africasummit.org) 1 202 232 3862.

12:00 PM Falun Gong rally to protest 'persecution of Falun Gong in China' – Falun Gong rally to protest 'persecution of Falun Gong in China', with attendees expected to include Falun Gong practitioners, members of the Congress, leaders of human rights and religious freedom organizations and supporters. Location: West Terrace Lawn of the US Capitol, Washington, DC [www.falundafa-dc.org](http://www.falundafa-dc.org). Contacts: Dr David Tian Falun Dafa Association [david.y.tian@gmail.com](mailto:david.y.tian@gmail.com) 1 410 870 7035.

12:30 PM NSA chief discusses cybersecurity at NPC – NPC Luncheon with NSA Chief Michael Rogers discussing the continuing cyber security challenges facing the US and the world. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC <http://press.org/> <https://twitter.com/PressClubDC>. Contacts: National Press Club 1 202 662 7500.

3:00 PM Comcast and HUD Secretary Castro announce expansion of Internet Essentials and ConnectHome – Comcast Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer David Cohen and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro announce the 'major expansion of Internet Essentials and ConnectHome's efforts to close the digital divide' via national press conference call. Location: TBD <http://corporate.comcast.com/> <https://twitter.com/comcast>. Contacts: Jessica Forrest Comcast PR [Jessica\\_forrest@cable.comcast.com](mailto:Jessica_forrest@cable.comcast.com) 1 860 505 2049. Dial-In Number: (888) 320-5934, Conference ID 46713188.

5:00 PM WITA/WITF Awards Dinner, aka 'The Trade Prom' – WITA/WITF Annual Awards Dinner, aka 'The Trade Prom' – joint event of the Washington International Trade Association and the Washington International Trade Foundation. Honorees are Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker and Reps. Earl Blumenauer and David Reichert. Location: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, DC [www.wita.org](http://www.wita.org) [#TradeProm](https://twitter.com/WITA_DC). Contacts: Diego Anez Washington International Trade Association Managing Director [danez@wita.org](mailto:danez@wita.org).

6:30 PM 'Break in Case of Emergency' New America event – 'Break in Case of Emergency' – a New

America conversation with Slate Features Editor and 'Break in Case of Emergency' Author Jessica Winter, Department of Labor Women's Bureau Director Latifa Lyles, and The Atlantic Senior Editor Rebecca Rosen. Location: 740 15th Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC <http://www.newamerica.org/> <https://twitter.com/NewAmerica>. Contacts: New America Events@NewAmerica.org. 1 202 986 2700.

## **Last Laughs:**

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

**Stephen Colbert:** [On Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's comments about Donald Trump] "However she feels, Supreme Court justices are not supposed to influence our presidential elections until there is a recount in Florida."

**Stephen Colbert:** "And right now the Republicans are drafting the official GOP platform. This is the set of core conservative values that [Donald] Trump will ignore in favor of whatever tumbles out of the old talky-hole."

**Seth Meyers:** "Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is doubling down on her anti-Trump comments, telling CNN that Donald Trump says whatever comes into his head at the moment. Trump denied the claim, saying, 'I am hungry and boobs are good.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Pundits are saying that new British Prime Minister Theresa May is following in the footsteps of Margaret Thatcher, known as the 'Iron Lady,' with some in the media calling May 'dull as porridge,' 'extremely dependable,' and 'not humorous.' Said Hillary Clinton, 'Ugh, I would kill for reviews that good.'"

**Seth Meyers:** [Referring to some House Democrats' reaction during a recent meeting with Sen. Bernie Sanders, when he sidestepped a question about endorsing Hillary Clinton] "They booed Bernie Sanders? Do you think Bernie Sanders is going to care if you boo him? Bernie probably goes to Broadway shows and boos from the balcony."

**Conan O'Brien:** "The Republican Party is coming out strongly against online pornography. Man, they really do not want to win this election."

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